

2010 KWANZAA CELEBRATION

December is almost synonymous with the word celebration. Even those of us who find this to be an extremely troubling time, for various reasons, cannot deny the festive feel in the air. It is certain we have individual impressions of what it means to celebrate, yet, most of us participate or ritualize the holidays in some manner during this month.

Christmas Day we celebrate new birth and God's continued presence in the world. So it is very appropriate that we come together as community to celebrate Kwanzaa, a commemoration rooted in the first harvest celebrations practiced in various cultures in Africa. Kwanzaa allows us, especially in our diversity, to embrace a message of hope and solidarity. The seven principles are values and goals that affect all of us, regardless of race or ethnicity. They are celebration stories, each principle affirming our awareness of God, strengthening our trust in our Creator and each other, as we work together to bring about healing, justice and wholeness. With conviction and passion the principles help us to face life with determination, unity, creativity, purpose and faith.

Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration which continues to evolve into an invitation to all people to celebrate the beauty and the contributions of people of African descent. Broadway United Methodist Church, friends and family are invited to celebrate all seven principles beginning Sunday, December 26th, and ending on Friday the 31st with a community potluck and the sharing of homemade gifts. Last year was an exciting time and this year will be that plus more. Kwanzaa is hosted by People of Color Discussion Group and The Anti-Racist White Caucus.



Kwanzaa 2010 Schedule:

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| December 26th | <u>One</u> Sunday morning service <u>at 10:00 am</u> |
| December 27 – 30th | 7 pm (Wesley Room) |
| December 31st | Potluck and gift exchange <u>at 6:30 pm</u>
(Wesley Room and Friendship Hall) |

We hope that you will consider sharing in this time of remembering and visioning as we move together into a new year!



2010 ADVENT Celebrations from the BUMC Family



In Celebration of..... The Gay Men's Discussion Group..... Given by Anonymous
In Celebration of..... Ellen Grimshaw, my mother, on her 100th birthday..... Given by MJ Grimshaw
In Celebration of..... My granddaughter Jayla's first Christmas..... Given by Vernice Thorn
In Celebration of..... The Peace that we all pray for..... Given by Richard Johnson

In Honor of..... Howard Parr, Clayton's Father Given by Lois and Clayton Parr
In Honor of..... Dale Lea, the joy of my life and devoted partner of 31 years..... Given by Robert Gorman
In Honor of..... Good friends Rick Newbury & Bryce Bandstra..... Given by Charolette Lill
In Honor of..... Mrs. Dean Berkey Given by David Berkey
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In Honor of..... My nephew & nieces, Harvey Andrew, Meredith Anne & Margaret Eleanor Barnes.....
Given by Tim Barnes

In Honor of..... Doris Widebeck Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey
In Honor of..... Jesus Christ, who said nothing against homosexuality..... Given by Helen Nagel
In Honor of..... My mother, Pearl Lohse Harper Given by Randy Harper
In Honor of..... Agnes Moorehead..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek

In Memory of..... Relatives and friends no longer among us Given by Fran Markwardt
In Memory of..... Maggie Lee Henson, Bill Richardson, Dina DeAcetis, and Aida Guss Given by Judy DeAcetis
In Memory of..... Anne Silverstein Conner & Lula Smith..... Given by Sarah Conner Smith
In Memory of..... Jean T. Johnson..... Given by James J. Johnson
In Memory of..... Joaquina Barrios & Joel Barrios..... Given by Elina Rodriguez
In Memory of..... John P. Van Hying, brother Given by Mark W. Van Hying
In Memory of..... Reedy and Mavis G. Melton..... Given by Reed Melton
In Memory of..... J. Herbert & Viola Williams..... Given by Matthew Williams
In Memory of..... Rev. Glen & Mary Sutton Given by Rev. David & Anita Herr
In Memory of..... Barbara Buckland..... Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey
In Memory of..... Rev. & Mrs. John G. P. Sherburne..... Given by Theo Lambos
In Memory of..... Irene Girard (my aunt)..... Given by Irene Bourgeois
In Memory of..... My son Lawrence & siblings Albert, George and Rosetta, and mother Florence.....
Given by Floretha Reid

In Memory of..... Bernice Raidonis, mother..... Given by Perle Raidonis
In Memory of..... My parents..... Given by Helen Nagel
In Memory of..... My father, Raymond Brock Harper 1923 - 2002..... Given by Randy Harper
In Memory of..... Quintin Vanden Hoek & Loretta Star Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
In Memory of..... Mom, Dad, Betty, Gerry, Grandma and Mickey Given by Robert Gorman
In Memory of..... Our parents: Lenora Haab Parr; Jim and Jinny McCullen.... Given by Lois and Clayton Parr
In Memory of..... My parents, Bert and Anne Johnson..... Given by Richard Johnson