

Prime Timers History – Walking By Faith!

Church historian Dr. Doris Harrington's historical writings note that Rev. Kevin Kosh, the late Rose Goodrum, and others from the old Fifty Plus Club met around 2005 after his appointment to Union Memorial in July 2004. Rev. Kosh named the re-activated group The Prime Timers and Rose was elected Chairperson; Faye leans was Recording Secretary.

Following years of leadership by Rose Goodrum and her move to Kansas City, Missouri, new leadership took the reins in 2018 with Jean Neal, and Laura Stewart co-chairing along with the late Leo Marks as Treasurer, and Diane Johnson as Recording Secretary.

Our activities have included but were not limited to Church visits to the St. Louis Art Museum (special viewing of Faye leans son's painting); another art exhibit to see the artwork of William "Bill" Curtis; visits to the St. Louis Symphony; morning concerts at The Sheldon; Powell Hall Gospel Christmas & Black History yearly concerts; trials at the MO Court of Appeals; St. Louis Blues Museum; and, Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes where Church members resided.

Recent meetings have centered on the Prime Timers' spiritual growth by having ministers bring us messages such as from our present pastor, Dr. Rev. Antonio Settles, Rev. Dr. Alice Price, Rev. Michele Sue Williams and others. In addition, we select guest speakers to discuss city & state voting issues and ways to improve our health. One topic addressed how seniors can create new opportunities and have better health as we age. We provided a fitness expert to share easy exercises that make a difference in our daily routines.

The Prime Timers are generous in its charity giving. We support Union Memorial projects with our funds. We pay \$20.00 dues each year and \$15.00 for courtesies. Each year, we support the families and children that are a part of our community elementary school partnership. During Christmas, financial gift cards are given to families in need. Last September, Prime Timers sent a monetary gift of \$500.00 to UMCOR to support special needs in Haiti. We also gave a special recognition gift to one of our church members who was a first medical responder hero. These are a few examples of our way of sharing, growing in faith, and transitioning into the next phases of our lives.

May God's blessings continue to shine on the Prime Timers!

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