Church Announcements for Sunday, September 15, 2013

Here are the calendar and announcements for this week.
Sunday, September 15: 9:00am Sunday School and Men's Bible Study
10:30am Sunday Worship
1:00pm Daughters of Imani informational meeting
1:00pm Church bus leaves for Fresh Fire A.M.E. in Kalamazoo
2:00-3:30pm Dinner is served at Fresh Fire A.M.E. in Kalamazoo
4:00pm Pastor's Appreciation worship service at Fresh Fire A.M.E. in Kalamazoo
Monday, September 16: 6:00pm Steward Board meeting
Tuesday, September 17: 5:30pm Women's Bible Study
6pm Voices of Thunder Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 18: 6:00pm Foundations Bible Study
6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:00pm Angel Choir rehearsal
7:00pm Women's Choir rehearsal
Thursday, September 19: 10:00am Food Pantry
6:00pm Total Praise Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 20: 6:00pm Daughters of Imani Induction Ceremony
Saturday, September 21: 2:00-3:30pm Young Lions

DAUGHTERS OF IMANI INFORMATIONAL MEETING TODAY [SUNDAY]

This week Daughters of Imani--Christian Rites of Passage for African American Young Women will begin its fifth season of ministry at First Community. We are inviting all young ladies in middle and high school and their parents and guardians to join us in the Multi-Purpose Room **TODAY** at 1:00pm for an informational meeting about our 2013-2014 schedule and curriculum. Come and bring a friend. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Rev. White or Sis. Martha Williams. We look forward to seeing you.

FRESH FIRE A.M.E. CHURCH PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

The Officers and Members of Fresh Fire A.M.E. Church in Kalamazoo has invited The First Community A.M.E. Church to join with them as they celebrate their Pastor's Appreciation this afternoon, 4:00 p.m. Pastor Moore has been asked to bring the preached word, and our choirs bring the ministry in music. They have also planned to serve a full dinner to all attending upon our arrival. We will provide (bus) transportation to those who need this service. The bus will leave FCAME at approximately 1:00 pm. Come and go with us, as we give support to our sister church in Kalamazoo.

STEWARD BOARD PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A Steward Board Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. All Stewards are asked to plan to attend.

TO THE LEADERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF FCAME

We will have our Church Planning Conference on Sunday, October 6, 2013 immediately following

our Worship Service. This Church Conference will consist of the appointing of church officers, election of trustees, committee appointments, and generalize plans for Conference Year 2013/2014. Please mark your calendars for this date.

ATTENTION TO ALL BOARDS, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

The Pastor is asking that all organizations that are planning special days, events or activities in the church during the 2013/2014 conference year to please complete a Date Request Form and return the church office ASAP. The purpose of these forms is to line-up our calendar events, for the year, and there will be provided "printed" calendars for each member. These calendars will also include the North District, Michigan Conference and 4th Episcopal District activity dates.

2013 MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate our Annual Men's Day on Sunday, October 13, 2013 during our 10:30 am Morning Worship; a special and exciting worship is being planned. The women of FCAME are planning to cook and serve a hot & delicious breakfast at 9:00 am. We are asking all members of our church to contribute a $100.00 sacrificial offering beyond your regular tithes and offerings on this special day. Please invite family and friends on this special occasion as we celebrate presence of Christian Men in our Church.

WOMEN'S RETREAT SURVEY INFORMATION

Dear Sister, If you have not completed a Women's Retreat Survey, please see Sis. Betty Rhodes Machen or Rev. Richelle White to obtain one. We look forward to receiving your survey.

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Those who have placed an order for the 2012 Book of Discipline, you may include your payment of $26.50 with your regular tithe and offering envelope. Please don't forget to include your name on the envelope, and under "other" write in "Discipline." The Disciplines will be available at our next Quarterly Conference or upon the Pastor's return from the planning meeting next month.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE MEETING

Our first Quarterly Conference is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm. All leaders are asked to complete and submit your reports to the church office by Thursday, October 10th before 5:00 pm. The reporting dates for the first quarter are: June, July, and August.

ANGEL CHOIR WEEKLY PRACTICE

The Angel Choir will rehearse this Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm, and weekly thereafter, except on the Wednesdays after they have sung in Sunday worship.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Our youth Bible Study will begin this Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00pm and will meet every Wednesday at 6:00pm thereafter. All youth are invited to attend.

DAUGHTERS OF IMANI BEGINS THIS WEEK!

This Friday, September 20 at 6pm, Daughters of Imani will hold its induction ceremony here at First Community. All young ladies in middle and high school are encouraged to attend.

YOUNG LIONS

The Young Lions' next meeting will be this Saturday, September 21 from 2:00-3:30pm at church. Call Rev. Ansel with questions at 717-0379.

CLASS LEADER MEETING

The Class Leaders will meet on Monday, September 23 at 6:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

ABUNDANT LIVING: 4TH TUESDAY THIS MONTH

Our Abundant Living for Seniors Ministry will begin its 2013-2014 season on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 11:00am with a luncheon and a presentation from Sis. Birthale Archie on diabetes. In the coming months, we'll meet on the third Tuesday as usual. Everyone is welcome, and everything is free!

CERTIFICATION CLASSES OFFERED NEXT MONTH

Certification classes for Bible Study and Sunday School teachers are scheduled for Saturday October 12, 2013 from 9:00am-3:35pm at Vernon Chapel AME, 5802 Dupont, Flint MI, 48504. Classes are $10 each, payable to MCBCE, and the $8 lunch fee goes to Vernon Chapel. Registration forms are available in the church office.

DR. CLAUD ANDERSON TO SPEAK IN GRAND RAPIDS

The Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce kindly invites you to attend our Entrepreneurial Speakers Series Luncheon featuring Dr. Claud Anderson on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 from 11:30a - 1:30pm at the J. W. Marriott Grand Rapids, 235 Louis Street, NW, G. R. MI. **Dr. Anderson is a child of God and is Baptist in his denomination.** He has been able to draw the nation's attention to the advantages of redeveloping and industrializing black communities. His most recent book on PowerNomics is on the Detroit Free Press best seller list. Ticket fee is $35.00 each and may be obtained at 616-304-9332 or http://grbccspeakersseries.eventbrite.com.