

4rd Qtr. Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Baptist Church Usher Ministry Report 2024

Officers

Terry Northington and Renee Wells Co-Chair of the Usher Ministry
Theresa Bartholomew- Treasurer
Ashley White- Secretary (open position)

United Christian Church Ushers of Washington State

Western Region Meeting Tuesday September 17th, 2024.
UCCU State Quarterly meeting September 14th, 2024.

New Officers

- State President: Alvin Nurse
- 1st Vice President Tacoma- Vornice Bassett
- 2nd Vice President Seattle – John Farrar
- 3rd Vice President Bremerton – Jemerica Brown

Washington State UCCU in November provided MLK Ten Tickets to sell for the Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Dec 8th, 2024, at LaQuinta Inn in Tacoma. Tickets are on sale to buy and attend.

UCCU was invited to Pastors Installation on September 22nd at 3:00pm.

UCCU- Performed Ritual for Willie Winston at his funeral service Friday October 4th, 2024.

The Usher Ministry continues with our meetings via Zoom/In Person and other updates:

We welcome four new ushers who joined the Usher Ministry: Audra Williams, Bernadette Poydras, Laura Carter-Simmons, Karen Morris

Meetings-Services:

Usher Ministry meeting took place after church Sunday, September 15th, 2024.

Usher Ministry had several brief updates after service in October 2024

Theresa Bartholomew conducted a floor training on Saturday Nov 9th, 2024, from 10:00-12:00pm

Usher Ministry meeting took place after church Sunday November 17th, 2024

Usher attendance at MLK Prayer service on November 12th and November 13th & 14th MLK Church Revival

Usher attendance at the Healing Circle on Sunday November 10th.

Usher attendance at the Leadership Retreat Saturday, October 12th – what a wonderful experience

MLK ushered at Installation Service for Pastor Linda Smith on Sunday September 22nd, 2024.

Mr. Willie Winston passed on September 10th MLK ushered for the Service on Friday, October 4th, 2024.

Updates/Changes:

Pastor request congregants that come in after service to go down the side isles this helps prevent disruption.

Pastor provided mask to pass out to those who choose to wear, this is due to the season and the up-tick of different COVID-19 variants.

Purple Visitor Packets are no longer, Pastor created a tri-fold pamphlet to give to first time visitors.

Pastor introduced new way of offering on Sunday, September 22nd – bring your tithes & offering to the alter Deacons in charge.

October 29th Pastors request to count congregants in service each Sunday to measure count of growth

Pastor introduced on November 1st that the Usher Ministry usher congregants during Communion Sunday.

November 3rd – Eleanor Northington requested the Usher Ministry to take part in the Christmas Celebration on Sunday December 22nd, 2024.

November 17th - Deacon Chery Graves requested that the Usher Ministry to Advent in December.

Ushers will continue to wear black and white with the exception from (Easter Sunday – all the way to Usher Annual Day).

We are currently reviewing and discussing Outreach for 2025 and still in conversation over the 2025 Usher Dues amount.

Goals, Issues and Needs:

- ✓ Continuous floor training
- ✓ Heating/Air System
- ✓ Recruit youth ushers.
- ✓ Getting a smooth archival system of documents
- ✓ Work on Budget, Fundraising ideas,
- ✓ Filling open positions Secretary? -

Looking over the year: Three ushers, Ruth Hunter, Mavis Corsey (Honorary) and Willie Winston, God called home and Minister Toni Renee Booker too. But There are different Seasons and God Blessed MLK with a new Senior Pastor, Pastor Linda Smith and we added several new church members and Ushers to the ministry. The MLK Usher ministry celebrated 47 years. MLK participated in UCCU Usher Annual Day at Peoples Institutional Baptist church where Pastor Linda Smith spoke, The Usher Ministry hosted two days for the School of Ushering. The MLK Usher Ministry participated in the Ministry Fair and the Back-to-School Drive, Church Summer Lunch feeding, Allan Island, VBS, Child Abuse Training.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND GOING TO DO!