

LINDA J. IVEY MINISTRIES GREATER IS COMING

### **DESTINY – DISCOVERING OUR UNIQUENESS**



When we look around, we see people with differences: skin color, the shape and color of eyes, noses, height, body type, hair textures, neighborhoods, accents, and how we do things. Just as we are drawn to different flowers, these outward appearances were not meant to separate us, but out of curiosity, to draw us to each other. We were all made in God's image, our distinctive differences and our uniquenesses express God's creativeness. We cannot see the image of God with our natural eyes, but rather we sense and feel Him in our spirit, which is meant to draw us closer to Him and to one another.

Our differences should draw us closer as we come to understand each other and walk in unity. They should tie us together as brothers and sisters rather than push us away as enemies. They should help us to look with compassion and love when we see someone from another race, another block, or from another culture.

Let's seek the path that makes us alike, the path that leads us to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let's allow our amazing uniqueness draw us closer as we discover the commonalities that we don't see with our natural eyes but can sense with our hearts.

Let's not allow our differences to cause us to hate, oppress, or 'cancel' others, but allow them to draw us closer together in unity and love.

#### WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURE



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4–6

We have different gifts according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6

*I wish that all people were as I am. But each has his own gift from God, one person has this gift, another has that.* 1 Corinthians 7:7

*For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.* Romans 12:4-6

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace . . . 1 Peter 4:10

## CALL TO ACTION - EXPLORE OTHER CULTURES

This February's call to action is to discover other cultures and see how we are similar rather than different from each other. In the spirit of discovery, let's make a list of things we share in common with others, things we can learn from and celebrate about other groups and then, go out and enjoy the experience.



# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

As we celebrate Black History this month, we must remember to share our stories and give voice to our truth. There are many who want to try to dismiss or ignore the contributions that we as African Americans have made to building this country. There are also those who are trying to erase how we were brought here and the discrimination we continue to receive. When we share our truths with our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, remember to tell them that despite the difficulties, obstacles and challenges we encounter, we remain strong people with a strong God. We know we will continue to persevere, because we have a great God who loves us and declares that, "No weapon formed against us will prosper."



# LITTLE KNOW BLACK HISTORY FACTS



Phillis Wheatley was the first African American to publish a book of poetry, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, in 1773. Born in the Gambia and sold to the Wheatley family in Boston when she was 7 years old, Wheatley was emancipated shortly after her book was released.



ENDURANCE

In 1854, John Mercer Langston notably became the first African American lawyer in the state of Ohio. He went on to serve as the Dean of the law department and Vice President of Howard University. He's also remembered as the first African American from Virginia to be elected to public office, specifically to the U.S. Congress.



James McCune Smith was the first African American person to earn a medical degree. He also started the nation's first pharmacy under Black ownership, and was the first African American to have their work published in a peer-reviewed medical journal.



Guion Bluford became the first Black person in space in 1983, and would spend 688 hours there over the course of his career as an astronaut.



Hiram Rhodes Revels was sworn in as the first Black U.S. senator in 1870.



#### Our February Spotlight is on Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History".

Born on December 19, 1875 in New Canton, Virginia, Carter Godwin Woodson was the fourth of nine children whose parents had been enslaved. He had few educational or employment opportunities. He and his family moved to Huntington, West Virginia where he worked in the New River Gorge coalfields to help supplement the family's income. At the age of 20, Woodson saved enough money from his days as a coal miner to begin his formal education at Frederick Douglass High School in Huntington, one of the few Black high schools at the time. He received his diploma in just two years, as he was already self-taught in basic reading, writing, and arithmetic. Woodson then earned his first collegiate degree from Berea College in Berea, Kentucky in 1903 and continued his education at the University of Chicago, obtaining another Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree, both in 1908. In 1909, Woodson accepted a teaching position at Armstrong Manual Training School in Washington, DC where he taught English, French, Spanish, and history. In 1912, he earned his PhD in History from Harvard University, making him the second Black American (only following W.E.B. Du Bois) to graduate with a PhD from Harvard; and the only person of enslaved parentage to earn a PhD in History from any institution in the United States.

After completing his PhD, Woodson returned to the Armstrong School as principal in 1914 where he emphasized the importance of both vocational and liberal arts education.

Woodson set out in 1926 to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black history and culture. He envisioned a weeklong celebration to encourage the coordinated teaching of Black history in public schools. He designated the second week of February as Negro History Week, choosing this week because it encompassed the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both men being great American symbols of freedom.

The idea eventually grew in acceptance, and on February 10, 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

Excerpts from articles from NPR & NPS.

## LITTLE KNOW BLACK HISTORY FACTS



It's estimated that around 100,000 enslaved people escaped to the North via the Underground Railroad from 1810 to 1850.



In July 1777, Vermont became the first colony to ban slavery.



In 1920, Fritz Pollard and Bobby Marshall became the first Black athletes to play in the NFL. Pollard was also the league's first Black coach.

Commitment



First published in 1936, The Negro Motorist Green Book was a comprehensive guide for Black travelers about locations across America-and eventually overseas-that were either Black-owned or didn't engage in segregationist practices. The guide was printed for 30 years. It stopped publication in INITIATIVE 1966, two years after the Civil Rights Act was passed.

# **DISCOVERY** – Black History Makers



*"All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded."* Exodus 35:10

Search for first and last names of Black History Makers.

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WORD LIST Charles Drew Bessie Coleman Benjamin Davis Benjamin Banneker Elijah McCoy Granville Woods Samuel Scottron Hugh Mason Browne James Forten Patricia Bath



(Answer at the end of the newsletter)



Every person is born with a seed of greatness. - Dr. Myles Munroe

# **DISCOVERY** – Info on our Discovery Black History Makers

More than just musicians, poets, actors and athletes, African Americans have made many contributions in the world and throughout the world - inventors, scientists, agriculturalists and more. Here are some of the persons we don't hear much about, but who have made monumental contributions for the good of many.

<u>Charles R. Drew</u> is remembered as the creator of the blood bank, the first director of the American Red Cross and the first Black man to earn a doctorate from Columbia University.

<u>Bessie Coleman</u> was the first African-American woman to obtain an international pilot's license. As a Black woman in the 1920s, she faced many obstacles because of her race and gender. She would say that, "the air is the only place free from prejudice."

In 1941 – the year the United States entered World War II – the Tuskegee Army Air Field began training African Americans as military pilots. <u>Benjamin O. Davis</u> was part of the first graduating class and immediately given a command of a unit of all-Black pilots; he later commanded an even larger group.

<u>Benjamin Banneker</u> was a farmer, scientist, mathematician, writer, abolitionist, surveyor, and more. He serviced as a surveyor on a six-man team which helped design the blueprints for Washington, DC. President Washington had appointed Banneker, making him the first Black presidential appointee in the United States.

<u>Elijah McCoy</u> invented a system that helps machines lubricate their own parts without constant supervision. Before his invention in order to lubricate parts, machines had to be shut down and then oiled by hand. With over 50 patents to his name, he had a brand for excellence, which is where the term "The Real McCoy" originates.

<u>Granville T. Woods</u> was known as the "Black Edison," since he was a prolific inventor. He had 150 patents, and 35 of them are in the field of electricity and electromagnets. His most notable invention was one that allowed messages to be sent between moving trains and train stations, which let stations know how far away trains were and led to safer travel.

<u>Samuel Scottron</u> invented an adjustable mirror so that barbershop clients could examine their haircuts from every angle. From the barbershop, Scottron branched out into inventions for the home. Scottron was the first African American to be a member of the Brooklyn, New York, Board of Education and was a co-founder of the Cuban Anti-Slavery Society.

<u>Hugh Mason Browne</u> (1851–1923) was an educator who worked with such prominent African Americans as Booker T. Washington, W. E. B. DuBois, and Charles Chesnutt. Browne invented a machine that trapped sewer water and stopped it from flowing back into a house. This helped residents live healthier lives. Browne was granted the patent on April 29, 1890.

<u>James Forten</u> was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1766. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Revolutionary War and was captured by the British. Despite being offered freedom if he agreed to live in England, Forten refused, choosing to remain a prisoner for liberty rather than betray his country. After the war, he became an apprentice sailmaker and developed equipment to help handle ship sails, significantly improving efficiency. His invention made him wealthy, and he used his wealth to support the abolition of slavery.

<u>Patricia Bath</u> was an academic and ophthalmologist who invented the process of removing cataracts using a laser beam device known as the Laserphaco Probe. Bath achieved many impressive milestones in her career. She was the first woman appointed to the ophthalmology faculty at UCLA and the first African American woman to serve as a staff surgeon at the UCLA Medical Center. Additionally, she was the first African American woman to hold a patent for a medical invention.

*For more information on lesser known inventors, go to:* <u>https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/topic/african-american-heroes</u>

https://hereweeread.com/2019/01/9-black-inventors-you-may-have-missed-in-history-class-picture-book-recommendations.html

# Children's Corner

The word for this month is <u>GREATNESS</u>. Greatness is the quality of being distinguished, significant; showing forth excellency. Greatness isn't about how much 'success' you have, how much money you make or how many people know your name. It's about **who you are and how you treat others**. You may be a child, but God calls you a blessing. endowed at birth with greatness within you. Think about it this month, and we'll explore more next month.

#### Now on to some fun activities for you to participate in!

 Black History Month at the Free Library of Philadelphia Through February 29<sup>th</sup>, Dates and times vary

<u>The Free Library of Philadelphia</u> celebrates Black History Month with <u>free events at libraries</u> throughout the city all month long (no library card needed). Included among the Free Library's dozens of Black History Month talks, concerts, food programs, film screenings and more. Click on the links above to find out where and when events will be held.

Historic Walking Tour: Legacy Reclaimed | Departing from Mother Bethel Fellowship Hall 419 S 6th St, Phila, 19147 | Tours start at 11 am on Saturdays – February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

A new art and history exploration, <u>Legacy Reclaimed: A 7th Ward Tribute</u> honors the lives – and lesser-known history – of the 19th-century Black residents of Philadelphia's old 7th Ward, an important part of <u>the Underground Railroad</u> and Great Migration, and former home to 15,000 Black residents including Octavius V. Catto and W. E. B. Du Bois. As part of the event, a 90-minute guided *7th Ward Tribute* Walking Tour takes you to nearly a dozen neighborhood sites, including new art installations and several homes and businesses. Can't make a guided tour? Grab a <u>self-guided tour map</u>.

Black History Month Showcase | Hyatt Centric Center City Philadelphia, 1620 Chancellor St. Through Thursday, February 29th

Philly's upscale Hyatt Centric Center City hotel celebrates local Black artists with its first ever Black History Month Showcase. This multimedia exhibit spans textiles, paintings, photography, illustrations and sculpture, all produced by various Philadelphia-based creatives. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

 Lunar New Year at Fashion District | 9th & Market entrance (at The Cube) Saturday, February 17th, 1-3pm

Head to the 9th and Market entrance ("the Cube") for an afternoon of celebration. There'll be a Philadelphia Suns lion dance around the mall, free kids' crafts, and a storytelling and dance presentation by Ballet SunMi.

 <u>Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus</u> | Wells Fargo Center, 3601 South Broad St, PA 19148 February 16<sup>th</sup> through 19th

"The Greatest Show on Earth" is back! What's not back? Animal performers are no longer part of the circus, after years of public outcry and ethical concerns. This circus is "reimagined," focusing on high-flying thrills. Think aerial artists, acrobatics, juggling, something called the "human rocket," bike stunts, and lots more.

#### Bucket Drumming

West Oak Lane Library, 2000 East Washington Lane, Phila - Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Overbrook Park Library, 7422 Haverford Ave, Phila - Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 330pm Bustleton Library, 10199 Bustleton Ave, Phila - Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

Bucket Drumming was born originally as a street art with ties to African rhythms and traditions. Join us as we explore these diverse rhythms in a group environment. This program is suitable for all ages.

Art Kids Studio: Hands-On Activities | Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Phila Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 3pm

Drop in and make art as a family. Projects change every few weeks. Artists of all ages welcome. Art Kids Studio takes place in the South Vaulted Walkway of the Main Building. This event is part of the Art Kids program series.

Codes, Signs & Symbols of the Underground Railroad | Phila City Institute, 1905 Locust St, Phila 19103 Tuesday, February 20th, 530 pm

Experience an interactive and immersive presentation of African American History. The presentation is fun, exciting, informative, and suitable for all audiences.

Stories of Science | Science History Institute, 315 Chestnut St., Phila Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 5pm

Join the Science History Institute in their museum EVERY SATURDAY for a family-friendly program that highlights the many strange and surprising stories from the history of science! Their fun, interactive activities are designed for science lovers of all ages. Take an up-close look at interesting items in their handling collection. Stop by their <u>Object Explorer</u> touch table to learn about the science behind everyday items like ice cube trays and LED light bulbs. Chat with their experienced Gallery Guides to find out more about the people responsible for the science embedded in our daily lives.

Telling Tales: African American Stories & Songs | Northeast Regional Library, 2228 Cottman Ave, Phila Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

Join Storyteller Mama Carla and experience African American storytelling, interactive songs, and easy-to-learn rhythms. This program is suitable for all ages.

 <u>Black History Heroes Day</u> | The African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch St, Phila Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 4pm

Stand tall and proud to celebrate Black History Month with AAMP's first youth costume party. On Sunday, February 18th, AAMP invites our youngest audience members (13 and below) to help share the excellence of history by dressing as their favorite figure in Black History. Christopher Miller, the Executive Vice President, will close the day with a dramatic reading of one of his favorite picture books about the father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson. During the celebration in the auditorium, youth are welcome to join the Wax Museum Activity, where they can strike a pose dressed as their favorite figure in history and tell guests a few fun facts about themselves.



 <u>Sweetheart Skate</u> | Independence Blue Cross RiverRink, 101 S Columbus Blvd, Phila Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 11pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day with premium ice skating at Sweetheart Skate. Enjoy flowers, slow jams by a local DJ, boardwalk games, and rides, and cozy cabins, firepits, or the rinkside Lounge. Take in this enchanting setting on the Philadelphia Waterfront with your special someone.

 Leaders and Legends of Philadelphia, A Black History Month Exhibit for Families Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse, 3500 Reservoir Dr, East Fairmount Park, Phila Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 4pm; Tuesday, February 20th, 10am - 4pm; Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am - 4pm

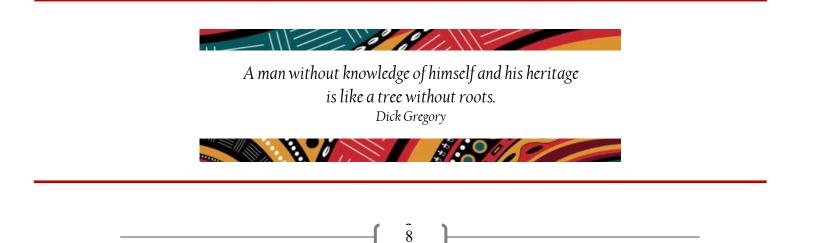
Don't miss the 4th annual "Leaders and Legends of Philadelphia" exhibit at Smith Memorial Playground, a free, interactive Black History Month exhibit for families. It honors the contributions of local African American leaders across a wide range of fields, including fields whose impact has made Philly a better place to live, work, grow, and play.

 <u>African Americans through the Arts</u> | African American Museum, 701 Arch St, Phila, 19106 Through February 29<sup>th</sup>

The African American Museum in Philadelphia celebrates and commemorates Black History Month by exploring the theme of "African Americans and the Arts." Offering inclusive programming for visitors of all ages and backgrounds, the exhibit aims to bring together diverse audiences in greater appreciation of the Black Experience. The theme illuminates how African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Through this theme, the museum examines the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans.

 <u>Soul Food Superstars</u> | Holmesburg Library, 7810 Frankford Ave, Phila Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 530 pm

Holmesburg Library will showcase the deeply nourishing aspects of traditional African American cuisine like greens, sweet potatoes, and black-eyed peas. This program is suitable for all ages.





### **RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS**

At the time of publication, listed resources were available. We recommend you call and verify that what you are interested in is still happening or available.

Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors and within your social and ministry circles. Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

# FOOD RESOURCES

We are listing known food distributions, but you can also contact churches in your neighborhoods. Many of them hold weekly distributions.

 Fresh for all Wednesdays | Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church, 1854 N 22nd St, Phila, 19121 1130pm - 1:30pm on Wednesdays – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

Get your fruits and veggies! This weekly produce stand is free to all, and runs weather dependent. Call 215-227-4421 for information on possible weather dependent cancellations.

- <u>Gompers Free Food Distribution</u> | Samuel Gompers School, 5701 Wynnefield Ave, Phila, 19131 Samuel Gompers School, 5701 Wynnefield Ave, Phila 19131 11:30am - 1pm on Wednesdays, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>
- Einstein Healthcare Network & Philabundance | At the corner of 11th St @W. Clarkson St, Phila, 19141 Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 – 10:30 am A weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost. On the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus.
- Two Fish, Five Loaves Food Distribution | New Covenant Church of Phila, 19119 Operating at 1:30 pm until supplies exhausted. Saturdays, February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>
- Free Produce Distribution | Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila, 19120
  10am 3pm, Fridays February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stop by the Mi Salud Wellness Center Resource Hub every Friday for:

- Free produce (various fruits and vegetables)
- Free COVID-19 test kits
- Free masks (surgical and respirator available)
- Connections and resources for other health services
- To find children, youth, and senior meal providers near you: VIEW THE FOOD SITES MAP
- Click here to <u>Find meal sites for residents experiencing hunger and homelessness</u>
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# HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

#### • <u>Smoke Alarms</u>

Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also <u>submit a request to Philly 311 online</u>.

#### • <u>211 – Help Line</u>

Serving New Jersey, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, 211 helps individuals find and connect with critical resources in their communities. The line is supported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in 150 languages. From everyday needs to educational opportunities and crisis support, a 211 Resource Specialist is ready to help families connect to more than 10,000 local health and human services. The hotline is sponsored by the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

**NEW JERSEY:** Call 211, text 898-211 or visit <u>nj211.org</u>. **PENNSYLVANIA:** Call/text 211 or visit <u>211SEPA.org</u>.

In partnership with the City of Philadelphia, 211 Southeastern Pennsylvania is now specialized in violence prevention in Philadelphia county. Their motto is, "There is no basic need more important than safety". The 2-1-1 Violence Prevention Hotline is free and confidential.

#### <u>Water Assistance Program/LIHWAP</u>

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. **You do not have to repay it**.

LIHWAP crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one crisis grant for your drinking water service and one crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

#### How to Apply

- Online: <u>www.compass.state.pa.us</u>
- **Phone**: Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- **In-Person**: Applications are available at your local <u>county assistance office</u>. For more information go to: <u>https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx</u>

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### <u>Resolving Your</u> Issues | An Interactive Workshop

Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs, 1936 Judson St, PA 19121 Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 530pm – 730pm

This is an interactive workshop resolving your issues regarding Wills and Estate Planning and Tangled Titles. Light dinner will be served at 5 pm. Please RSVP by February 15<sup>th</sup> if possible. Send your name, phone number, email and address to: Lawrence Battle, <u>lawrenceBattle@strawberrymansionnac.org</u>, or Makala Jones, MakalaJones@projecthome.org

#### <u>Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center</u>

The School District of Philadelphia's Re-Engagement Center (REC) aims to provide students who have previously dropped out (or those in school and at risk of dropping out) with the chance to return to school by offering a range of "educational pathways". These pathways are designed to assist students by providing a "best fit path" to earn their high school diploma & prepare students for successful postsecondary experiences. For more information go to:

https://www.philasd.org/opportunitynetwork/reengagement/





#### <u>DadLab</u> | Meetings held online with Zoom Sponsored by Einstein Medical Center of Philadelphia

This is a group designed for new fathers to learn about being a dad. Transitioning to fatherhood can be overwhelming. Sharing your experiences and learning from others can help you build confidence



and bond with your baby. You won't be lectured on the "right" way to father. You'll have an opportunity to share your fathering experiences, concerns and questions. You'll connect with other dads going through the same things as you. New moms and partners are also included because everyone benefits when co-parents communicate and coordinate their care. **For meeting times**, call or text DadLab Director Jay Cherney at 215-690-1029 or email him at cherney.jay@gmail.com. Or, contact Co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or <u>iszardc@einstein.edu</u>.

### **RESTORATION ASSISTANCE**

#### • Violence Prevention Hotline | dial 211

In 2022, United Way partnered with the City of Philadelphia to add a violence prevention option to the 211 Resource Hotline. The Hotline, which already provided 24/7 real-time support for people seeking help with benefits access, housing, and healthcare, is now able to assist individuals engaging in violence or who live in neighborhoods experiencing high rates of crime. Individuals can call 211, send a text to 898-211, or enter a live chat at **pa211.org** and get connected to trained Resource Navigators who can lead them to preventative services, grief support, and more in over 150 languages.

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While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

#### COVID RELIEF

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. Call 844-684-6333 to apply.

#### Covid-19 VACCINATIONS

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are available in numerous locations throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding cities and counties.

#### To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:

- go to: <u>https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-booster/</u>
- Search vaccines.gov,
- Text your ZIP code to 438829, or

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- Call 1-800-232-0233.
- Many neighborhood pharmacies continue to offer the vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy.
- To request an in-home appointment, **<u>fill out the online form</u>**



#### Covid-19 Testing

- To order at-home covid tests, click on this link: <u>https://special.usps.com/testkits</u>
- There are many covid testing sites available. Go to: <u>https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/</u> or access the Testing Locator at <u>testinglocator.cdc.gov</u>.

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Project HOME Community Programming for 19121 and 19132 | Honickman Learning Center, 1936 N. Judson St, Phila 19121

Tuesdays: Zumba, 530pm – 630pm Thursdays: Total Body, 530pm – 630pm 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: Yoga, 1130am – 1230pm; Zumba 1pm – 2pm

The Honickman Learning Center has partnered with the YMCA to deliver high-quality community programming. We'll be offering Zumba, Total Body, and Yoga classes starting in February, Classes will be located in the auditorium. Sign up for fun, fitness, and health-centered activities. While you're breaking a sweat consider leaving your child with the YMCA childcare team. Keeping the little ones an arm's length away keeps the family together while offering you peace of mind. Email for sign-up: duwaynespangler@projecthome.org

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



Looking for a place to learn about God and gain insight into His word? Here are a few suggestions:

- <u>'Girl Talk'</u> | Every Sunday, 2pm 3 pm on : Facebook: WTGB or online: https//tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/
- New Covenant Church of Philadelphia | Pastor Robert Oliver 7500 Germantown Ave, Phila, 19119
   Sunday morning worship – 930am and livestreamed on Youtube – NCCPhilly Join them on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 930am for a Prayer Gathering, May The Fire Of Our Altars Never Burn Out.
- <u>Change Church</u> | 895 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060 Sunday morning worship - 1130am | *Pastor Dharius Daniels*
- <u>Ebenezer Baptist Church</u> | 1002 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Phila., 19133
  Sunday morning worship 11am | *Pastor Malcom Medley*
- Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Phila., 19132
  Sunday morning worship 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- Polite Temple Baptist Church | 38 E. Price Street, Phila., 19144
  Morning Worship 11:15am | Pastor Bernadine Waterman
  Join Pastor Bernadine Waterman and the Polite Temple Baptist Church for the following:
- Providence Baptist Church | 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., 19144
  Sunday morning worship 10am | Pastor A. Gregory Jackson

Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm. Contact information: 267-290-0654 or <u>abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com</u>

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#### **TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER**

Who created the ice cream scoop?



Alfred L. Cralle

Ladles and spoons were never meant to be the right tools for serving ice cream. Alfred L. Cralle, who had only received basic education as a child, noticed this while working at a hotel in Pittsburgh. He went on to develop a purpose-built tool for the job known today as the ice cream scoop. His invention spread so quickly that nobody knew the creative mind behind the design. Unfortunately, Cralle never profited from his idea.

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