

The 411

AUTHOR SUPPORTS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH STORYTELLING

KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE  
COVER STORY:

Charles Campbell

New book release: *Jeen the Tween*

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Dee Freeman

Shares artistry through Poetry.

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Meet in a "Safe Space" with Pastor PJ

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SOULS IN THE POLLS TRUNK OR TREAT

Souls to the Polls Trunk-or-Treat: A Halloween Voting Education Event Hosted by Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope and Partnering Organizations

Lansing - The Lansing City Clerk's Office and multiple community organizations are organizing a Halloween-themed event to promote voter participation and citizen engagement. The South Washington Election Unit Parking Lot at 2500 South Washington will transform into a drive-thru trick-or-treating experience. The public is invited to drive through in their car and receive candy

and fun items from all participating organizations. It is a fun, non-partisan, socially distanced, and safe event for the entire family. Voters of all ages will also be able to participate in a mock Halloween special election using real tabulators to learn the voting process by voting for their favorite Halloween character, favorite candy, and a "proposal" about limiting candy intake on October 31.

Twelve-year old guitar prodigy and songwriter Jeen Green lives in Lansing, Michigan with her family. Toward realizing her dream of worldwide fame and success, several obstacles exist. As if her young life wasn't already stressful enough dealing with family responsibilities of watching over her younger brother whom she affectionately calls 'Baby', Jeen is saddled with helping care give an elderly 'granny'. Then as it did for everyone, Covid-19 threw a ginormous monkey wrench into Jeen's plans. Through it all, she learns valuable life lessons from her parents, and social media with events like George Floyd and Breonna Taylor murders. Jeen matures quickly.

In this simple wonderfully illustrated rhyming tale, Jeen's character and arc is complex and compelling. From one angle she's bombarded with political data from a dad who is also a laid off school teacher. Jeen also stresses over a loving nurse mom who faces daily challenges of contracting the virus. And from an ethereal perspective, Jeen establishes her relationship with Mr. and Mrs. God. Finally, she grasps

ples with self being a young girl entering womanhood. Jeen The Tween is available on October 20th on Amazon, at Barnes and Noble and wherever quality books are sold (paperback only). Historical fiction, Jeen stimulates critical thinking, and is designed for family as well as for young adult readers.

In the sequel, Jeen The Teen (available spring 2022) in an ultra-modern, honest, and thought-provoking story, Jeen faces depression. Each subsequent issue will address themes such as financial literacy, body image, and peer pressure. In a spinoff series, Jeen's 'Baby' brother gets a puppy. They name him Mr. T. When we enter the fantasy world of The Bone Tree, your child will see, T's not your average puppy. Another BPB title being re-released is children's fantasy book, Roy McCoy which addresses childhood obesity. The new edition will be available soon. Again, please visit us at www.BlackPhoenixBooks.com for specific release dates.

BPB offers stories where marginalized youth see themselves favorably. BPB presents stories that encourage youth to want to read further, research more advanced words, sentences, phrases and meanings. All children have taken a pandemic leave of absence from school in excess of eighteen months. With regard to in-person learning, marginalized youths are MIA and trailing all others with literary skills.

We no longer use dictionaries, a thesaurus, or volumes on synonyms, antonyms, and punctuation. Today finding these tools is as simple as pushing a button. Yet our children are failing in literary arts. Why is that? Some reasons include educators being understaffed, undervalued and underpaid. Even during pre-pandemic, schools had become drop-offs for free meals and day care. Black and Brown boys ages ten to fifteen are all but excluded from the literary equation. BPB is addressing that void as well. In 2022 we will introduce a young adult novel series titled The Magic Coin where twelve-year-old bully Walter Jones is on school suspension, finds a magic gold coin, and leads a multi-racial expedition of his peers to another galaxy where they battle aliens to defend America. At BPB many of our illustrated stories rhyme and are designed to be video games, movies and TV series. BPB looks forward to you and your children becoming fans. We encourage you to research our products via our website, www.BlackPhoenixBooks.com for direct links to our books available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other stores. Schools, religious institutions, prisons, private groups, donors, and anyone who cares to see all children increase their chances of success are welcome to support our cause. Since our books are adult friendly, feel free to purchase a book as a gift for yourself as well. Matthew A. Smith, Pastor of the Lansing Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Charles are partnering to develop literacy and healthy living programs. Their initial plan involves using the Roy McCoy book to assist children/families living in the Lansing Baker Neighborhood. The vision is to involve Charter and all schools in the Greater Lansing School District at large. As adults we must invest in our youths' futures. Aren't we losing enough of them? Drop us a postcard. Drop a line. Donate. Sponsor books for neighborhoods, youth groups, organizations, and more. Share with us your needs and reading experiences with our products and your youth. We care. Inquire about our interactive educational workshops. Get involved! With all gifts, literacy workshops for groups any size (virtual or in-person) are complimentary. Peace Enjoy the Wealth of Health

Gov. Whitmer Signs Directive to Coordinate All Available State Resources to Deliver Safe Drinking Water to Residents in Benton Harbor

Lt. Governor Gilchrist visits Benton Harbor, hosts roundtable with local residents and community leaders

LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer today signed an executive directive aimed at ensuring access to safe drinking water for Benton Harbor and Lieutenant Governor Gartin Gilchrist II visited the community, meeting with residents and community leaders. The directive implements an all-hands-on-deck, whole-of-government approach to move forward with urgency and ensure that every parent can give their kid a glass of water with confidence.

"Every Michigander deserves safe drinking water, and every community deserves lead-free pipes," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "I'm proud to sign an Executive Directive today that will pursue a whole-of-government approach to protect access to safe drinking water right now and work tirelessly to replace every lead service line in Benton Harbor as soon as possible. I cannot imagine the stress that moms and dads in Benton Harbor are under as they emerge from a pandemic, work hard to put food on the table, pay the bills, and face a threat to the health of their children. That's why we are also expediting the timeline to replace lead service lines in an effort to ensure that 100% of the pipes are lead-free in the next 18 months. We will not rest until the job is done and every parent feels confident to give their kid a glass of water knowing that it is safe."

"Today's executive directive is a step forward in the important work we have done in Benton Harbor," said Lt. Governor Gartin Gilchrist. "The directive will implement a whole-of-government approach that brings together state, federal, local and municipal governments, and organizations on the ground, in the community, to solve short-term problems and replace Benton Harbor's lead service lines as quickly as possible. Residents of Benton Harbor deserve access to clean, safe drinking water, and today's executive directive mobilizes the resources of government to achieve that goal."

To protect Benton Harbor's youngest residents and prevent lead exposure, a request was submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, to confirm authorization of WIC ready-to-feed formula. This will allow eligible WIC clients in the City of Benton Harbor currently receiving powder or liquid concentrate formula manufactured in ready-to-feed form access to formula that does not require mixing with water. Ready-to-feed formulas would be redeemed like current formula benefits, using the WIC EBT card at authorized WIC vendors.

"Every Michigander deserves access to water they can trust to drink and that they can trust to give to their family," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "I am committed, our department is committed and our partners are committed to continuing to put the health of the people and families of Benton Harbor at the center of every decision we make. We are taking every precaution and addressing this problem with all the tools that we have at our disposal. We will be here, working in this community, providing bottled water until further notice."

A notification was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services, to expand use of Medicaid Child Health Insurance Program Health Services Initiative funds for lead prevention services for Benton Harbor households. Once the notification process is complete, households with children under 19 years of age enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan, or a pregnant person enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan, would be eligible for a free environmental investigation into lead hazards within the home, and to provide the necessary lead abatement work to ensure the home is lead-safe.

"Benton Harbor is a proud community with a rich history and everyone I talk to in Benton Harbor wants to protect their children, neighbors and friends. They just want to know that the water is safe to drink," said Regina Strong, Michigan's Environmental Justice Public Advocate. "That's why Governor Whitmer's actions today are so important. They reflect what we have committed to do – ensure that everyone in Benton Harbor has access to clean, safe drinking water. Standing with the families of Benton Harbor is an environmental justice priority that we must address with urgency."

"Today's executive directive is the result of close collaboration between the City of Benton Harbor and the Whitmer-Gilchrist Administration to meet the needs of residents in Benton Harbor," said Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad. "I am grateful for the state's diligent work to respond to our concerns and provide resources for residents in need. I look forward to continuing our work with state and federal governments to protect residents of Benton Harbor, promote access to safe drinking water, and take advantage of the resources we have to replace the city's lead service lines as soon as possible."

"Water is the first human need," said Bishop James Atterberry, Brotherhood Church. "It is the building block of life. In Michigan, we are blessed to be surrounded by the most magnificent bodies of freshwater on Earth, and every single one of our residents in every community, deserves access to safe drinking water. Today's executive directive is a good step forward for the city of Benton Harbor, and I look forward to continued action from state, federal, and local governments to fix the issues that Benton Harbor residents face. We will not rest until every child is safe from lead and every family knows their water is safe."

Executive Directive (ED) Actions  
The executive directive builds on ongoing efforts underway at various departments and by critical stakeholder groups and community leaders, ensuring state government and its partners are all rowing in the same direction and laser-focused on shared goals.

Here are some of the actions the directive takes:  
Residents of Benton Harbor must continue to have access to free bottled water until further notice.  
Residents must be offered free or low-cost lead-related services including

but not limited to drinking water testing and health services. The State of Michigan will collaborate closely with federal partners, county officials, city officials, and community leaders to communicate up-to-date information and leverage every available resource to accelerate lead service line replacement.

Lead Service Lines (LSLs)  
Under Michigan's Lead and Copper Rule, the strictest nationwide, every community is required to replace 5% of its LSLs every year, meaning 100% replacement in 20 years. However, any community experiencing an action level exceedance, or ALE, is required to replace their LSLs at a rate of 7% per year, meaning 100% completion in just under 15 years.

Recently, the Whitmer-Gilchrist Administration delivered just under \$20 million to Benton Harbor to speed up their LSL replacement timeline. Today, the governor announced the state is committed to expediting lead service line replacements using additional federal, state, and local resources, with the goal of replacing 100% of lead service lines in Benton Harbor in 18 months.

With additional federal funding expected under the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act making its way through Congress, the State of Michigan will receive billions more to fix its infrastructure, including lead pipes.

Lead  
There is no safe level of lead. Lead exposure harms brain development in children and it causes both short and long-term health problems for adults. The leading causes of lead exposure are drinking water and paint. About 34 million homes have lead-based paint and around 9.2 million have lead pipes. Michigan's top priority is simple: safe drinking water for everyone.

Whitmer-Gilchrist Administration Actions  
In the two and a half years since the Whitmer-Gilchrist Administration took office in January 2019, the State of Michigan has invested more in its water infrastructure than the previous five years—from 2014 to 2018—combined. The governor launched the MI Clean Water plan to invest \$700 million to build up drinking and wastewater infrastructure while supporting 10,000 good-paying jobs. The plan addresses high water rates, tackles toxic contaminants like PFAS, builds up sewer and septic systems that can't meet demand, and replaces lead service lines. In addition to MI Clean Water plan, Michigan has invested millions in drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities across the state supporting thousands of local jobs.

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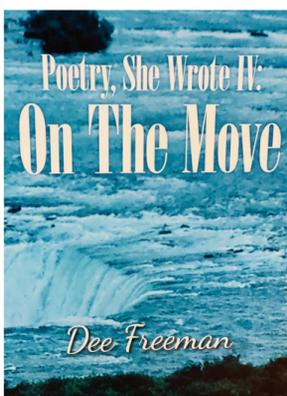
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Hey EVERYBODY! It's past time to wake up! Wake up, then Stay woke! Because the bigotry coming from the new administration, just ain't no joke!

Theodore Parker said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but bends towards justice. I say...to heck with a bending arc, we need to break it down, cause this arc just ain't bringing the right justice for us.

We struggle and grapple with a systemic, unjust criminal justice system, Things are clearly getting worse, so we must stay woke!

Times are now troubling. Being true to oneself is at times trying. Loving our fellowman is taxing. Life itself is sometimes tumultuous. But we won't stop...we can't give in. We gotta push on to the end.

Race matters, black lives matter, people matters, Hell, LIFE matters! Race matters, so we provide hope to all disadvantaged Black lives matters, so we speak out against biased police brutality People matter, so we refuse to accept acts of hatred and bigotry Life matters, so we give aide to the many victims of prejudice and injustice

As we speak out loudly against injustices, We speak truth to power and

must move actively forward We can't waste any opportunity to Speak up and out We are eager to roll with the punches, through the good and bad times, through the ups and downs, through our successes and setbacks, with the ebbs and flows of the tide.

And through all this we need to be vigilant...ergo, We Must Stay WOKE! This is a serious cause for which we must stand up and be counted! So, we symbolically take a knee with Kaepernick, To voice our dissatisfaction...for the continued violent actions Of those who would see us prideless, Bowed, humiliated and submissive...again!

We are the proud vocal agents of transformation. We will NOT go quietly into the night We will NOT keep silent about these horrendous Acts perpetrated against us! So, if you see something amiss, Speak, don't dismiss it. Racism and hypocrisy need a wakeup call. We must demand change...demand equal justice for all. Our current dilemma ain't even close to being a joke, So, We better wake up y'all...and WE better Stay Woke!



**CONNECTED SOUL II SOUL: MIDNIGHT, AND I CANNOT SLEEP** 1012202

Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.  
Lt. Commander (RET) US Navy Chaplain Corps  
Certified Peer Support Specialist



**BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK**

25 "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, Acts 16:25."



Dearest of All, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, we're living in a time when there seem to be hundreds of reasons to fret, worry, fear, and fuss. In time, someone popularized the words to a song as follows: When I'm worried and cannot sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep. And I fall asleep counting my blessings. So I offer an option that works better for believers in the Lillie of the Valley.

A little bit of background – Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright gifted me with the first sermon I heard him preach. I was interning at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on Howard's main campus in Washington, D. C., under the tutelage of the Dean of the Chapel, the late Dr. Evans Crawford. The title of Dr. Wright's sermon escapes me though the message remains clear. "You can pray the most profound prayer in public, and your prayer life in private must also reflect an intimacy with God. Without which, you are no earthly or heavenly good."

This week on TRIUMPHANT THURSDAYS with Dr. Pj, we are continuing on the subject of Domestic Violence. Our guest is Tashara Childs. She has her practice in Huntsville, Ala, and has written several books, including a collaboration with Anotho J. Lovejoy titled He Said/She Said: A Workbook on using K.I.N.D. Communications.

As you may imagine, survivors of Domestic Violence may find themselves awake at midnight for fear of what violence could happen should they go to sleep. Now is when the alternative to counting sheep and counting blessings comes in handy.

Look at what Paul and Silas were doing at midnight. They had been beaten and scorned for healing a young girl in their community and thrown into prison. Yet, we find them praying – I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth; and, singing hymns – what a fellowship what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arm.

And the good news is, you can have this sweet communion between you and the Divine without anyone noticing. This could also become a source of security and comfort at midnight, and you cannot sleep.

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**Celebration Announcements**  
By  
Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration  
**Birthdays in October 2021**

- Ms. Diana Gomez celebrates her birth on October 1st.
- Ms. Souci Chappell celebrates her 38th birthday on October 1st, saying "Happy birthday to me! Glad to make to my 38th birthday, because someone else did not."
- Mr. Robert Lopez enjoys his 19th birthday on October 2nd, with family and friends. "Much Love" Dad
- Ms. Marcella Rosarro had celebrates her birth on October 2nd, with family and friends.
- Ms. Tracy Skinner celebrates her birthday on October 2nd, with family and friends. She says "I'm loving life, one day at a time"
- Ms. Jennifer Johnson celebrates her birthday on October 4th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Keanna Adams enjoys her 31st birthday on October 5th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Darrylyn Moore celebrates her 39th birthday on October 5th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Latrea Milton celebrated her 31st birthday on October 5, dancing with her girls.
- Rev. Dr. Kay "Little Kay" Porter celebrates her 64rd birthday on October 6th , also a new Pastoral assignment , with Family and friends, sharing "new and old friendships".
- Ms. Donna Haynie celebrates her birthday on October 6th.
- Mr. Preston White celebrates his birth with a barbecue party.
- Ms. Rhonda Christian celebrates her 41st birthday on October 6th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Katie Phraxayavong celebrates her birthday on October 8th, with Abby.
- Ms. Gloria Bermudez celebrated her "Fabulous 50th" birthday on October 8th, just chilling, loving life.
- Master Lavell Goins enjoys his 12th birthday on October 8th, with family and friends. "Happy Birthday to mommy's little handsome man. So glad to watch you grow and become independent!" Love mommy
- Ms. Phyllis Bartlett celebrates her birthday on October 9th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Jessica Malcolm celebrates her 50th birthday on October 9th.
- Ms. Enisa Nevaeh (Brown) Thomas, enjoying her 20th birthday on October 10th, after celebrating the birthday of her Mother, Donecia and Grandad, Luther, along with her's by a trip to visit Family . "We love each other forever!!!"
- Ms. Amy White celebrates her 51st birthday on October 10th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Lawrence Hodge celebrates his 58th birthday on October 11th.
- Mr. Kion Bates celebrates his 45th birthday on October 11th, with family and friends. "Thank you Mr. B"
- Mr. Jacob McKenney celebrates his birth on October 11th, with family and friends. "Much love" Mom
- Ms. Cheyanne Nichole Garvie enjoys her 19th birthday on October 12th, with family and friends. Aunt T.T. loves you, my beautiful big girl!!!
- Ms. Amanda Smith celebrates her 37th birthday on October 12th, with family and friends. "I am blessed to see another year with my family and friends!"
- Mr. Quincy Johnson celebrates his 65th birthday on October 12th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Michelle Johnson Beard celebrates her birthday on October 14th.
- Ms. Marilyn Plummer celebrates her birthday October 17th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Sarae Coddington celebrates her 38th birthday on October 17th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kathy Fair celebrates her birthday on October 17th with family and friends.
- Ms. Geraldine Rush enjoys her 73nd birthday on October 17th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Tanisha Jefferson celebrates her 38th birthday on October 18th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Meredith Mertz enjoys her 35th birthday on October 18th, celebrating with family. She says, "I love Life, for it's so amazing!"
- Ms. Kim Walker celebrates her 49th birthday on October 18th.
- Ms. Liza Leal celebrates her 52nd birthday on October 18th.
- Mr. Eugene Allen celebrates his 75th birthday on October 19th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Mya Douse enjoys her 25th birthday on October 19th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Corrin O. celebrates her birthday on October 20th with family and friends.
- Ms. Brooke Hening celebrates her birthday on October 21st.
- Mr. Eric Buckner celebrates his birthday on October 23rd.
- Mr. Steven Smith enjoys his birthday October 24th. "Thank you to all my family and friends!"
- Mr. Zechariah Turner celebrates his 13th birthday on October 24th.
- Mr. Eric McClinton celebrates his 22nd birthday on October 24th with family and friends.
- Ms. Tamese Vinsom celebrates her 44th birthday on October 25th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Alena Rush-Bowers will celebrate her birth on October 25th, with her grandparents, family and friends.
- Ms. Kelly Hampton celebrates her birthday on October 26th.
- Ms. Mollie Demond has the pleasure of celebrating her 65th birthday on October 26th.
- Ms. Melissa Robinson celebrates her 41st birthday on October 26th.
- Ms. Jonna David enjoys her 45th birthday on October 27th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Karlton "Fri" Gilmore enjoys his 51st birthday on October 27th.
- Ms. Renita McAbee celebrates her birthday on October 28th.
- Ms. Kelly Glynn will celebrate her 54th birthday on October 28th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Doris Redmond celebrates her 37th birthday on October 28th, she says; "Thank You, Jesus for one more year!"
- Ms. Angela Pruitt celebrates her birthday on October 28th - Happy 34th! Ms. Lori Wright celebrates her 54th birthday on October 29th.
- Mr. Sovran Brown, Army Soldier, celebrates his 29th birthday on October 29th , with family, friends and new Baby Boy. Congratulations! Thank You for Your Service!!!
- Sir Paris Leek enjoys his 18th birthday on October 30th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Robert Walter, who was born on October 30th, 1981, will be celebrating that event by hanging out with his family and friends.
- Ms. Sheka Green celebrates her birthday on October 31st.
- Ms. Whitney Stowell celebrates her 28th birthday on October 31st. "Happy Birthday Baby Girl!" Love Mom
- Ms. Maryann Smrek celebrated her birthday on October 31st. She said "I am truly grateful to God for giving me the best parents in the world: thank you, Mom for your unconditional love! Maryann.
- Happy 61st to my mom, Simona Barber, I love you; wish you a happy birthday and many more to come. Love always, Souci Chappell
- \*Anniversaries
- Mr. Ray and Mrs. Melody Kurtis, blissfully celebrated their wedding anniversary on September 30th, loving life!!!
- Mr. Shawn and Mrs. Donel Martin, lovingly celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on October 2nd
- \*Announcements

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WHY DID WE GET VACCINATED?

**"BECAUSE WE'RE READY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL."**

FRAZIER & CINDITA C. OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

The COVID-19 vaccine will help us get beyond this pandemic.

There are so many things Cindita and Frazier missed in the last year: celebrating big holidays, going to movies, being with friends and family. They hunkered down in the house, life just stopped. They saw firsthand how COVID took away strong, vibrant lives. Which is why they believed it was so important to get vaccinated to get back to normal.

The vaccines have been tested for safety and are trusted by doctors.

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Let's Share the Warmth!

OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

# COAT DRIVE



## DROP OFF LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- City Hall: 124 W. Michigan Avenue
- Foster Community Center: 200 N. Foster Avenue
- Gier Community Center: 2400 Hall Street
- Schmidt Community Center: 5825 Wise Road
- Letts Community Center: 1220 W. Kalamazoo Street

COATS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021, AT:



Learn more by visiting: [lansingmi.gov/hrcs](http://lansingmi.gov/hrcs) or call: 517.483.4477