Hartford Memorial Baptist Church celebrates 100 years of loving God and serving the world community. The Rev. Edgar Wendell Edwards served as founding pastor from 1917 to 1920 when he relocated to Chicago. After a diligent search, the Church called the Rev. Charles A. Hill Sr., assistant to the Rev. Robert L. Bradby Sr., of Detroit’s historic Second Baptist Church. Installed as pastor in November of 1920, he served for 48 years until his retirement on his 75th Birthday, April 28, 1968. During his progressive pastorate, Dr. Hill built new church facilities on the corner of Hartford and Milford and subsequently, a community and recreation facility. He was a strong supporter of organized labor; UAW Ford Local 600 was organized at Hartford Church. An outspoken champion of civil rights in the difficult days before the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Hill was at the forefront of the struggle for equality in the 1930s, ’40s and ’50s. He was one of the first Blacks to run for the Detroit City Council. Courageously, he opened the Hartford pulpit to such nonconformists as W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson.

On April 6, 1969, Hartford gleefully received its son, Charles Gilchrist Adams, as pastor of the church in which he had been reared, indoctrinated, baptized, licensed, ordained and married. At that time, Dr. Adams, an honors graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Divinity School, had just begun his seventh year as pastor of the historic Concord Baptist Church in Boston, New England’s largest African American congregation. Having burned the old mortgage in 1971, Dr. Adams led Hartford into the current James Couzens’ facilities on April 10, 1977; under his strong and vigorous leadership, this mortgage was burned in 1983, nine years ahead of time. With an ever increasing church family, Hartford has become one of the largest church congregations in Detroit. Widely known for its music ministry, Hartford boasts of the largest pipe organ built by a Black church. Choir loft expansions, upgraded audio/video equipment and redesigned lighting in the Sanctuary are only part of the ongoing renovations.

Dr. Adams’ vision of community outreach led to the establishment of The AGAPE (LOVE) HOUSE for charitable and community ministries. Formerly housed in properties purchased across the freeway on James Couzens, The AGAPE HOUSE, now temporarily located in the Church, continues to offer needed social services that include the Daily Senior Citizens’ Program, Hunger Task Force, Bookstore, Taping Ministry, Scholarship and College Preparation Programs, Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Hartford has purchased commercial real estate along Seven Mile Road, supporting the establishment of fast food restaurants, such as McDonald’s, Long John Silver and Kentucky Fried Chicken and other businesses. A Super Kmart was built on church property and employed hundreds of local residents. Today, on the same church property, Home Depot continues to provide employment and a tax base for the city and state. On other church properties, Hartford has established the Head Start Agency, a Tutorial Program and the Hartford Institute for Biblical Studies.

Recently, Hartford, under the leadership of Dr. Adams, purchased 5.5 acres of land located on the former Meyers Road campus of Lewis College of Business. The design and plans are in progress for the utilization of this land for Hartford Village, a senior residential community, Dr. Adams’ and Hartford’s greatly expanded vision for community outreach — an assisted living complex, gymnasiums for seniors and youth, a performing arts auditorium and health facilities and The AGAPE HOUSE programs.

Over the last decade Hartford Memorial Baptist Church has continued to grow spiritually and physically. In 2010, Hartford established the Education Center. In 2012, we launched our website as well as video streaming, enabling us to become a worldwide ministry. Also, in 2012, Pastor Adams completed his five year tenure as a full professor at Harvard Divinity School and as the first William and Lucille Nickerson Professor of the Practice of Ethics and of Ministry. In 2015, we began Phase I of the Capital Campaign to complete renovations and updates to the church’s physical structure and equipment. In 2014, we acquired Luger Park. In 2015, we broke ground and in 2016, we completed the construction of Hartford Village, the premier senior living community. Also in 2015, Hartford became a Michigan Historical Site and was dedicated as “Historical” Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in 2016. May God in all his glory continue to lead us through the next 100 years and beyond.

In 2007, Dr. Adams was selected as the first professor of the Practice of Ethics and of Ministry at Harvard University. His full teaching schedule at Harvard has not prevented his weekly delivery of soul-saving sermons at Hartford. Assisting him is his son, the Rev. Charles Christian Adams, who was unanimously elected as Presiding Pastor by the congregation. In 2019, by vote of the congregation, he was elected Pastor, thus continuing the Adams’ pulpit legacy. We celebrate and praise God for the ever expanding ministry of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church.
Coronavirus 2019 (COVID 19)
Tips from the CDC

Watch for symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases.

The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Take steps to protect yourself

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take steps to protect others

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick
  - If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider’s office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
  - If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

IN THE HOSPITAL/REHABILITATION CENTERS

Harper Hospital, Detroit, MI
David House

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, MI
Labe Waddell

William Beaumont Hospital, Farmington, MI
Mother Pearl Stokes

SKLD Livonia Nursing Home, Livonia, MI
Jacqueline Mathis

SKLD West Bloomfield, W. Bloomfield, MI
Wayne Kennerly

Regency at Canton, Canton, MI
Robert Washington Jr.

Dr. Carolyn Cole

Heartland Rehab, Troy, MI
Sherry Freeman

Heartland Health Care Ctr., Dearborn Hts., MI
Eleanor Foster

SKLD West Bloomfield, W. Bloomfield, MI

Heartland Rehab Ctr., Southfield, MI
Betty Seacrest

MediLodge, Farmington, MI
Duane Eason

Heartland Health Ctr., Livonia, MI
Daisy Bryant Aaron

VISITATION WITH PASTOR ADAMS

Until further notice, please consider postponing your visits with Pastor Adams, due to the seasonal influenza and COVID19 outbreak
Hartford Youth Choir Rehearsals are on Tuesdays
The Cherubic Choir for ages 3-12, rehearse from 6:00-7:00 PM.
God’s Gifted Host for ages 13-18 rehearse from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, in the Chapel.

The Scholarship Ministry is offering scholarships for members of Hartford who are high school seniors. Criteria and applications are available in the Church Office. Application deadline for this scholarship is April 19, 2020. Any questions should be directed to Rev. Curtis Kilpatrick @ 313-861-1285 x439 or curtishbk@hmbcdetroit.org.

The Gamma Lambda Education Foundation currently has scholarships available for high school seniors who will graduate by June 2020. High School students are expected to enter an accredited college at the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year. Scholarships are available in various amounts. For additional information, please contact: Deacon Thomas Williams, 313-942-6804 or Deacon Ickford Archer, 313-522-1481. For the link, please go to https://www.glef1906.org/apply-for-a-scholarship.

HMU TO OFFER TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MALE STUDENTS IN 2020
Hartford Men United is pleased to announce that they will be awarding two $1,000 Scholarships this year, one for a high school senior entering college and an additional scholarship to a college undergraduate. These scholarships are available to male students. Any questions may be directed to Rev. Curtis Kilpatrick @ 313-861-1285 x439.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP!!!
The Sarah Haygood Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. The deadline is May 24, 2020. For more information contact Rev. Denise Henderson (313) 333-0875 or Denise@envisionexcel.com.

WIN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPEAKING! Hartford Community Optimist Club presents an Oratorical Contest, Saturday, April 18, 2020, 11:00 AM—2:00 PM, at Hartford’s Youth Community Room. Interested students should prepare a 4 to 5 minute speech on the assigned topic to be presented at their local Optimist’s contest. The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2019, and has not entered college. For additional information, call 810-388-8801. Cheryl Neason, President HCOC.

During these unusual times, Please join us for worship via the internet @ hmbcdetroit.org, every Sunday.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND STAY SAFE.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2020 HARTFORD ADULT GOLF LEAGUE**
The Hartford Adult Golf League is accepting registrations. Join in the fun of improving your skills in a no pressure environment among friends. We will be playing on **Wednesday’s at Glenhurst Golf Course for the 10:00AM 9 hole Morning League and Wednesday’s Rouge Park @5:45 PM for the 9 hole Evening League. Both leagues start May 6th.** Golf fees will be $272.00 for Glenhurst players. Golf fees will be $352.00 for Rouge Park players. Registration for spots is on a first come basis. See registration forms in church office & Institute Building. Contact Michael Fleming @ 313-318-5772.

The **Mother's Ministry** of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church is looking for spiritually filled women who love the Lord, our Pastor and the church. They must be 60 years of age and will be appointed by the Pastor to intercede, lead in love, wisdom and by example. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Charles Christian Adams’ office at 313-861-1285.

**THE ANNUAL MISSION PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON CANCELLED.**
The luncheon scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:00am-12:00pm has been cancelled. *If you have purchased a ticket to the luncheon, the money will be refunded*

Deacon Regina Gibson, Hartford General Mission President

**FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL CRUISE: A 12-DAY TRIP ABOARD THE ROYAL CARIBBEAN JEWEL OF THE SEAS NOVEMBER 1-14, 2020**
You will visit: Rome, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Ephesus, Athens, Corinth and many other sights. The Cost of the trip, including air fare from New York, ship accommodations and guided sightseeing starts at $3,898. Registration to reserve a spot is $100. Register soon to make sure your spot is reserved. *If you are interested or for more information, please call Rev. Elizabeth Ann Allen, at 248-318-7090.*

The Mother’s Day Trip to the ARK ENCOUNTER in Williamstown, KY, May 8-9, 2020 sponsored by the MAY BIRTH MONTH MINISTRY has been **cancelled.** Please contact Artistine Taylor at 248-546-3655 for additional information and refunds.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Saturday Night Worship Service has been cancelled for the next three weeks. In the meantime, please keep everyone in prayer.

The “Hour of Power” Service that meets each Wednesday, in the Chapel, has also been cancelled for the next three weeks.

Wednesday Prayer Service is cancelled for the next three weeks. "Prayer is the key, but faith unlocks the door."

IT’S 9:30... SUNDAY MORNING... WHERE SHOULD YOU BE?... SUNDAY SCHOOL!

During these trying times, please stay up to date on our weekly Sunday School lesson. Today’s lesson is “Corrupt Leaders” – Micah 3—6. We pray that we will be able to meet together soon. Stay safe and pray for each other!

The HARTFORD INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES is studying The Book of Ephesians. The class started Thursday, January 16 and will meet every Thursday until May 21, 2020, from 6:00—7:45 PM, in Room 106. The instructor is Rev. Dr. Urias H. Beverly.

AARP will prepare income taxes for the community by appointment. They are open Mondays thru Thursdays, 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon. They are located at the Southfield Parks & Recreation Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48034. Please call 248-796-4650 for more information.

The physical Lenten Cell Meetings* have been suspended. However you may virtually join your group via conference call.

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* Classes for the Youth Cell Group, the Thursday Morning Bible Class and the Married Couples Ministry classes have suspended their classes.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

2nd and 4th Monday 6pm ► Room 307 (no appointment required)
HMBC Bereavement Ministry also offers both
Grief Phone Support + One-to-One Appointments
Call (313) 341-2302 - ask to reach Rev. Von Crigler
Jesus loves you! "He heals the brokenhearted..." Psalms 147:3

TOUCH WOMEN’S CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Women’s Cancer Support meets in Room 106, at 6:00 PM.
All women with a diagnosis seeking a safe place of support and information are welcome every third Wednesday.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE AFTER PEOPLE

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:
...after the phone call, when you hoped you’d never get.
...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
...after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.“
...after the nursing home director shake your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
...after the last child leaves the house and the silence is deafening.
...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

CHURCH OFFICE—HARTFORD INSTITUTE BUILDING
18900 James Couzens Highway—Detroit, Michigan 48235
Administrative Offices—9:00 AM—5:00 PM Monday thru Friday
313-861-1285 / 313-861-1300 — Fax 313-861-0265

SPEARNS-WATSON BOOKSTORE
Open Sunday after 7:30 AM Service and 11:00 AM Service, and Wednesdays 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM.
Bookstore’s direct line — 313-864-3404

HARTFORD AGAPE HOUSE
18700 James Couzens Highway—Detroit, Michigan 48235
313-861-1200 — Fax 313-861-7896
Hunger Task Force & Free Shop Mission..... 313-861-1202

The Staff Minister on call is Rev. Dr. Kevin Taylor. He can be contacted for any emergencies or urgent matters 313-861-1285 or 313-475-0316 — Email: ktaylor@hmbcdetroit.org
Worship Through Giving

Did you know that there are three ways that you can worship through giving at Hartford?

1. Via Shelby Next Giving. This app is encouraged for members and is available in your app store.
2. Via the Giveify. This app is also available in your app store.
3. By using a giving envelope (located in the pews or from the Ushers).

Help Us To Update Church Records

Please help us to keep your address information current. Take the time to fill out the information including your email address, and give it to an usher or leave it in the Church Office. Thank you.

NAME ___________________________ MEMBERSHIP NO. ___________________________
ADDRESS ___________________________ HOME PHONE ___________________________
CITY ___________ ST ______ ZIP ___________ CELL PHONE ___________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________

In Case of Emergency, Notify

NAME ___________________________ PHONE ___________________________

Stephen Ministers Recruitment Announcement

The Hartford Stephen Ministry is seeking persons interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.

Any congregation member with a gift for caring, listening and has a prayerful spirit; one who is supportive and uplifting, is encouraged to apply.

For more information, or to apply, please call 313-861-1285 x423. The deadline for applications is April 17, 2020.

Hartford Business Ministry March Highlights...

Art by SewD

Owner Sharon Williams-Dean believes that “Creation is the Key” and her art brings a bright, vibrant versatility to the canvas. There is freedom, love and an adventurous nature that pushes her to greater heights and plateaus, and she captures different conceptualizations in many of her pieces, especially when working with mixed media.

Your Pure Benefits, LLC

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