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Looking Back on Our Ash Wednesday Gathering

On February 26, 2020 just over 100 persons gathered from our congregations at the Savannah United Church for the annual Ash Wednesday Gathering focusing on the theme 'Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church'.

The day began at 7:30 am with quiet meditation and reflection, followed by group discussions, worship service and communion, ending at 11:15 am.

Rev. L. Christopher Mason, reflecting on the theme of evangelism in his message introduced 'Operation Andrew', a friendship oriented method in helping those we know come to experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the other Regional Mission Councils in Jamaica via live-streaming.



Rev. Rohan Forrester (Chair of CIRMC) presenting a special certificate to Rev. Harry Bodden

Joint United Church Youth Night in East End

On Friday February 21, 2020 the East End and Gun Bay United Church Youth Groups hosted an evening of Cultural display at the East End United Church Church Hall. The Youth Groups of Savannah United and Webster Memorial were also invited to share in the activities.



Mrs. Carmen Connolly showcasing her many and various craft items



Immediate Past Moderator Rev. L. Christopher Mason presenting the Chair's Bible to Rev. Rohan Forrester

Four special features made this year's Ash Wednesday Gathering to stand out: the induction of Rev. Rohan Forrester as the new Chair of CIRMC, the honoring of Rev. Harry Bodden on the occasion of his 50th Ordination Anniversary, the induction of new MAT Vice-chairs and the joint celebration of

The night opened with a devotional message and an ice breaker to look at pictures of old buildings and places and say what and where they are today (Cayman then and now). A presentation was done by Ms. Renita Barnes (Savannah) of Cayman Artifacts and their uses and by Mrs. Carmen Connolly (East End) who showcased her innovative and lovely craft items. The evening ended with Cayman style refreshments and a game of Mancala.

(contributed by Ms. Camile Watt)

'Snapshots from Our Congregations'



'Drummer Girl' Kahlie in the company of Gabriel and Kaidence during the service at Robert Young Memorial on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6. (Friday)

World Day of Prayer – 12:00pm – Elmslie United Church

March 7. (Saturday)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 7:30am - Elmslie United Church Hall

March 8. (Sunday) 2nd Sunday of Lent

(also **International Women's Day**)

March 10. (Tuesday)

Bethesda Board mtg. – 5:00pm – Bethesda Counseling Centre

March 14. (Saturday)

Training for Lay Leaders Module 1/Day 4 (Strategic Planning for Church Growth) – 8:30am - 4:00pm – Council office

March 15. (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Lent

(also the beginning of Girls' Brigade Week)

Girls' Brigade Council Service – 10:30am - Elmslie United Church

2020 World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who invite all (not only women) to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Every year since 1927 the organizers select a different country and develop a theme for the service which is shared around the world. This year the focus is on Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe means 'House of Stones' and it is located in Southern Africa. It is a landlocked country with an estimated population of about 16 million people and 16 official languages.

The country continues its search for peace during its present political transition. In the face of violent political turmoil, a collapsed economy and natural disasters the women, churches and ecumenical organizations have not lost hope.



We all are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer service at Elmslie on this Friday at 12:00pm to support our sisters (and brothers) with our prayers as they continue to face daily hardships and to be empowered to act in love for peace and reconciliation.



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