Harriet Tubman’s Legacy Lives On

Harriet Tubman is also known as the conductor of the Underground Railroad and as the Moses of her people. She last walked among us more than 100 years ago. Over the years there have been tributes for her, but her impact is felt now more than ever before.

In January the Department of Interior gave final approval to the Harriet Tubman Historic Park in Auburn, NY. It was an effort that began 17 years ago. This took place in Washington, D.C. The historical designation of the park includes the Harriet Tubman Visitor Center; the Tubman Home for the Aged, the Harriet Tubman Residence and the Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church's original building that Tubman raised funds to construct.

Pastor Jaime traveled to D.C. to be there to witness history in action. He said, "It's a rich history that you feel when you walk into the building and you deal with the family. Not only is it a rich history, it's a call to action. You just can't be dormant you have to do something; do something to improve the community."

Preservation of her legacy doesn't end at the park. The Treasury Department announced last year that Tubman would replace President Andrew Jackson, a slave owner, on the front of the $20 bill. The final design is expected to debut in 2020. "She was a soldier in the United States Army, fought for 34 years just to get a meager pension. It went to $25, and then they cut it and said well we'll continue to give you a $20 pension. How significant that her image will be on the $20 bill," said Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, of the North Eastern Episcopal District.

Pauline Johnson, one of Tubman’s great-great grand nieces attends Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church. She said it’s great to finally have Tubman get her due. "She was a wonderful woman, a very brave woman and courageous," Johnson added, “I thought and I think, she should get all the recognition she deserves."

Tubman lived in Auburn until she transitioned from labor to reward in 1913. She is believed to have been 93 years old. She was buried with military honors at the Fort Hill Cemetery.

Iris St. Meran
In Pursuit of a Spot on the National Junior Honor Society

Melanie Duru - North Syracuse Junior High School

Over the past few months, I have been preparing for application to the National Junior Honor Society.

In short, the Junior Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes outstanding middle level students. They honor students who “have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship,” as said by their website. To qualify for an application packet, a student would have to earn an overall average of 89.5 or higher in the first two marking periods of the school year. I earned a 98.9 in the first marking period and a 98.4 in the second, making me more than academically qualified for an application packet. In addition to having good grades in school (the characteristic of scholarship), one would have to display the characteristics of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. I’m hoping to show that I possess those character traits.

Now, applying for the National Junior Honor Society isn’t something that you can just wake up one day and decide to do. It’s a process; it’s something you have to prepare for. Ever since I’ve learned of the Honor Society in the seventh grade (I’m in eighth now), I’ve been taking up school clubs and extracurricular activities. One of the criteria for being considered to the Society is participating in at least three clubs/activities, and the activities have to be a mix of in-and-out-of-school extracurricular. Knowing this, I participated as a junior usher for People's AMEZ for some time, and took up three clubs at school: Science Olympiad, Media Arts Club, and Community Builders’ Club. SciOly is basically a science fair on steroids (think major building projects and learning everything there is to know about a particular area of science). Media Arts Club has to do with photography and journalism around my school. Builders’ Club is where you do service around the community. These clubs took up a vast majority of my time, causing me to stay after school almost daily, especially for SciOly.

Another thing that the council members of the Honor Society are looking for is service - meaning volunteering. In fact, I took up Builders’ Club in order to make this aspect of my life easier - since the club was helping in the community and why not also get credit for it? So, thinking that I would get credit for my community service hours, I put in about three doing various activities, such as helping out at my elementary school’s yearly Halloween party, cutting fabric to make little dolls, and so on. At that time, I thought I only had to complete at least 10 hours of volunteer work, so I wasn’t too concerned. However, when I received my application packet not too long ago, I learned that I had to do at least 13. In addition to that, Builders’ Club could only be used once on one’s application - either as volunteer hours or as a club. I wasn’t too happy learning this because I was planning on using Builders’ for both of the criteria. To combat this, I opted to volunteer at the NOPL library, which is close to me. However, all of their spots were full, and the only option I had with them was to be put on a waiting list. By the time any spots would open up, my application would have been submitted past the deadline. So, I declined their offer. At this point, all the hours I had put into Builders’ Club were worth nothing, since I was counting it as a club. I was upset and stressed, but luckily, my mother had a friend who works at Beauchamp Branch library who could help me out. Low and behold, my mother and I met up with the manager of the library, and we had established some hours for me to work. As I am writing this, I am aiming to complete at least 15 hours there. I’ve already completed about 10, so, I’m on the right track.

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A final crucial piece that needs to be included with my application to the National Junior Honor Society is a recommendation letter from an adult not related to me. Since applicants aren’t allowed to ask staff members of our current school to write the letter, I decided to ask some of my teachers from my middle school to help me out on this front. So, I sent emails to my sixth-grade homeroom teacher, my seventh-grade English teacher, and my seventh-grade enrichment teacher asking if they would be kind enough to write the recommendation letter and sign them. Although I only need one letter of recommendation for my application packet to be valid, I decided to ask three of my teachers so that I could be portrayed in the best possible light. That way, my chances of being accepted into the National Junior Honor Society will be helped. All three of them responded, and two of them already sent their letters. While emailing back and forth with my teachers, I got to reconnect with them, and just chat about whatever - just like old times.

Applying for the National Junior Honor Society has been quite an experience. I’ve met some new people; reconnected with some of my favorite teachers; taken up some clubs that I probably wouldn’t have tried without the incentive of Honor Society; and have done several hours of volunteer work. All I must do now is gather a few more necessary signatures for various things, and I’m done. I just hope that all my planning and worrying isn’t all for naught. Making it on to the Honor Society would be huge for me. When applying for colleges in the future, putting down that I was a member of the Honor Society would give me an advantage in comparison to other students applying, giving me a better chance of getting into a good college. But, most importantly, I’d be a part of a national organization that does good in the community (like tutoring elementary children and fundraising).
Life's journey will sometimes take you to the most unexpected places, which can lead to abundant and unexpected blessings. Ten years ago, God called Pastor Daren C. Jaime to become the shepherd over People's A.M.E. Zion Church. In obedience, he left Saint Francis A.M.E. Zion Church in Mount Kisco, New York where he served since 2001 and journeyed to the snowy city of Syracuse, New York.

In his early years, Pastor Jaime started with a congregation of a few dozen active members at 11 a.m. service. Under his tenure, the church has added an 8 a.m. service and has adopted his vision of providing help, hope, healing and resources to those in need. Through much prayer and the power of God, People's has grown exponentially in ministry and membership through prayer and outreach. For a decade, Pastor Jaime has worked diligently to fulfill the spiritual, emotional and physical needs not only of his congregation, but of the city, the state and the nation.

In 2008, under Pastor Jaime's visionary leadership, the People's Community Development Corporation (PCDC) was formed. The PCDC has revitalized and transformed the quality of life for people across the City of Syracuse, through community and economic development. Every week, he gives our community a voice on his radio show "Power Perspectives", a forum for dialogue, exploration and dissemination of issues affecting Central New Yorkers. He also travels to New York weekly to host the show, Open and Perspectives on BRONXNET Television channel 67.

Pastor Jaime has received countless honors and awards for his service to the community, including the Omega Psi Phi "Citizen of the Year" award and the Interfaith Works Racial Justice award. The City of Syracuse and Onondaga County also designated April 21, 2012 as "Pastor Daren C. Jaime Day." One of Pastor's most memorable experiences is testifying before Congress, pushing for signed legislation from President Barack Obama to designate a national historical park at Harriet Tubman's former home in Auburn. His testimony was critical in the passage of federal legislation giving the final approval to the Harriet Tubman Historic Park (which you will read about in-depth in this newsletter).

Pastor Jaime presently serves as Chaplain for the Syracuse Police Department and is a lead member of the Trauma Response Team. He also serves on several boards and task forces across Central New York.

He is the proud father of one son, Christopher Isaiah Jaime. An influential and anointed preacher, pastor and servant leader, Pastor Daren C. Jaime is an emerging voice in the clarion call for God. Pastor Jaime, we love you and thank God that you were sent to carry out His work in Syracuse, New York.

Jennifer Sanders
Sick and Shut In

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:14

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Youth Prison Prevention & Reentry Ministry

Reverend Patricia A. Bufford

During Black History Month we viewed various films that reminded us of our past, our present and leading toward our future. Black history has given us strength since the beginning of time. Some Black history will make you cry, and some will make you laugh. But overall Black history is the wind beneath our wings and it propels us into our future. From the days of slavery to the Emancipation Proclamation, from voting rights to civil rights, from human rights to the equal rights. And to Black lives matter we stand in solidarity. No matter what the injustice we stand together. We want to be the change we want to see.

So, this article speaks out to one of the films we viewed → FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT - The 13th. This movie called the 13th is an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation’s history of racial inequality. If you’re on the wrong path this movie will change your mind set. This movie will also spoke to mothers and fathers who have children incarcerated. And if your children, youth or family member are on the wrong path or on the right path this is a must see movie.

Just consider that our prison population has grown from 300,000 in 1972 to 2.3 million in 2016 and Black men represent 6.5% of the general population but 40.2% of the prison population. (The Challenger) #RealityCheck.

If you have ever questioned why we have Mass Incarceration and minorities mainly African Americans are being killed in the streets or taking off the streets to prison cells than please check out this documentary directed by Ava Du-Vernay, (Selma) and written with Spencer Averick. This documentary is nominated for an Oscar and has another 17 award wins & 36 award nominations. This documentary is 150 years in the making, The 13th Amendment.

“There is no noise as powerful as the sound of the marching feet of a determined people.” Rev. Dr. MLK Jr.

We are determined...

We have come a long way but we still have a long way to go... So, don’t allow anger or ignorance to hold you back. No Justice - No Peace , No Justice is Injustice …

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His Breath for This Season

One thing for sure, two things for certain the Christian has both lows and highs to balance life. The lows remind us that although it’s March and spring is on the way; we have certainly seen winter. How we manage the winters in life are different. Some of us run to the south and live out the winter months in the sun and fun. Then, there are those who move only as needed and hibernate until the scent of spring. While there are a few who are preparing for the season ahead, these are they that I think may take a special interest in this article. Not only is this the day that the Lord has made, but there is substance in the making of this day. This day plays a role in a greater agenda.

If we check the calendar, days have come and there are evenings and mornings on the horizon. If we take a deep breath and discern the time, you may sense a wind of fasting, or maybe a cold breeze of abstinence. You certainly have taken wind of day light savings time in spite of the weather’s confusion. So what can we take away from God’s breath in this season?

If we reversed the world on its axis about 1,942 years from now, an occurrence was reported that changed the world. The manifestation was happening in the troposphere and in the heavens, even non-Christians have testified to this. The early gospel of Mark was written between AD 65 and 75. The sky looked like the sky on a day much like today. However, the scriptures read, “From the sixth hour to the ninth hour darkness came over the land (Mark15:33).” Heaven and earth was now witnessing the 9am crucifixion, of Christ the Anointed One. From the sixth hour or 12:00 noon darkness fell upon the whole earth, until the ninth hour or 3:00 pm.”

The sun fell back and could not stand still to watch the truth as Jesus called out, “ Elo’-I, Eloi-I, la’-ma sa-bach’-tha-ni?” ((My GOD, My GOD, why hast Thou Forsaken Me?) Onlookers watched as He suffered, and sipped of vinegar. Finally, Jesus cried out as He inhaled and exhaled giving up the ghost only to enter into another dimension. Upon Jesus’ exit, Mark15:38 reports, “And the veil of the temple was rent and twain from the top to the bottom. 39 “And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that He so cried out, he said, truly this man was the Son of God.”

After Jesus completely finished his last 9 to 3-hour day as a servant on the earth, he was then promoted to walk in His finished works. He took off the crown of thorns as the King of the Jews who demanded worship in spirit and in truth. We now have the privilege of, Hebrew12:2 “We continue to look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Thus making intercessions for those given unto Him by the father. The resurrection would not have been fulfilled without preparation and defeating the enemy when He was most vulnerable.

Lent describes Jesus’ wilderness experience, when He was vulnerable and weak in the flesh. Because His spirit was willing but His flesh was weak, the strategy called for a time of consecration for fasting and prayer after being led by the Holy spirit. Fasting and prayer are powerful keys that every Christian will have to learn to use to unlock the mysteries in this season. “To the angel…These are the words of the One who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What He opens no one will shut; and what He shuts, no one will open. I know your deeds. See, I have put before you an open door, which no one can shut. For you have only a little strength yet you have kept my word and have not denied My name.” (Rev.3:7-9).
There is no question if we desire and decide to follow him daily, if there will be a need of assistance. The Father set before Jesus a door, that Jesus did not want to go through, nevertheless the Father ordered Jesus’ steps to Calvary, he also placed a tool of workmanship, ready to perform God’s good work in reach of Jesus. According to Matthew 27:32 “And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they forced to bear his cross… 31 says, after they had mocked him, they took the robe off from Him (fake royal robe), and put his own raiment on Him, and led him away to crucify Him.” Both the just and the unjust will experience persecution, trials and tribulation. Those who abide in the body of Christ, will also be able to see God and use those keys to the kingdom that will divinely open doors to His promises. “And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ -if indeed we suffer with Him, so that we may also be glorified with Him. I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that He will revealed in us,” (Romans8:18) in this season.

If we go back further into the text, we learn how Jesus prepared for the cross. Matthew 4:1, “Then when Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil…2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he became hungry.” Jesus fasted and prayed and because we are made in his likeness and image I believe we ought to be like minded. Romans7:25 “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. The breath of this season will prepare us for the resurrection of our lives. To those who are preparing to walk with holes in feet and hands. A pierced side and scars from a cat-o-nine tails then fasting and prayer are two keys that will open doors unto Easter.

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