



Branch Newsletter

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By the Communication, Press & Publicity Committee

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Our membership meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. at the Ricketts Center, 658 Beech St. Our guest speaker will be from [Harris Family Ministries](#). The nonprofit, founded by Rev. Georgiana Harris, aims to help women caught in addiction, and help their children. As Rev. Harris writes on their website: "I know the pain of losing a loved one as a result of their addiction. I also know the pain a mother feels when her child is caught in addiction and seems so far gone there is no hope. I now know the pain of that mother losing one of her children to addiction. I am that mother. It is a pain that is unbearable if it were not for the Lord. "

The group will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Carousel, 30 w. King Street.

For those who can't make our meeting, here's a Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84995648174?pwd=QlAyaHZkWIJXZWk1T3FWcHNFVnJQQT09> Meeting ID:849 9564 8174 Passcode: 937480



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Making Connections

In the Community

Our Executive Committee has voted to join the TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce. We feel we will benefit from making more connections and learning from their experiences, and sharing expertise. Naturally, we feel we have much to offer as well!



WIN Committee back at it!

The WIN Committee served another dinner for those in need on Sept. 13 at Mission First. For most of the afternoon, they cooked 100 pieces of chicken, 100 helpings of rice, 100 servings of vegetables. By dinnertime, 100 people had lined up along the High Street building. Rev. Robin Barrow said the blessing, and the distribution began. There were elderly, the infirm, children and many others who might otherwise have gone hungry that night. In addition to Rev. Barrow, others who helped were Annette Kobb, Paula Corson, Jamesha Edwards, Judith Memberg, Kerry Pidcock-Lester and Sandy Bauers.

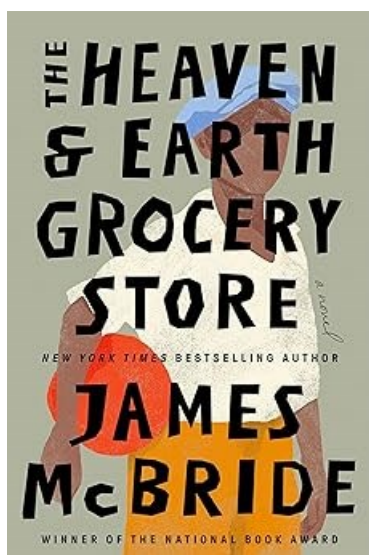


October Book Club

Selection

The branch's book club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, at the Pottstown Library. We'll be discussing James McBride's new novel, set on Pottstown's own Chick-
en Hill.

Join us!



Daniel Boone update

Bob and Sandy Bauers spoke recently with lawyers from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, which is investigating a complaint of racial harassment in the Daniel Boone School District that we filed with them nearly two years ago. We had thought they were nearing the finish line, but the lawyers were vague about what they might do and when they might do it. The original investigator on the complaint left the department and a new one has been assigned.

Equal freedoms, then and now

The TriCounty Active Adult Center recently hosted a 60-year anniversary of the March on Washington. On that date, some 250,000 people marched in D.C., demonstrating for equal job opportunities and many other freedoms for African Americans.

And, yes, that's when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech.



Speakers at the TriCounty event talked about how far our society has come ... and how far we need to go.

Several members of the branch attended, including Marlene Hedgepeth, who was honored as a "Black Resistance Award Recipient," Bobby Watson, Tyrone Robinson, Ted Josey, State Rep. Joe Ciresi and Mayor Stephanie Henrick.

