January 11 - Tensions In The Middle East
Jonathan Calt Harris, facilitator

Jonathan Calt Harris has served as the senior AIPAC policy analyst on Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan. As an assistant director of policy and government a with developing new policy initiatives and original analyses. Previously, he worked as a researcher and reporter for TIME Magazine in Jerusalem and New York and as a managing editor at the Middle East Forum. He received his BA in history from the University of Illinois and completed graduate studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in religion and Middle Eastern history.

January 18 - The Israeli/Palestinian Problem
Asher Afriat, facilitators

Asher Afriat is the founder and CEO of Israel Seminar, and the driving force behind it. He is considered one of Israel's most prominent guides, informal educators and advocates, integrating in-depth experience with a strong sense of service. His talent lies in his ability to make the beauty and complexity of Israel accessible to any visitor who wants to experience it first-hand. Asher is highly dedicated to his clients and committed to the vision that stands at the base of Israel Seminar – creating life changing experiences.

January 25 - Introduction/Overview of Islam
Zeyneb and Salih Sayilgan, facilitators

Zeyneb and Salih Sayilgan are a Muslim married couple deeply committed to interreligious understanding. They are both seeking doctoral degrees in theology at Georgetown University and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Zeyneb previously obtained an M.A. in Islamic studies and Christian-Muslim relations at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut and her B.A./M.A. in Islamic studies and law from the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. She is currently the Luce Visiting Scholar at Virginia Theological Seminary. Salih received his M.A. in religious studies from the University of Alberta in Canada and his B.A./M.A. in Turkish literature from Marmara University in Turkey. Salih is also an adjunct faculty member at the Washington Theological Consortium teaching courses on Christian-Muslim relations and Islam. Zeyneb and Salih are frequent lecturers at churches and many dialogue events.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Praise and Worship **
Call to Worship/Invocation
Hymn of Rejoicing **
Passing of the Peace
Welcome of Guests/Church Concerns
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
Poor Saints Offering
Offertory Selection
“The Doxology” *
Choral Selection
Sermon

INVITATIONAL HYMN

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out . . .

MUSIC MINISTRY - SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.

MALE CHORUS

Melvin E. Bryant, Jr., director

“The Solid Rock” .................................................. E. Mote | W. B. Bradbury
“Down By the Riverside” ..................................... Negro Spiritual
“Be Thou My Vision” ............................................. arr. R. Hunter
“I Surrender All” ............................................. J. W. Van De Venter | W. Weeden
“Nothing But the Blood” ..................................... R. Lowry
“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power” ................. A. Crouch
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” .............................. J. Naegeli | J. Fawcett

MUSIC MINISTRY - SUNDAY, 8:00 AND 11:00 A.M.

TRINITY

Joyce Garrett, director

“At the Cross” ..................................................... I. Watts | R. Hudson
“We Are Not Ashamed” ........................................ A. Crouch
“Someday (Beams of Heaven)” .............................. C. Tindley
“Come to Jesus, Now” ....................................... H. Davis
“Let Us Break Bread Together” ........................... K. Phillips
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” .............................. J. Naegeli | J. Fawcett

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High school students who are planning for college, get ready! . . . the 2014 HBCU College Festival is coming February 22, 2014. This is a fantastic opportunity to network, gather resources and obtain scholarship information from “Historically Black Colleges and Universities.” Students may begin signing up online to attend. Don’t wait, it’s time to start planning your future now.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Important Tuesday Bible Study Notice**

**Tuesday bible study will not be held during the month of January.** You can look forward to the classes resuming in February you are encouraged to mark your calendars!

Divorce and separation can turn a family’s life upside down, but you don’t have to go through it alone. Whether you’re already divorced, separated or wondering if your marriage can survive, a Biblically-based divorce care group provides support, encouragement and help for you to get through it. Join us starting Sunday, Jan. 12 at 1:15 p.m. or on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. There’s even a group for children on Sundays. Please register online so that we might be prepared for your participation. For more information, contact us at divorcecare@alfredstreet.org or 703.683.2222.

**Can I Get a Witness?** - Saturday, February 15, 2013 - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. This class, conducted by the J&P Ministry, is an overview of witnessing. We will view Pastor Wesley’s CAYA message, Can I Get a Witness?, to receive a better understanding of Jesus’ commandments about witnessing. This is an introductory class open to all disciples. Please register online or call the church office to attend the class. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Katherine Washington at jailandprison@alfredstreet.org.

**Entrepreneurship Ministry Speaker Series** will present Mr. Daniel Gill as the guest speaker on January 12 to discuss his book titled “How the Federal Government Disenfranchises Small Business: Challenges and a Plan for Action.” Additionally, on January 19, Mrs. Karlene Sinclair-Robinson will be presented to discuss her book “Spank the Bank: The Guide to Alternative Business Financing.” Both meetings will be held in rooms 211/212 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at these very informative meetings.

The **ASBC GriefShare Ministry** will begin its Winter/Spring sessions on January 15 at 6:30pm. GriefShare is a support group designed to help those grieving the passing of a loved one move from mourning to joy. For detailed information please contact Rev. Vicki Perez at griefshare@alfredstreet.org.

**Calling all ladies of Alfred Street: Is your goal to be healthier in the New Year?** The Health & Wellness Ministry invites you to Let’s Move Again to help kick start your health goals. The event will be held Jan. 25 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Register online. Must be 21 and over to participate. For more information contact health@alfredstreet.org or call 703-KEY-CURE.

The **Divorce Care Ministry** is in need of volunteers to work with the children. If interested, please call (703) 683-2222 or email at divorcercare@alfredstreet.org. A background check is required.

The **ASBC Homeless Shelter** for men will begin serving homeless men in need of food and shelter during the coldest months of the year, you may contact your lay leader for more information.

Join the **ASBC Sanctified Symphony Orchestra!!** The SSO is looking for the following instruments: French horn; trombone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, bassoon, & oboe. Rehearsals are held every Friday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. E-mail: sanctifiedsymphony@alfredstreet.org.

**ANNOUNCING**

**EXHIBITION**: "Historically Black Colleges and Universities." Both meetings will be held in rooms 211/212 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at these very informative meetings.

**An Ode to Violets**

Violets have a special charm and are known for their delicate beauty. They are often associated with love and purity. In this composition, I have tried to capture the essence of the violet flower. The music is soft and tender, with gentle melodies that flow smoothly. The accompaniment is delicate and tasteful, providing a perfect backdrop for the soaring violin lines. Overall, this piece is a beautiful tribute to the violet flower and its象征 significance.

**Annual Usher’s Day**

Sunday February 9, 3:00 p.m.

Come out for an afternoon of praise and worship as the Women and Men Usher Ministry celebrate. Royal Priesthood will render a concert along with our liturgical dancers. We’ll be blessed with poetry by Deacon Al Hall. We look to have a “High Time in the Lord.”

The ushers at Alfred Street Baptist Church serve at all services and they do an awesome job! Their primary task is to assist worshippers in finding seats. They are trying their best to serve you. Please observe their signals and their directions as they try to find adequate seating for all of the worshippers entering the sanctuary. Your cooperation is needed!

**Explore the January Bible Study Topics through ATLA!**

**American Theological Library Association**

ATLA has hundreds of full-text articles on the Middle East, the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and Islam. If you need the ATLA user ID and password, complete the request from at http://tinyurl.com/kuazdev or contact the JOP Librarian, Raquel Von Cogell for more information: Email: joplibrary@alfredstreet.org.

**Christian Sympathy and Words of Comfort**

Dr. David E. Goatley (DG#20) of 11804 Shady Stone Terrace, Mitchellville, MD 20721 whose father, Dr. David Goatley, Sr. was laid to rest January 11 in Eminence, Kentucky.

Trustee Ronald Johnson (DG#9) of 4711 Ferry Landing Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309 whose mother, Rebecca Brown Johnson was laid to rest January 8 in Amelia, VA.

**Remember to Pray for the Sick and Shut-In**

Kathaleen Baker - DG 12  Deacon Betty Jones - DG 14
Anthony Blake - DG 7  Deacon Gilbert Mays - DG 25
Joseph Blunt - DG 14  Olivia S. McMillan - DG 26
Ollive W. Champ - DG 29  Myrtle Moore - DG 5
Shirley M. Downes - DG 5  Carolyn Pearson - DG 30
Garnette Draper - DG 4  Phyllis L. Scott - DG 24
Aurelia Fell - DG 21  Isabelle B. Smith - DG 20
Deacon James Gladden - DG 2  Leona Stitt - DG 25
Lillie Hines - DG 15  Beatrice Thomas - DG 30
Wilma Jenkins - DG 25  Vongretchen Towles - DG 19
Charles Henry Quander - DG 19  Carolyn Pearson - DG 20
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