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**Honoring African American Physicians:  
Pioneers in Medicine and Society**  
*By Dr. Christopher Brown, MD, MPH*

As we celebrate Black History Month, let's recognize the extraordinary contributions

of African American physicians who have shaped the landscape of medicine and society in America.

Dr. James McCune Smith (1813-1865)

Dr. Smith broke barriers as the first African American to earn a medical degree in 1837. He was a pioneering intellectual who used his medical expertise to challenge racist pseudoscience of his time. His work in medicine and his writings on race and society laid the groundwork for future civil rights movements.

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler (1831-1895)

In 1864, Dr. Crumpler became the first African American woman to earn a medical degree in the United States. After the Civil War, she dedicated herself to providing medical care to former slaves in the South, facing significant discrimination but persevering to help those most in need.

Dr. Charles Drew (1904-1950)

Known as the “Father of Blood Banking,” Dr. Drew revolutionized blood preservation techniques in the 1940s. His research on plasma and blood storage saved countless lives during World War II and continues to impact modern medicine. Dr. Drew also fought against racial segregation in the medical profession.

Dr. Marilyn Hughes Gaston (1939-present)

Dr. Gaston’s groundbreaking research on sickle cell disease in the 1980s led to a national screening program for newborns. Her work significantly improved the lives of many African American children affected by this condition. She became the first African American woman to direct a public health service bureau.

Dr. Ben Carson (1951-present)

A renowned neurosurgeon, Dr. Carson is known for his work in pediatric neurosurgery. He performed groundbreaking operations, including the first successful separation of conjoined twins joined at the back of the head. His career has inspired many young African Americans to pursue careers in medicine.

These physicians have not only advanced medical science but also paved the way for greater diversity and inclusion in healthcare. Their stories of perseverance, innovation, and dedication continue to inspire new generations of medical professionals. As we reflect on their legacies, let us be motivated to pursue excellence in our own fields and work towards positive change in our communities. Their achievements remind us that with determination and skill, we can overcome barriers and make lasting contributions to society. This Black History Month, let’s honor these trailblazers by continuing their legacy of service, innovation, and commitment to improving lives.

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## SAINTS ON STREETS

Join us for an Exploratory Virtual Meeting to learn more about our Saints on Streets (S.O.S.) Ministry and the exciting plans for 2025! Monday, March 10th at 6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom

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### Saints of Streets

Are you passionate about making a meaningful impact in our community? Join us New Salem family for an Exploratory Virtual Meeting to learn more about our Saints on Streets (S.O.S.) Ministry and the exciting plans for 2025! The Zoom meeting will take place on **Monday, March 10th from 6:30pm - 7:30 pm**. To register and receive the Zoom link, scan the QR code. For additional information, please contact Brother Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcare.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcare.com) or Sister Donna Hicho at [dhicho@callingallconnectors.org](mailto:dhicho@callingallconnectors.org). Come discover how you can be part of this mission and help us make a lasting difference!

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**Music Ministry REHEARSAL SCHEDULES**  
 March Rehearsals & Ministry held in New Salem's Mini-Fellowship Hall area as follows:  
JBCC - Jean Bell Children's Choir VONS - Voices of New Salem YAC-Young Adult Choir

<b>REHEARSALS</b>	<b>MINISTRY</b>
YAC 3/4, 6pm- 8pm	Sun. March 16- YAC
3/12, 6-7pm	Sun. March 23 - VON
VONS- 3/12, 7-8pm	Sun. March 30- JBCC
3/19, 6-8pm	
JBCC	
3/18, 6-7pm	
3/26, 6-7pm	

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### MAG Rehearsal Schedule

Music rehearsals will continue to be held in the mini fellowship hall area and sanctuary at New Salem for the Young Adult choir, Jean Bell Children's choir and Voices of New Salem for March. Please

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### Food Pantry

Just a quick reminder that our monthly Food Pantry delivery is scheduled for **Monday, March 10, 2025 at 8:00am**. As you may know many of our Linden area families depend heavily on our resources. Our team needs your heart and hands to join us in community service as we continue putting feet on prayers. Parking is available on the church main lot. We appreciate the consideration and hope to see you serving with us then. For more information, please contact Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcare.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcare.com).

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**New Salem Worship Line**  
**Dial 605-313-4100**  
**Access code 3886898**  
 Dial in on your phone and listen to our Sunday Worship Service  
(standard phone carrier charges apply)

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### New Salem Worship Line

Are you an online worshipper but not connected to ministry yet? If you answered yes! Then we have a ministry opportunity for you. We need worship line hosts to welcome and minister to those

see the specific dates and times on the graphic above or contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin at [mruffin@newsalemcares.com](mailto:mruffin@newsalemcares.com) or at (614) 930-222.

who call in to listen to our services via phone. Training is only 15 minutes and we ask you to serve 1-2 times a month. Contact Rev. Dr. Monica Lowe, director of Communications, at 614- 930-2242 or [mloew@newsalemcares.com](mailto:mloew@newsalemcares.com).

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### Black History Month

Augustine of Hippo

By Rev. Landon Adams, Director of Maturity

Augustine of Hippo was born in Thagaste, Numidia, a Roman-Berber province in



North Africa -present day Algeria. His mother, Monica, a devoted Christian prayed constantly for her son. These were much needed prayers, because Augustine scorned Christian doctrine and scriptures, lived a notorious lifestyle and followed the teachings of the heretical Manicheans, a group who distorted Christian teachings and rejected the Old Testament. The prayers of his mother were answered when Augustine heard the preaching of Saint Ambrose of Milan. Augustine accepted Jesus, was baptized, became a priest and later a bishop. Augustine, one of the most famous and influential theologians and writers of Western Christianity, was a strong supporter of the poor and a defender of orthodox Christianity. His autobiographical work, Confessions, provides inspiration to those striving to live a virtuous life. Augustine's writings describe our dependency on God for the grace to live a holy life, and express our human longing for God. The restlessness in the human heart that longs for God, represented by a flaming heart pierced by an arrow is seen in Vernon Adams, Jr's painting – "An Unlikely Aquilegia". The flaming heart is the human heart on fire with passion for God, humanity and this gift of life. The arrow piercing the heart represents the Spirit of God, piercing our hearts, calling us to continued growth in faith, hope and love.

"You arouse us so that praising you may bring us joy, because you have made us and drawn us to yourself, and our heart is unquiet until it rests in you." - Confessions, Book 1

### **An Unlikely Aquilegia, St. Augustine of Hippo by Vernon Adams, Jr.**

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### **From New Salem's Black History Month Art Gallery**

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### **Upcoming Events**

This is an important reminder to all New Salem Members. If you need to report a hospitalization or death to the church, please call **614 554-6417** or email [crt@newsalemmares.com](mailto:crt@newsalemmares.com).

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Welcome to Women's History Month! Let's celebrate and uplift the women in our lives. To learn about how you can get involved in our various women ministries and read the stories of different women in history, check out the weekly Enewsletter in March.

# Worship Recap

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