# The Praise Report

The Newsletter of Ujima Village Christian Church Rev. Dr. J.R. Norwood, Pastor 1001 Pennington Road \* Ewing, New Jersey



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## 27th Anniversary Celebration

-By Sis. Naomi Cullum

On a lovely Sunday- February 17, 2019-Ujima Village Christian Church was blessed to celebrate its 27th Anniversary...Praise the Lord! To commemorate this joyous occasion, morning and afternoon services were held and a fellowship meal.

Starting with the morning worship service, the congregation was treated to a glorious time in the Lord. Highlights included: songs of praise led by the choir (who looked so beautiful in their Afrocentric attire), a riveting, anointed message (from the book of Proverbs) delivered by Ujima's own 1<sup>st</sup> Lady, Deacon Tanya Norwood, and an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

After the morning worship, a deliciously satisfying meal was served in the church Fellowship Hall. Near the end of this meal, two thoughtful gestures were in play. First, Sis. Norwood presided over a distribution of gifts to the church family. Then, church members lined up to share memories of the church's early days. Several also paid touching tributes to Pastor and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Norwood in honor of their time, service and journey at Ujima.

The anniversary celebration continued with a wonderful afternoon During that time, the congregation received an worship at 3:30 pm. insert (in the church bulletin) briefly documenting Ujima's humble beginnings. It noted that Ujima started out as a youth outreach ministry (organized by Sis.Tanya Norwood -- under the leadership of Pastor Norwood). Eventually, it evolved into a church body in 1992.

It is apparent that over the years, with consistent faith, this body of believers did rely on the Lord to provide them with a place of worship. Today, that place of worship exists in the form of a beautiful sanctuary. several additional spaces and such great potential!

Following the reference to Ujima's church history, there was a musical selection by members of New Life Fellowship Ministry -- Camden, NJ. Their pastor was the afternoon guest preacher. Pastor Wayne Dobson is the nephew of Pastor Norwood.

Pastor Dobson's sobering message was taken from Proverbs 29:18 and focused on the text: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." He later shared his profound testimony and transformation through Christ Jesus. An altar call and invitation to salvation was made as well.

Overall, this 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a MOST wonderful day of praise, worship and fellowship!







#### Honoring our Founders: Ujima's 27th Anniversary

- By Tina Roach

"Then you will know the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. Do not despise the day of small beginnings!" Zachariah 4:9b-10

As Ujima celebrates our 27th anniversary we pause to acknowledge and honor the First Family and all the founding members who were bound together in faith and love to birth this ministry. We thank you for establishing a solid foundation that we can build on, where the fruit of the Spirit is evident. Some of the founders have moved on over the years, but those who are still with us include:

Rev. Dr. John Norwood & First Lady Tanya Norwood & Family Mom Weeks & Family Mother Cynthia Solice & Family Mother Hayes & Family Bro. Johnny & Sis Marjorie Weeks & Family Mom & Pop Manning & Family Deacon Pam Hill (Mother June Norwood and Mother Elzata Goodman were with us from the beginning and still support the ministry, but remain members of their home churches)

#### A few of the founders shared their thoughts and memories:

"I remember the early days before we had our own building... spraying and cleaning up before service ...and choir rehearsals in my home (because we had a piano). My children and most of my grandchildren came with me and were baptized. Amanda was in my arm. Over the years they've all been blessed by the First Family and Ujima. I came with Pastor Norwood because I knew I wanted something different. Being at Ujima, I've grown immensely with Pastor's teaching. When you go through things in life, you make it because you're grounded in the word. To the Norwood's I would say: 'There is no one like you. You are truly great people; not just because of what you do but because of who you are to us." -Mom Weeks

"I came to Ujima with Pastor Norwood after he told us what God had said about starting a ministry. Once I planted my feet, I was not going anywhere! The doors of Ujima and the Norwood family are always open and I truly appreciate that. Sometimes you can go to a church and someone asks what the message was about and it's hard to answer. Pastor Norwood's preaching and teaching always stood out because it's relatable and easy to understand. He always answers questions anyone has and even when he doesn't have an answer, he is diligent in finding one. I've always appreciated Pastor's humility as a leader. I can honestly say that I feel closer to the Norwood Family than my biological family. We really just love each other, like one big family. Sister Tanya makes you feel welcome with those big hugs. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for always making me feel so loved and welcome." -Mother Cynthia Solice

#### Saturday Bible Ministry Celebrates its 8th Anniversary!

- By Linda Rogers

Praise Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing the Saturday Bible Ministry at the Ujima Village to celebrate its 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on Saturday February 16, 2019. A special thanks to the Lighthouse Ministry, and to Pastor Norwood for providing biblical materials for our ministry table. The material includes biblical tracts, Upper Room - Daily Bread booklets, Pastor Norwood's sermons notes and invitation cards to visit Ujima Village Christian Church.

Currently, on the 1st Saturday we study the Old Testament and on the 3rd Saturday the New Testament, from 11:00am-12:30pm. As we continue to grow spiritually in God's Word in 2019 with this routine, we are excited to announce a new segment into our biblical studies called Healing from Within. We will read Scripture that will help us relate to various topics such as depression, anxiety, anger, forgiveness, grief, loneliness, and other topics. Healing from Within will follow our regular time on the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

Over the eight years some of our faithful saints have moved from the complex to live with family members and/or be cared for at a facility. We keep them in our prayers. The dedicated and faithful saints that still come to the Bible studies, wanted to respond to the question: What does the Bible study mean to me when we gather on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays?

- **Brother George Randolph** member of Church of Christ- "For the last 3 years, it has been an inspiration to me. It has improved my faith and understanding of the Scripture."
- Sister Millie Jarrell member of Ujima Village Christian Church- "Uplifting to me over the eight years in attendance and I am looking to eight more years."
- Sister Deborah Williams a member of Triumphant Life Community Church- "I enjoy coming, and it encourages me to get into the Word of God more, and I look forward to it."
- **Sister Diane Watkins** member of Ujima Village Christian Church- "It has been a blessing for me to attend the senior's building for Bible study. Linda continues to teach us God's truth through the Bible and study book. For the eight years that we've been at Bible study, may God continue to bless Linda and our Bible study."
- Sister Daisy Husband member of Friendship Baptist Church- "I am pleased with the Bible study. I like coming and sitting around talking and learning a lot about the Bible."
- Sister Naomi Cullum member of Ujima Village Christian Church- "In honor of her eighth anniversary of ministering at the Ujima Senior Plaza... I'd like to commend Sis. Linda Rogers for doing such a marvelous and blessed work there. During my visits to her Bible study sessions, it was obvious that she is very well-respected. I noted that she not only has this ability to exude warmth, but she also promotes a wonderful enthusiasm in discussion on the things of God. Additionally, she is always well-equipped with relevant resources to enhance the study/lessons. So, Sis. Linda, my congratulations to you on your eighth year of service at the Plaza! May the Lord continue to bless and use you mightily for this population of believers."

I thank God for each one of you and how He is bringing us together to study the Word of God. Psalm 33:5 reads: "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

#### **Veterans Day**

-By Deacon Tanya Norwood

On Sunday November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day. All of our veterans filled out forms so that we could share where and when they had served and be acknowledged for their willingness to put their lives at risk for our freedom. The word of God says "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Each of our veterans also shared one of their favorite Bible verses with us and after reading all of that information about each vet and not saying their name the entire congregation had the opportunity to try to guess who it was. We had a happy and joyful time and some of us were surprised by how many of our members have served in the Armed Forces including our Pastor, Assoc. Minister, three Deacons, a Trustee and many others. We also lifted a special prayer for these very special individuals. Truly we thank you and we honor you for your service to our Country!

On a personal note, Pastor and I thank God for protecting our son, Maj. Jason Norwood, through his military service and now his retirement!



Ujima's "Women of Nia" Fellowship Brunch
-By Sis. Naomi Cullum

On January 12, "Women of Nia" enjoyed a most pleasant brunch gathering at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Hamilton Marketplace. It was such a wonderful opportunity to connect and converse with one another in this social setting of food and fellowship. There was no rush as we continued to talk, laugh and simply delight in each other's company. Consequently, we spent approximately two and a half hours there.

If you are wondering what we could possibly be talking about for that duration of time, just know that many of us women can be quite loquacious. We always seem to have something to talk about. Our topics ranged from our own personal struggles and experiences to discussion of the plight of the homeless (and the project that we are currently planning for them). Also included in our time together were chuckles as we reminisced about childhood memories and lessons learned from our experiences and our elders.

You know, it is a great thing to spend time with our sisters-both at church and outside of church-"preferring one another" -- as the scriptures mention. It is an important opportunity to encourage each other on this Christian journey that we have in common. The world can not offer that to us ("what fellowship has light with darkness?") because they do not truly understand this walk.

We thank the Lord for providing these instances wherein we are able to meet, appreciate and learn from each other. Reflecting, we can say, "To God Be the Glory" — for the things He has done in our lives... and for bringing us all together at this point in time.

Keep an eye on the Sunday Bulletin Announcements for details on our next "Women of Nia" Brunch/Saturday outing. Please feel free to join us!



#### **Church-wide Christmas Party**

- By Deacon Tanya Norwood



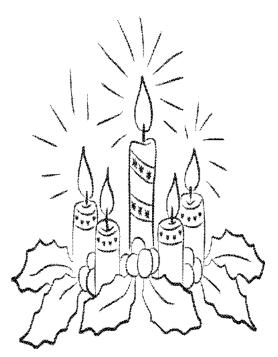
On Friday December 7th we had our annual Christmas dinner and cookie exchange. We enjoyed a delicious meal and then "the fiesta de resistance!" We shared the most delicious traditional cookies like snickerdoodles, chocolate chip and Hershey's kiss sugar cookies and we were introduced to a new cookie/treat called Porcupines. We had triple chocolate cake, red velvet cupcakes, chocolate covered pretzels, and a plethora of other marvelous delicious delights!

Indeed our bellies were full and we had a fabulous feast, but we also enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing! We played a conversation stirring game called "the Dinner Table". Each person picked a card and each card required that you answer a question that helped you share, based on your answer, a little about yourself, your Spiritual Development, and your passions. There were no right or wrong answers, but just an opportunity to share your response and perhaps the reason you responded in that manner.

Some of the responses were surprising to some of us, and others just reaffirmed what we already knew about our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. If for some reason you missed the fellowship this year, make sure you mark your calendar because a wonderful time was had by all.... not to mention we all bring an empty dish and we get to take home some of everyone else's cookies and cake!

#### **Christmas Eve Worship**

- By Deacon Tanya Norwood



Once again our youth and young adults lead our Christmas Eve Worship Service. We enjoyed wonderful recitations from our youngest, as well as a thought-provoking play by our college students and a dramatic reading from our teen class. Sister Tameekia Hardwick blessed us with her puppet Ministry, Brother Ira Serle ministered on the keyboard with a most moving rendition of Silent Night, and the Dance Ministry, Jubilation, blessed us with their worship through dance to "Now Behold the Lamb".

Then Pastor Norwood stirred our spirits with a Christmas Homily reminding us that we must not just make room for Jesus but that Jesus ought to be the most important thing in our lives... just making room is not enough!

Finally, as we always do, Pastor's family gave gifts to all of the congregation and visitors and the congregation gave gifts to Pastor and his family. It was a blessed evening of Worship, sharing and fellowship in the Lord! As the Director of Christian Education I have the awesome privilege of working with our young people all through the year, but it is especially during the Christmas season that our phenomenal youngsters, teens and young adults show and prove that they understand exactly what Pastor is preaching about... Jesus is the ONLY reason for the season and nothing else should ever be substituted or tolerated!!!

### Ujima's Artist Corner... Sis. Nashea Flower's Paintings

The painting about the "red poppies" was one of the paintings i sold. I learned that poppies will sell, one of the volunteers who was helping me with a prior commitment, bought the painting!





Expressive peacock that is blue and is flicking his colorful feathers at you: was done taking a class on peacocks.

To see the full color images, go to UjimaChurch.org/news







### Ujima's Got Talent!

-By Sis. Naomi Cullum

Keeping the annual tradition, on the last Sunday of African-American History Month, our church family was treated to an impressive array of talent by our very own. The event was held in our Fellowship Hall -- over a meal -- with Pastor Norwood serving as Master of Ceremonies.

Featured that day were a variety of poems, songs/musical selections, a dance routine, a game and even jokes. Kicking it all off was Sister Cynthia Solice who shared her clever, thought-provoking poem with us. More poetry, interspersed between acts, was delivered by Bro. Darryl Rawls and me. Brother Darryl captured our attention with his selection that focused on "shopping for spiritual items."

My contribution was a sonnet/poem that I had written which had some similar content to a second one that I had read (penned by the professor who led my Egyptian trip). Not to be missed, was our young sister, Destiny Weeks, who performed an amazingly intense dance number -- to a powerful gospel song.

The great musical selections provided were as follows... Our "Ma Weeks" sang. And, with that beautiful, gifted voice of hers, makes any song she sings sound good! Our sister, Octavia Hardwick, inspired us with her touching song that evoked strong feelings in many. Just wow! Young Jaden Hardwick and his great-uncle, Deacon Derrick Hardwick, made an adorable duo as they delivered their rendition of "I Call You Holy."

Now, a singing surprise (at least to me, anyway) was Bro. Justice Norwood. He performed his song a cappella. I was so accustomed to his brilliant playing of those drums -- that it never occurred to me that he could also sing. Brother Ira also graced us with his ability to wonderfully play that organ...he's just so awesome at it!

Continuing with the talent, we witnessed this sort of fast-paced "cup game" that seemed to focus on speed and accuracy among the players. Initiating this Sister Tameekia Hardwick. Her accomplices (or particular game was our opponents) on this were young Johnnie Weeks and Destiny Weeks. Yes... "skills" are needed here. What a challenge!

Rounding out this special event were our "brothers with jokes"-Brother Cliff and Deacon Derrick Hardwick. Each delivered the laughs with their Rawls respective, humorous jokes.

All in all, we were indeed blessed and entertained by all these dear brothers and sisters of Ujima.





#### Journey to Kemet (Egypt)/ Egyptian Expo- A Nubian Perspective

- By Sis. Naomi Cullum

As a nod to African- American History Month, I provided an informative presentation on my twelve-day trip to the ancient, Biblical land of Egypt -- on the continent of Africa. The exposition included a video that I personally taped during my tour of the many popular sites there (temple areas, the Pyramids at Giza, the Sphinx, Valley of the Kings and Queens, etc.). Also, there was the five-day Nile River cruise that allowed visits to areas in the Nubian region — including a stop at a local village.

In addition to the video, various artifacts, photos, clothing, jewelry and currency -- relative to the culture of the nation -- were on display.

Traveling to this country was "monumental" to me -- to say the least. Up until the time I set foot on Egyptian soil, Egypt was only a textbook reality to me. As a high school student, I was fascinated by this land which was revealed to me only through the mythological studies of my tenth grade English class, and some content of my History class. Never did I think I would get a chance to visit this country that seemed way beyond my reach.

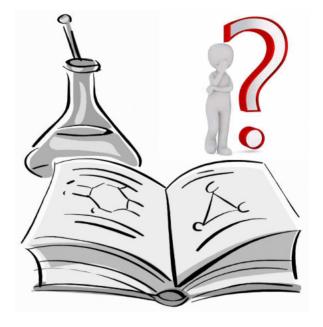
By the grace of God, that opportunity came for me during the summer of 1998. As part of a group of fifteen tourists, I had the privilege of traveling to and touring Egypt -- even at a relatively dangerous time. (There had been a recent shooting of several Japanese tourists at one of the popular sites). Although we were aware of the travel alerts issued at the time, there was a determination to still do this trip. I'm so glad I did go at that time because political unrest continues to this day -- on a whole other scale!

Needless to say, the whole trip/experience was most enlightening to me. It was certainly one of the most unforgettable times in my life.

Of course, above all, I thank the Lord for having His protective watch over me -- then and now. Also, sincere thanks to all those who came out to attend the presentation.







#### American "Christian" Cults - "What Do They Believe?"

A class, entitled "What Do They Believe?" on American Christian Cults, which included the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witnesses, and The Seventh-Day Adventists, was held on December 5th, following our first Wednesday evening Advent worship for 2018. Pastor Norwood provided a PowerPoint presentation that included informative videos pointing out the differences between the beliefs of those groups and historic biblical Christianity. The event was very well attended. Found that each of the groups had certain cult-like characteristics in common. They were relatively recently formed groups (since the 1800's), which diverged from classic biblical doctrine, and even from Scripture itself, substituting their own "holy book" or mistranslating the Bible to fit their beliefs. The event was well attended and prompted lively discussion.



#### Pastor Norwood Gives Invocation at International Symposium

Pastor Norwood gave the opening welcome address and invocation at the International Symposium on Indigenous Communities and Climate Change presented by The Humanities Council Fund for Canadian Studies, Program in Journalism and Princeton Environmental Institute at Princeton University on December 7th. Pastor Norwood opening address and prayer was part of and Indigenous land acknowledgement, which is common in the Western States and Canada but is a relatively new practice in the east. During such land acknowledgements, event sponsors and institutions acknowledge the traditional indigenous inhabitants upon whose land the event is taking place. Pastor Norwood's invocation was given in the indigenous Lenape language as he also translated each line into English. The event was attended by well over a hundred Scholars, journalists, researchers, students, and environmental activists and was also webcast live.

#### Safe Stop Tips from the Office of the Attorney General

https://nj.gov/oag/safestopnj/tips.html

#### If you are being pulled over by the police...



- 1. Pull over in a safe place, as soon as possible.
- 2. Without delay, calmly comply with the Officer's instructions.

Drivers must listen to what the Officer says and follow the Officer's instructions.

- 3. When you are asked for ID and driving credentials, provide them.
  - Drivers must provide driver's license, registration, and insurance card upon the request of the Officer.
  - Keep your license, insurance card and registration in a place you can easily access. Tell the officer that you are going to reach for these documents.
- 4.Once you provide the necessary identification and information, you have the right to remain silent.
  - Drivers and passengers do not have to answer any additional questions once proper documentation has been provided to the Officer.
- 5. Keep your hands visible, preferably on the steering wheel.
  - When the officer can see your hands it has a calming effect and they do not feel you are trying to harm them. Removing your hands or any sudden movement will have a negative impact on the situation.
- 6. When the officer instructs you to step out of the vehicle, you should cooperate.
  - Officers may ask drivers to exit the vehicle for any reason. They may ask passengers to get out of the vehicle in certain circumstances. If drivers or passengers do not follow instructions to exit, police may use reasonable force to remove them.
- 7. The street is not the place for a dispute; you can file a complaint later.
  - If you have an issue with the stop or the officer's behavior, you always have the right to file a complaint at a later date. Following an officer's instructions at the scene does not waive your right to later challenge the stop, the arrest, or any of the officer's instructions.
- 8. Take other steps to make the traffic stop as safe as possible, including:

Turn down your music.

If you are stopped at night, turn on your dome and/or interior lights. This will increase the visibility inside your vehicle so the Officer will be less concerned about what he or she can't see.

Roll down your driver's side window. Roll down any other windows if those windows are tinted. This also will increase the Officer's visibility.

Stay calm.

#### The Busy Bees are BUSY!!!

The volunteers who have gathered to help with the upkeep of the church facility have been doing so for years... but they were finally given a name in February, "The Busy Bees." And they have been working! Trees have been cleared from the property, stumps removed, roof repairs made, the basement is being cleared of debris, and kitchen is being prepped for renovation. They have even raised funds for their work by selling items that were unused and in storage! Many thanks to the Busy Bees and the Brotherhood of Mighty Men for supporting them!









#### **Men's Ministry International Relief Effort**



The Brotherhood of Mighty Men are blessed to be able to report that their International Relief Effort for 2018 included funds for medicine, the refugee crisis, relief for South Sudan, relief for hunger in East Africa, support for exploited girls, support for children's health and food, and clothing for needy children. The multiplied impact through World Vision International was over \$4000 for the year. Praise the Lord!

#### The New Newsletter Committee

"The Praise Report" Church Newsletter has a new look and a new committee. Sis. Tina Roach, Sis. Naomi Cullum, Sis. Adelia Clark, Sis. Sandy Baez have all volunteered to help make the newsletter as good as it can Stories and photos are needed from our church members in order to ensure that we cover the events and stories of our congregation. A new Google account has been dedicated to the newsletter to receive emailed stories and photos. To contact the Newsletter Committee or submit material for the upcoming publication, send your emails to <u>UjimaNews@gmail.com</u>.

## Your **Church Newsletter Needs You!**



**Send Articles and** Photos to UjimaNews@gmail.com

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67 just as was deceived by the serpent's cunning (2 Cor 11:3)
69 give God a tenth of your mint, and all other (Luke 11:42)

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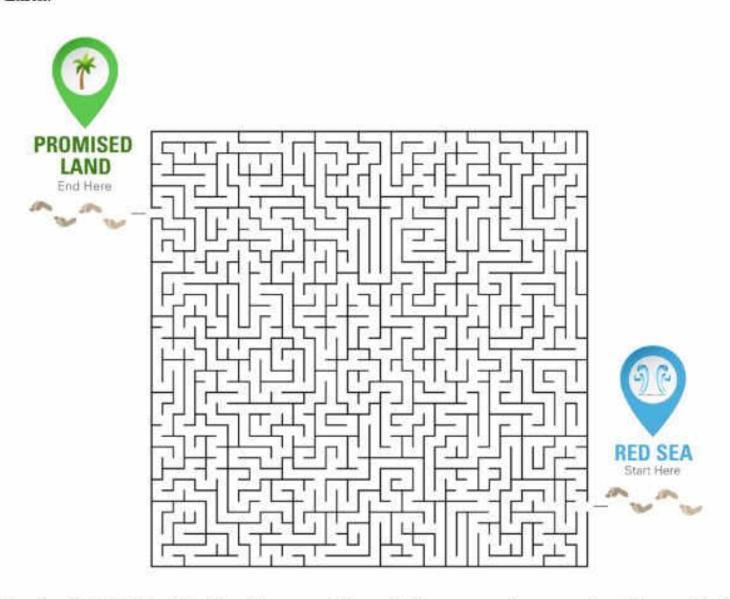
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## A-maze-ing Bible Journeys

## Kid's Corner

## #1 MOSES

Moses led the Hebrews through the desert for 40 years! They started at the Red Sea and finally took the Promised Land and Jericho four decades later. They were learning to become a-maze-ing people! See if you can get Moses from the Red Sea to the Promised Land.



Exodus 14:29-31 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

#### UJIMA VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship - 10:30AM

Sunday "Time for Truth" Classes immediately after Morning Worship Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 6:30PM Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00PM

CHURCH ASSEMBLY MEETING on Wednesday, March 20, after Bible Study. Agenda includes: Ministry Reports; The Fiscal Report; New Budget; Church Calendar. Requests for additions to the agenda must be submitted to the Pastor for approval no later than Monday, March 18.

A FREE "ACTIVE ASSAILANT RESPONSE" TRAINING - on Saturday, March 23, from 10AM - 1PM. A light lunch will be served. Open to the public. Spread the word!

HOLY WEEK - Palm Sunday (4/14) 10:30 AM Worship; Holy Thursday (4/18) 6:30 PM Seder Meal; Good Friday (4/19) 6:30 PM Worship

RESURRECTION SUNDAY - April 21 with both 8:30AM and 10:30AM worship services with a Fellowship Breakfast between the services

\*WOMEN OF NIA STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP on May 11th at 11AM for brunch at Cracker Barrel on Rt. 130 in Hamilton. And, April 12th, and June 14th at 6:30 PM in the Lighthouse Cafe. Bring your Bible, a dish and a friend. All women are invited!

GOT CHANGE? DONATE YOUR LOOSE CHANGE to meet building needs. A change jar is available on Sundays in the sanctuary vestibule.

CHECK FOR NEW ISSUES OF "NORWOOD'S BIBLE STUDY NOTES" in the Sunday Bulletins, the sanctuary vestibule, and on the church website under "Resources."

PASTOR NORWOOD'S RECENT SERMONS can be downloaded or streamed online at www.UjimaChurch.org or at www.facebook.com/RevNorwood

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Worship with Grace Community Church, Trenton - 4/28@3:30PM Upcoming Classes being scheduled...

"Living at Peace: The Lord's Truth Resolves Conflict"

"Digging Deeper: Understanding Scripture"

Annual Usher's Day 6/23/19, Pastor John Taylor of Friendship Baptist Church is our guest preacher

Upcoming 2019 Holy Days and Special Observances: Mother's Day 5/5; Ascension Day 5/30; Pentecost 6/9; Father's Day 6/16; Reformation Day 10/31; All Saints Day 11/3; Thanksgiving Eve 11/27; Advent begins 12/1; Christmas 12/25; Watchnight 12/31

