

HONORING SAMUEL CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable church, Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church.

Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church, originally named Samuel Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, had its beginning in 1880 under the leadership of Rev. McBeth. With the help of God and a few members, a one room frame building was erected in the South-eastern section of Itta Bena.

Following the leadership of Rev. McBeth, Rev. Grant Orange was assigned to pastor the few members of Samuel Chapel. As time elapsed, Rev. Orange was replaced by Rev. E.C.F. Troupe. As the church grew under the leadership of Rev. Troupe, it became necessary to choose a new site which was in the Western section of Itta Bena, its current location. In 1911, the frame structure was replaced by a brick structure as Rev. Troupe's vision for growth emerged.

Rev. H.B. Hart was the next pastor who lead the members in purchasing a parsonage, a house bought from Mrs. Nellie Mitchell. His leadership encompassed the organization of the church choir and securing pews and other serviceable facilities for the church.

During Rev. M.J. Stallings tenure, the membership diminished because of mass migration from the Itta Bena area. Under Rev. Stallings leadership, plans were drawn up to rebuild Samuel Chapel and the old structure was demolished and a new church was rebuilt in 1968. The dedication of the new Samuel Chapel United Methodist Church was February 20, 1977. Rev. Stallings Pastorage extended for thirteen years. Following the homegoing of their dearly beloved pastor, Rev. M.J. Stallings, many pastors served, and the church continued to grow. Each pastor poured into the members their vision of excellence in living a life pleasing to our Almighty God. Seeking the lost and discipling the found stimulated all facets of the church membership.

Samuel Chapel's current Pastor is Rev. Jonathan Parker who is also the Director of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Mississippi Valley State University.

The church's motto of identity is that "we are the church with warm hearts and friendly hands." Their health ministry has touched the lives of the entire community with its community garden, quarterly health screenings, the church's connection with the Mississippi Delta Health Collaborative, and their partnership with the Society of St. Andrews Gleaming Ministry. This gleaned network organizes volunteers to collect and distribute fresh produce gleaned from farmers' fields and orchards after the harvest. Samuel Chapel's United Methodist Men travel to Jackson or other areas and transport gleaned produce to the Itta Bena community and citizens are welcome to come to the church and receive all types of food items at no cost. The church's outreach ministry has been instrumental in being a source for those in need of nutritious food.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Samuel Chapel United

Methodist Church for its longevity and dedication to serving others.

HONORING DAVID SNAPP

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend and former colleague, Dave Snapp on the occasion of his retirement. I met Dave Snapp in the late summer of 1983 when I had just turned 23 years old and we were trying to learn how to help nursing home workers organize for a better life with the Service Employees International Union. Thirty-seven years later, Dave is still at it, helping workers organize for dignity, voice and power in an America that suddenly deems them essential even while asking them to toil in poverty, in unsafe conditions, even under threat of deportation.

After I left SEIU in 1988, Dave kept right on organizing. And he never stopped working for the labor movement. He played many roles for the union over the years. He has often been in the middle of the activities that have made SEIU so innovative. Dave has often served as a facilitator and organizer for the executive leadership of the union. He has been a scriptor and choreographer of conventions. He has organized strategic planning. He has conceived and undertaken special projects. He has helped drive long-term thinking to an extent and scope remarkable in the labor movement and, indeed, in other parts of the American political economy.

Through it all, Dave has displayed a remarkable mix of traits that are rarely found rolled up in one person. Flat-out smarts. Intellectual curiosity. Practicality—a groundedness in how things might actually work in the real world. Maybe that's the health and safety guy in him. Humility. A willingness to speak truth to power and not to tell leaders what they want to hear, somehow without alienating them and indeed engendering their loyalty. A wry sense of humor, sometimes bleeding into bad jokes. Compassion and caring for his fellow travelers along the road to justice, person to person.

How lucky I have been to have acquired Dave as an adopted-without-permission big brother so many years ago and, I might add, to have acquired a big sister in his life partner, Carol Regan. That's the best two-for-one deal I ever got, all by signing up to help nursing home workers find a little power over their own work lives.

Now Dave says he is laying down his tools. If we're honest, we often have mixed feelings about friends retiring as a reflection of our own mortality. But I have to admit, I can't think of anyone who has earned a bit of rest from relentless labor more richly than Dave Snapp. He always looked at work organically, as how best to organize something that needed to be accomplished, and thus seemed to own what he was doing so completely. Thank goodness he chose to labor on behalf of America's workers.

Madam Speaker, happily, there is no retiring from adopted big brotherhood. I will continue to seek Dave's advice and counsel on life's journey. And to take inspiration from his example of doing things well for all the right reasons.

IN MEMORY OF HERMAN "HERK"
STREITBURGER

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Herman "Herk" Streitburger, a World War II hero and prisoner of war who passed away in late May, less than a month before his 101st birthday. Through both his military service and his subsequent community engagement, Herk will be remembered as a shining example of American fortitude, ingenuity, and empathy.

During World War II, Herk served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber. During his final mission with the 98th Bombardment Group, his plane was shot down over German territory. He was taken to the Stalag Luft IV prison camp, where he and fellow prisoners listened to war reports on a contraband radio they carefully concealed in a hollow table leg. Buoyed by radio reports of Allied success, they made a risky escape during a deadly winter march. After being caught by a German soldier, Herk's quick thinking and compassion secured their safety: he spoke German with the officer, offered him coffee and a smuggled American cigarette, and they shook hands, parting in peace.

After the war, Herk attended college through the GI bill and later started a family, first on Long Island before moving to Bedford in 1967. Following a career in marketing, he spent decades mentoring small business owners with SCORE and visiting with school groups to talk about his POW experience and life lessons. All those who knew Herk or ever heard him speak remarked at his positive attitude and optimism about life.

Herk was an engaged member of local and regional veterans associations, including Honor Flight New England, the American Legion NH, the NH Ex-POW Chapter #1, and the Northeast POW/MIA Network. In his community, he was admired for his ardent faith, generosity, and optimism.

On behalf of all of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I share my condolences to Herk's four children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. May Herk Streitburger's memory be for a blessing.

HONORING CASHONEY CARTER

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Ms. Cashoney Carter of Jefferson County.

Ms. Cashoney Carter has 12 years of educational experience in the Jefferson County School District. She is a graduate of Tougaloo College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Alcorn State University, a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Strayer University and is currently pursuing an