

The Northside News

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HEAVENLY GROCERIES: 2017 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD RECIPIENT

[CWU Press Release] In 2002, the then pastor of St. Joseph CME, Rev. Troy Harrison, recognized a need in the parish. He and his wife Bernice collected bread and distributed it to members. It didn't take long for the program to expand to a full food ministry that serves the community and involves the cooperative effort of St. Joseph, where the food is distributed, Interfaith Council, TABLE, PORCH, local grocers, volunteers from other churches, and UNC students. Mrs. Gladys P. Brandon is the driver and soul of St. Joseph's food ministry, aptly named, "Heavenly Groceries." The simple act of sharing food with one another is one of the purest forms of sharing God's love.



Heavenly Groceries has been selected to receive the 2017 Human Rights Award, given by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Unit of Church Women United. **The ceremony will be held at Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, 200 Hayes Rd., Chapel Hill, Friday November 3.** Following refreshments at 9:30 AM, the group will pray together for justice and peace and enjoy a short program and the award presentation. The public is invited!

Congratulations to Heavenly Groceries!

To become part of Heavenly Groceries' daily distribution of food to neighbors from four counties, email us at contact@jacksoncenterinfo

REBECCA CLARK AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT

In an interview conducted by UNC's Southern Oral History Program in June 2000, the late, great Rebecca Clark of Northside organized and charged us to remember the power of the vote.

Clark moved into Chapel Hill in the 1930s. During this period, a literacy requirement was used in North Carolina to prevent many African Americans from voting. Added to the Constitution in 1900, it states, "Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language." This language is still in the state constitution today. Although the 1965 Voting Rights Act banned literacy tests, other forms of voting bureaucracy still indirectly rely on literacy and pose a burden to many voters.

Clark recalled, "When I was twenty-one years old, I voted. When we moved in here, there were only five of us that moved in here the same day. I marched everybody across the field, over to Carrboro because we were in the county then

— we were annexed in the late '60s. I registered every black person as they moved into this neighborhood.

We were having trouble registering as they began to move and build homes and people were buying them. I carried a man a man that worked down at Eubanks Drug Store, I carried him out here [to the polls]. The man that was there, he said 'You bringing this man here?' They wanted everybody to memorize the Constitution. He said, 'He can't read.' I said, 'Yes he can.' He said, 'Well, you read it to him then.' So I read it to him, and he could write his name."

Clark gained a reputation among political candidates as someone who could get out the vote. Howard Lee, the first black mayor in a Southern town, credited her with his election. She knew how to mobilize: "I figured if one person can provide fifty votes and get about a hundred more to get fifty votes, then your candidate will win." Clark's determination to empower people to exercise their full citizenship rights can be an inspiration for all of us!



The new musical adaptation of Octavia E. Butler's **Parable of the Sower** will showcase at UNC's Memorial Hall on Thursday Nov 16th at 7:30pm and Friday Nov 17th at 8:00pm. Fourteen singers and a five-person orchestra will offer 200 years of African American musical traditions. Ticket discount for Northside and Pine Knolls: \$10. Go online to https://www.carolinaperformingarts.org/ros_perf_series/octavia-e-butlers-parable-of-the-sower/; use promo code **PARABLE**.

SHOUT OUT TO CHAPEL HILL BUILDERS!

Did you see the season premiere of ABC's hit series Black-ish? Dré is fed up with his kids' school play celebrating Columbus Day. This turns into a fantasy story of emancipation in which the cast regales the role enslaved ancestors played in building the nation and its economy. In a dream-variation on the hit musical Hamilton, they sing "UVA? We built that! Chapel Hill? We built that!" Link here to the excerpt: <http://www.newsobserver.com/entertainment/tv/warm-tv-blog/article177007731.html>

ABC is recognizing Chapel Hill builders; let's do it at home! Contact us with your family history or connect us with the people who laid our foundations, rock walls, and walkways. Tell us about who built UNC and our town!

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NORTHSIDE
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WE WANT YOU!

WANTED: Creative community planners to join the Northside Festival Force!

As we dip into fall, let's look towards spring and our annual celebration of everything Northside.

Got a gift or vision for kids crafts food fun? Are you good at planning events? Or just willing to lend a hand? Be part of a small team of neighbors making a big PARTY.

Please call Ms. YV at 919-960-1670 or email contact@jacksoncenter.info to share any and all interests.

Thank you!

ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith Edwards is a lifetime resident of McDade St. and a lifelong advocate for the community. Keith is widely known as a fighter for justice and receives calls from neighbors asking her about programs and referrals for help with household and community issues. To submit questions for "Ask Keith," call us at (919) 960-1670 or email at contact@jacksoncenter.info

Q Where can I get a copy of the Northside News if it is not delivered to my home or was damaged? Are there other options to receive this newsletter?

A If you missed your copy of the newsletter, you can contact the Jackson Center to report it and receive the most recent issue. You can also stop by Hargraves Community Center or one of the Midway Businesses; the Midway Business Center is located at 109 N Graham St # 200, Chapel Hill, NC 27516.

Good news for everybody: we now have The Northside News online! It is available at www.jacksoncenter.info/ each month, including the archived copies.

Don't forget to vote! Early voting or on November 7th.

WOMEN OF DESTINY CONFERENCE

St. Paul AME Church will be hosting their 13th annual Women of Destiny Conference from Nov 8-12, 2017. The conference theme is "Women Exercising Their Gifts," and all are welcome to attend! A reprint of the schedule of events is found below:

Wednesday, November 8th
7:00pm Midweek Service

Thursday, November 9th
6:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Presentations and Book Signings by Marjorie Land (author), Glenda Harris (author), and Kathy Atwater (actress/playwright)

Friday, November 10th
7:00pm Family Worship with Rev. Benjamin Clay

Sunday, November 12th
11:00am Service with Rev. Ruth Travis

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

As a follow-up to our Black-ish feature, who are three historic builders of Northside?
Call the Jackson Center anytime after 9am to win a prize!

COMMUNITY BOARD

10/8 Kathy Wilson
10/9 Megan Stanley
10/13 Deborah Burnette
10/21 Velma Perry

10/23 James & Destiny Burnette
10/24 Teresa Shaw
10/31 Lilian Edwards
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october birthdays

GOLF CART RIDES TO THE POLL

The Jackson Center will be hosting daily golf cart rides to the polls from 1:00-5:00 on the hour!

Please call us at (919) 960-1670 if in need of a pick-up. Use your right to vote today!

IN MEMORIAM

March 5, 1974 - October 1, 2017
Edwin Alonzo McCrimmon, a compassionate employee of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System for more than 16 years, passed away on Sunday, October 1. He was a faithful attendee of First Baptist Church and worked at the Autism Society of North Carolina for more than 18 years as well. He was known for teaching and effortlessly performing selfless acts of himself.

April 11, 1945 - October 3, 2017
Thomas (Tommy) Martin Bynum, a 1963 alum from Lincoln High School, passed way on Tuesday, October 3. He was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church and part of the Usher Ministry. For more than 30 years, he served as a chef at K&W Cafeteria. When not at work, church, or with his family, you could always find Tommy on the golf course or hanging out with the Walt's Grill Crew.