

49th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY



Martin Luther King Jr.
— COMMUNITY CHURCH —

Sunday, Sept 27, 2026 • 10 AM

9385 Guilford Rd, Columbia, MD 21046

Reverend Darrell S. Greene, Sr., Pastor

Our Church History

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Church is a church “determined to make the Gospel live.” This is our theme and goal, to give flesh to the Gospel. This is a fellowship that abounds in the love of Jesus and the desire to follow Christ on a personal and collective level.

The Church was founded in August, 1977 by seven families who came together to shape a new church group. It was to be a church without titles, without credentials and without distinctions. The group determined that the name would be “The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Church.”

The seven families were John and Ruth Bland and daughters, Susie and Richard Fikes and children, William and Myrtis Winston and children, Joan and Ambrose Lane and children, Betty Spencer, Fredric’s Matthews and Rev. Philip Rushing and family.

In 1980, Rev. Darrell Greene was called to be the second pastor of the church. Rev. Greene has continued to be a spiritual leader for the past 46 years. He continues to minister and lead as the Holy Spirit leads.

The church began meeting at the Dasher Green Elementary School and the moved to Hammond High School. In 2003, the church moved into its present facility.

In the 49 years that have passed, many have come through and blessed us and moved on to bless others. A number of persons have been called to ministry through this church.

We praise God for the continuing witness of this church. We praise God for those who continue to minister through ushering, music ministry, pantry ministry, outreach ministry, flower ministry and many other ways. We pray that as the years go on we will continue to rise to the challenge to do a greater work and provide a greater witness in the name of Christ.

Our Preacher for Today



Rev. Cranston Brooks became a new person in Christ in December 1973 at the New Shiloh Baptist under the ministry of the late Reverend Harold A Carter, Sr.

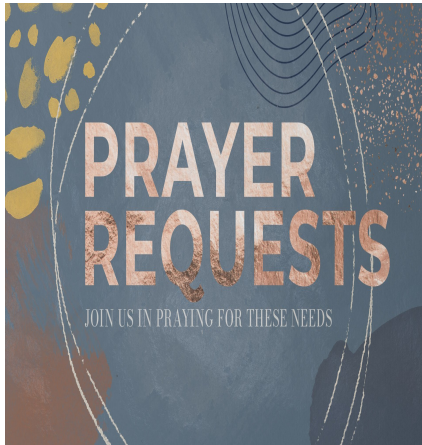
Pastor Brooks was called to the ministry and preached his initial sermon and was licensed to preach in July 1983. He was called to pastor Friendly United Charity Baptist Church in March 1984.

Pastor Brooks pursued biblical studies and taught Bible classes at the Baltimore School of the Bible for several years. His other studies included Morgan State University and St. Mary's Seminary and University. Pastor Brooks also attended Church Development Conferences in Dallas, Texas for several years hosted by

Dr. Tony Evans. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Arlington Baptist College and Institute in May, 2010. Pastor Brooks was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Biblical and Theological Institute of Baltimore.

Pastor Brooks retired from Friendly United Charity Baptist Church in March 2024 after 40 years of pastoral service, teaching, preaching and serving. He currently hosts Bible Study groups twice a month at Encore Assisted Living in Ellicott City.

Pastor Brooks is married to Deloris Spivey Brooks and they are parents of three children, one grandson, and one great grandson.



Our Prayer Concerns

Faith Scales
Carol Campbell
Tim Smoot
Karen Valentine
Malcolm Harris
Brenda. Valentine-Harris
Dr. Major McGuire
Lorraine McKinney
Larae McKinney
Brian Davis
Dwight Davis
Vanessa Davis
Chris Kennard
MLK Church
Susan Sturtevant
Election manipulation
Kim and Michael Burnett
Hostilities around the world
Marjorie Price
Allen Price
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Nepal
Darrell Greene2
Pastor Darrell Greene
Denise Jenkins

Upcoming Events

November 18th -Evening of Jazz with the Goldennaires. Plan to join us for an evening of music.

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

28 - Robert Sturtevant

28 - Truth Thomas

30 - Rev. & Mrs. Greene

A Word of Thanks

- **To LaRae McKinney for working on our web page and for creating our bulletin cover**
- **To Denise Jenkins for always providing flowers.**

Special Prayers

We are in prayer for Denise Jenkins as she travels to North Carolina for the funeral of her aunt.

“I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.”

“Determined to Do the Lord’s Work”

48th Anniversary Celebration

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10:00 AM

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Morning Hymn. I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” # 302

Prayer “Trust Me” Bulletin

Congregational Hymn “Hold to His Hand”. # 51

Choir in Praise

Welcome and Announcements Brenda Valentine-Harris

Faith Offering

Our History

Anniversary Litany. Bulletin

Introduction of the Preacher Pastor

Hymn of Preparation Choir

Sermon Rev. Cranston Brooks
Pastor Emeritus, Friendly United Charity Baptist Church

Hymn of Invitation to Christian Discipleship Guided

General Offering Guided

Hymn of Departure. “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” # 557

Trust Me

I will be with you
I will be with you
I will be with you
If you will only trust Me, trust Me, trust Me

I'll never leave you
I'll never leave you
I'll never leave you
If you will only trust Me, trust Me, trust Me

I'll fight your battle
I'll fight your battle
I'll fight your battle
If you will only trust Me, trust Me, trust Me

I am that I am, I have all power, I will deliver
If you will only trust Me, trust Me, trust Me

Our Anniversary Litany

Be with, O God, as we celebrate this day and the years of Christian fellowship that we have shared as a congregation.

For such a time as this, you have called the church to be at its best.

Quicken our memories of those whose wisdom and love established this church and whose faith and steadfastness glorified you through its life.

For those who laid the foundations of this household of faith, we give thanks.

Make vivid to us the glorious victories that have been won in your name and the continuing fellowship, which has revealed your Spirit through these years.

For this rich inheritance of the church of Jesus Christ, we give thanks.

Crown our joy in this hour with a fresh awareness of the vast company of Christians who share our celebration and urge us to yet greater achievements in Christ's name.

For those who make common cause with us, we give thanks.

May we be worthy of the faith of our ancestors and eager to win new victories for righteousness' sake.

For the “invisible institution” of black slaves we give thanks. For the emergence of the Black Church, solidified by shared suffering and deliverance, we give thanks.

We remember with gratitude and awe their creative appropriation of the Bible, and their centuries long struggle for freedom all alone.

For the assurance of new opportunities to serve you better, we give thanks.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, renew our faith and increase our strength. May we be worthy recipients of past blessings and ready helpers in the tasks that lie ahead

Church Ministries

Worship Celebration

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

In Person and Virtual Worship

Communion - First Sunday Each Month

Bible Study Tuesdays

7:00 PM on ZOOM

Sign in 620 231 2033

Passcode 203354

Women's Ministry on Zoom

Second Saturday each month at 5:00 PM

Zoom 851 7676 2019

Passcode 389920

Men's Ministry Fellowship

Third Saturday as Scheduled

Meaningful Movements with God

Monday through Friday

8:00 AM

On Facebook under Darrell S. Greene Sr.

Join us daily for study from the Word of God

Don't forget to share the Blessing Bags with others!