

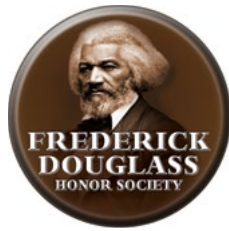
Frederick Douglass

Talbot County's Native Son and International Hero

Bicentennial Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Presented by the Frederick Douglass Honor Society



The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is proud to host our first Frederick Douglass Bicentennial event at the Milestone Event and Catering Center. We hope that you are inspired by this morning’s Prayer Breakfast and remembrance of our County’s most famous native son ... a slave, author, statesman, orator, and a lifelong champion of equal rights and justices. We cordially invite you to join us again on Douglass’ birthday, February 14, 2018, at 12 Noon for our Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Frederick Douglass Statue located on the front lawn of the Talbot County Court House. The one-hour ceremony will feature guest speakers Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and Lyndra Marshall, with music by Easton High School Band Saxophonist Mikehia Pinkney.

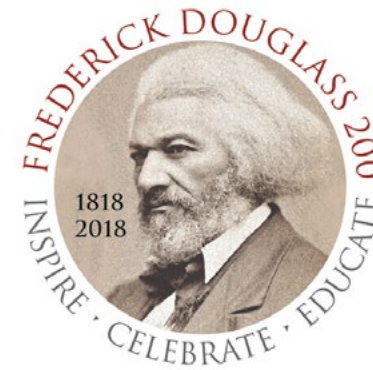
Our “Evening with Frederick Douglass”, starring nationally acclaimed actor Fred Morsell, is open and free to the public. Douglass (Morsell) will share his life story during an amazing 90-minute stage performance, starting at 7 p.m. The stage performance takes place at the historic Avalon Theatre on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Morsell is among the most favored history based performers in the country.

On September 22, 2018, the Frederick Douglass Honor Society will host its annual Frederick Douglass Day at the Talbot County Free Library and the Talbot County Court House. We are planning an extraordinary celebration, please mark your calendar, it will be an event not to be missed.

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The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is dedicated to developing programs that continue the Douglass legacy of human rights, education, personal growth, and involvement of citizens. Our goal is to honor Frederick Douglass here in his birthplace, Talbot County, Maryland, where his experiences in his youth - both positive and negative - helped form his character, intellect, and determination. It became Frederick Douglass’ life goal to bring black people and America away from the ancient institution of slavery. It is our hope that all people will long remember him as a true leader and world-renown hero.



***Frederick Douglass Bicentennial
Prayer Breakfast***

- Greetings.....Eric Lowery, Frederick Douglass Honor Society President
- Worship Leader.....Professor Dale Glenwood Green
- Invocation.....Rev. Nancy M. Dennis, St. Stephens A.M.E. Church
- Breakfast
- Scripture ReadingWalter Johnson
- Musical Selections.....Dr. John Wesley Wright, Tenor
Dr. Danielle Cumming, Guitarist
- Guest Speaker.....Reverend Clarence Wayman
- Musical Selection.....”Presto!” Violinists
- Closing RemarksProfessor Dale Glenwood Green
- Closing Prayer.....Reverend Clarence Wayman



Dale Glenwood Green is a Professor of Architecture in the School of Architecture and Planning at Morgan State University. Green earned a Bachelor's of Science in Architecture and Environmental Design from Morgan State University, a Masters of Architecture and Historic Preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Professor Green was the recipient of two Maryland Preservation Awards (the Education and Community Engagement award and the Preservation Partnerships for Project Excellence

award). Green continues to work on the research, archaeological findings, and documentation unveiling the significant history of "The Hill", believed to be the oldest Free African American Community in the nation.



Reverend Nancy M. Dennis has served as Pastor to the historic St. Stephens A.M.E. Church in Unionville since April 2010.

She is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary and Ecumenical Institute of Theology where she earned a Master's Degree in Theology with a concentration in Church Ministries. Reverend Dennis was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the African American Methodist Episcopal Church in 2009 at the Baltimore Annual Conference.

Prior to her commission at St. Stephens, she served on the ministerial staff of Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church in Baltimore, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. A. Qismat Alim. While at Payne, she served in various ministries with a focus on the Ministry of Reconciliation (Mediation). Working with the Ministries of Congregational Care and Reconciliation has provided valuable experience to her current service as a pastor.

Reverend Dennis recently retired from the Circuit Court for Baltimore City where she served as the first African-American Jury Commissioner. She is also the first woman to serve as pastor at St. Stephens. Whether in a secular or temporal capacity, her aim is to work with others as though she is serving Christ.

Reverend Dennis is an advocate for justice and reconciliation so that all of God's people may live in peace and security.



Reverend Clarence A. Wayman is the Pastor at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Carmichael and Bryan's United Methodist Church in Gransonville, MD, where he has been serving since 2016. Prior to the appointment at the Gransonville-Carmichael Charge of the United Methodist Church, Pastor Wayman served St. Matthew United Methodist Church in the community of Longwoods, MD. He answered the call to the preaching ministry in November 1998, under the leadership of the late Rev. Elmer O. Wheeler, Pastor, Bell's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in the community of Deep Branch, MD.

Pastor Wayman attended the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and was a 2010 graduate of Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore. Since 2004, he has enjoyed working for the Baltimore City Department of Public Works and currently serves in the position of Construction Production Supervisor. He is married to Gloria Wayman and they have two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Pastor Wayman finds inspiration in the scripture written in Hebrew 10:24-25, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Pastor Wayman loves the Lord, loves people and loves to serve.



Walter Johnson started his career serving in the U.S. Navy where he flew in Hurricane Hunters for two years, worked in Naval Security and cryptography. He studied Business Administration at LSU, and worked for ten years as editor of small daily newspapers in Louisiana (Morgan City, Franklin, and Jennings), a weekly in Eunice, along with Associated Press and UPI. Johnson hosted his own classical Radio program, WNPS New Orleans.

After serving as Executive Director of the Kidney Foundation for four years, he changed direction and began working in hospital administration, marketing, and public relations in Amarillo and Pampa, Texas and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Eight years later, Johnson started his own printing business in New Jersey, which he later sold and moved to Maryland.

Walter and his wife, Jane, served as Innkeepers at the Parsonage Inn and later with the Pintail Point Manor on the Wye River. More recently, he has served as Church Secretary for the Lutheran Church, managed the copy/print center at Staples, and renovated a 1826c. house through its demolition, framing, flooring and cabinetry. He is a member of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society and Frederick Douglass Day Planning Committee member.



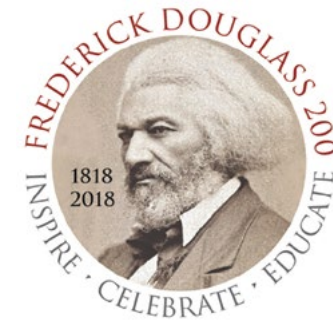
Tenor **John Wesley Wright** is known for his artistic and soulful interpretations of music from baroque to Broadway. Holding degrees from Maryville College and the University of Cincinnati - Conservatory of Music, Wright is the winner of the American Traditions Competition 2000. A native of Rome, Georgia, Dr. Wright is coordinator of the voice and opera workshop programs at Salisbury University and a member of the acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble.



Classical guitarist **Danielle Cumming** is a performer and teacher. After a year of study in Spain, Danielle released her solo CD, postcards, and recording of 20th century repertoire with world music influences. Coordinator of the guitar program at Salisbury University, Dr. Cumming is also a certified yoga instructor. She has created and taught yoga programs to help musicians prevent injuries and handle performance anxiety. Danielle is a D'Addario Artist.

“**Presto!**” is an after school music program. The students performing are from St. Michaels Elementary School. Chesapeake Music sponsors this program for novice students to take weekly group lessons after school. The program just started after Thanksgiving and is directed by Meredith Buxton.

Most people are familiar with Frederick Douglass’ endless accomplishments but are unaware of his musical talent. While traveling in Ireland, Douglass fell in love with Irish music, purchased a violin, and taught himself to play. He enjoyed entertaining his family and friends and sharing a variety of music. He taught his grandchildren the slave songs he learned as a child. Frequently he would appear in the door leading from the hall or West Parlor into the dining room with his violin in hand, ready to play for his grandchildren after dinner and before their bedtime. When his grandson, Joseph Henry, became interested in the violin, Douglass trained him to become an accomplished concert violinist. Joseph Henry performed for two Presidents of the United States at the White House and was the first Black violinist to make recordings for the Victor Talking Machine Company. The Frederick Douglass Honor Society is very proud to have the young violinists of Talbot County share their talent and love of the violin with us.



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*“I know there is hope in religion;
I know there is faith and I know
there is prayer about religion and
necessary to it, but God is most
glorified when there is peace on earth
and good will towards man”.*

- Frederick Douglass

