TOWERCHIMES









OUR MISSION

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is called by God, led by faith in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the Kingdom of God through worship, discipleship and outreach. Honoring our heritage at 34th and Central, we will faithfully serve our community, city and world in the present and prepare expectantly for the future.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 am Communion Service McKee Chapel

10 am Worship Service

Sanctuary

Service is also live-streamed each Sunday beginning around 9:50am. You can find a link at tabpres.org

Join us as we worship together!



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TAB'S TOWER CHIMES

This monthly newsletter is also available on the church website at: www.tabpres.org

All submissions should be emailed to the Tab offices at frontdesk@tabpres.org. The submission deadline is the 15th of each month for appearance in the upcoming month's Tower Chimes.





Pastoral Reflection

God's Light...

Dear Friends.

During the month of February we are celebrating Black History. As I think about what that means for me, I am reminded that one of my earliest friends was an African-American man named Al. He was the custodian at my elementary school. As early as kindergarten, if I was having a bad day, my teacher would say, "Why don't you go find Al for a while?" During summer breaks, if ever I said I was bored, my mother would say, "Jump on your bike and go see if Al needs any help today." When I first brought Kris home to meet my parents, I made it a point to introduce her to Al.

Our two families, Al's and ours, shared much in common. Al had two sons who were high school classmates of my older sisters. Both were star athletes and were among my childhood heroes. I was privileged to be able to attend and speak at Al's funeral service, and to this day, one of his sons and his wife continue to be regular visitors with my mother.

In so many ways our two family's lives paralleled one another, and yet our experiences of living in that suburb of St. Louis could not have been more different. I regret to say that I was not aware of those differences until recent years. Privileges and opportunities which I took for granted were not afforded to Al and his family, and I was totally unaware. I thought I knew Al well, apparently I did not.

Several years ago, during one of their visits with my mother, one of Al's sons and his wife started telling stories about what it was like growing up Black in our community. The differences of our experiences was stunning and heartbreaking, so much so that my 90-something year old mother took an extraordinary next step.

She invited about 30 or so of her friends to come to an evening with Al's son and his wife, and the invitation came with a caveat: they were there to listen, not to talk. For over an hour, Al's son and his wife told stories previously unknown to those gathered listeners. Stories of where they were allowed to go and where they were not, what they were allowed to do and what they were not. Their stories were eye-opening and gut-wrenching.

What I took from their willingness to share their experience, as well as others who have also been willing to share, is that even though we live in the same community with someone else who is of another race or ethnicity or religion than ours, their experience is likely very different than our own. I am learning that I need to hear their stories, not just tell my own.

During this Black History month I encourage you to listen to someone's story that is different than your own. Listen to learn, and hopefully, better understand and appreciate, not to debate or rationalize. How does one even begin to have that kind of a conversation? It can be as easy as asking that one who is somehow different than you, "Would you be willing to tell me your story so that I can better understand?"

I pray you are doing well and staying well. I look forward to being with you in worship.

God's blessings,

Rev. L. John Gable

February 2022

Preaching Schedule

- 6 "Feeding of the 5000/Walk on Water" John 6:1–21 Rev. Terri Thorn, preaching
- 13 "The I AM"
 Exodus 3:1–15 & Selected Passages
 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- 20 "Is This the Christ?" John 7:25–44 Rev. L. John Gable, preaching
- Transfiguration Sunday"Woman Caught in Adultery"John 8:1–20Rev. L. John Gable, preaching

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the By-laws, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of: reviewing the Annual Report, receiving the approved Operating Budget for 2022, acting on the Pastor's Terms of Call, and any other business that may be properly discussed.

The Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and all members are encouraged to attend.

Rev. L. John Gable, Moderator Sharon Marshall, Clerk of Session

Copies of the Annual Report are available online at tabpres.org; printed copies available upon request.

There will be no Adult Education Hour on Sunday, February 6, due to the Annual Meeting. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 9a for this important meeting.

Event Schedule

6	9:00a	Congregational	Meeting
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7 4:30p Endowment Fund Investment Committee

14 4:30p Endowment Fund Trustees

20 6:30p Crispus Attucks Film Event

21 12:00p Children's Lunch & Movie

26 7:00p Black History Concert

28 6:00p Missions Committee
Prayer Service
6:30p Pancake DInner

WEEKLY

MWF	11:00a	lab's Open D	oor

TUE 9:30a Women Alive 6:30p Prayer Meeting

WED 9:30a Pastors' Bible Study

THU 3:45p **Tab Tutoring**

6:00p Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRI 7:00p Circle of Hope

SAT 8:00a Men's Bible Study

SUN 8:00a Communion Service

9:00a Education Hour

Children's Missions Unit

10:00a Worship

11:00a IMPACT Youth Group

MONTHLY

1st MON 5:00p HR Committee

1st WED 5:30p Missions Committee

7:00p Spiritual Growth

& Development

2nd MON 5:30p Facilities Committee

2nd **TUE** 5:00p Budget & Finance Comm.

7:15p Worship, Music, Arts Comm.

3rd TUE 7:00p Session Mtg.

3rd WED 6:30p Moms of Tab

4th **TUE** 5:30p Congregational Life Comm.

7:00p Deacons' Meeting

Media Committee

2nd & 4th 10:00a Purls of Wisdom

SAT Knitting Group

Please visit tabpres.org for a complete calendar of events.

Member Spotlight

Meet Nancy Morris

by Paula Daum



"Wonderful." In my conversation recently with Nancy Morris, she frequently used this word to describe so many people and experiences in her life. "Wonderful" also describes the two plus hours we spent getting to know each other!

Nancy Smith Morris is one of the few lifetime members of Tab. Nancy's mother and grandmother were both members of our church. Nancy's mother and father were the second couple to be married in McKee Chapel. Nancy was baptized by Dr. Ambrose Dunkel. She attended Broad Ripple High School where she met her future husband, Bob Morris. Nancy attended DePauw University for two years, and Bob was a student at Wabash. They were married at Tab in the fall of 1956 after having transferred to Indiana University.

In college, Bob had been in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Upon graduating from IU, Bob and Nancy spent three years in

Virginia where Bob served as a naval officer on a destroyer based in Norfolk. Nancy taught English, public speaking, and directed plays at a Virginia Beach high school. Upon the completion of his service in the Navy, the couple returned to Indianapolis.

While Bob pursued a variety of successful business and public service roles, he and Nancy welcomed their three children, Margaret, Bobby and Andrew. While their children were growing up, Nancy took an active role at Tab, serving in several areas. Nancy taught Sunday School, chaired the Christian Education Committee, and served as a member of the Women's Association. She and Mrs. Carl Arnold were the first Tab women to be elected Ruling Elders in the early 1960's. Nancy enjoyed serving on the search committee that "found" beloved Pastor Byron Crozier. On the Session, Nancy argued successfully a recommendation allowing children to receive Communion with their parents' approval before Confirmation. Currently, Nancy enjoys the friendships and musical challenges of "Ringing" with Tab's Handbell Choir.

Tragedy struck the Morris family when Bob was killed in a private plane accident in January of 1974. Nancy recalls with great appreciation even today the tremendous outpouring of love and support that was given to her family during this very difficult time.

After her children were grown, Nancy completed a Master of Arts degree at Christian Theological Seminary, In the early 1990's she taught public speaking at IUPUI. In 1995 Nancy trained as a teacher for the United Methodist ecumenical Bible study "Disciple." She taught the four-year course for fourteen years at both Tab and St. Luke's Methodist churches. Each summer, Nancy serves as a teacher and coordinator of Bible studies at Walloon Lake in northern Michigan.

Nancy has spent much of her life as an actor. She began acting at DePauw and later in the 1970's and '80's enjoyed performing as a character actress with the Edyvean Repertory Theatre at CTS. In the last thirty years, Nancy has "put together" and performed one woman shows of poetry readings and play cuttings for Indianapolis women's organizations. A fun Christmas favorite is "Eloise at the Plaza Hotel."

Though only one of her children still lives in Indianapolis, Nancy and her family remain close. Children and grand-children alike try to spend a week or so each summer at Walloon. The proud grandmother of eight grandchildren, Nancy's eyes sparkle when she mentions her one-year old great-grandson Mylo. Mylo and his parents Maria and Tommy Haviland live in Tokyo.

Tab's Community Closet

Goodness Emerging from a Pandemic

by Terri Thorn

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, all of Tab's community ministries have been forced to tap into the depths of our creativity and flexibility in order to continue to connect with our neighbors in ways that feed the body, mind and soul. It has been both challenging and beautiful to love others as ourselves during this time.

Over the last 22 months, while our Open Door meals have been offered in several different ways, neighbors could always count on the familiarity of Wednesday Blessing Days which were established to help provide items that have been difficult to find during the pandemic. More importantly, they were guaranteed to receive warm welcome and words of encouragement from the "blessing" team—Jennifer Matthews and Julie Kukolla.

Every Wednesday, without fail or hesitation, regardless of the weather, these ladies have been ready and waiting for our friends to arrive so they could bless and be blessed by the interactions that would take place as the neighbors browsed the Blessing Table. Each week the contents of the Blessing Table varied according to weather, need and availability; yet, the genuine, friendly relationship-building conversations were always present.

During this pandemic, the team has learned some important truths about the Blessing Days. First and foremost, the blessing goes both ways—what happens on a Blessing Day is far more about building trust and community than about what we actually put on the table. Our neighbors are learning that our love for them is rooted in our faith in God and that our desire to know them as a person is genuine. The volunteers are learning that Tab neighbors are also genuine, that many are people of even deeper faith than our own, and that they have incredibly interesting lives and stories to share if we make time to listen and converse.

We have also been reminded that even before the pandemic some items were budget-gobbling for people on a limited income. Pandemic scarcity and increased prices have now made these things nearly unreachable. Not to mention, some items are very hard to locate if one doesn't have transportation or an Amazon account. And, quite frankly, many items taken for granted by people of moderate means are considered luxuries by those who are struggling. Finally, because trust is at the heart of our relationships with our neighbors, they are comfortable telling us when they are struggling to meet a need (even if it's not on a Wednesday). In turn, we believe them and try to provide good-neighbor help.

From this time of walking through a pandemic together, the Blessing Table has grown into what we are calling the Tab Community Closet. The Community Closet is NOT a clothing closet, nor is it a food pantry. It is a collection of specific often-requested items that are available to our neighbors when needed, as well as other things that can be shared on the Wednesday Blessing Table.

As in the past, the Community Closet will continue to accept donations of items; however we will now do so in a manner that we hope is more intentional and directed. There will be three ways to contribute, all of which will be announced as needed: 1) Ongoing restock of year-round staples for the Closet; 2) Timely donations of specific seasonal items; and 3) Quarterly congregation-wide collections for event-driven giveaways. Questions about donations can be directed to Jennifer Matthews, Julie Kukolla or Associate Pastor, Terri Thorn. Please see page 6 for a listing of our new Community Closet guidelines and giveaways.

On behalf of the volunteers and the neighbors, thank you for your faithful contributions that allow Tab to be a blessing in our community - through all our ministries and partnerships. We continue to be truly blessed to be a blessing!



Tab Community Closet

Stocked year-round by voluntary donations of new, unopened products listed below — often sample-size. We do not advertise for these items specifically but will provide updates periodically.

Distributed to neighbors through Open Door, Community Care, Circles, Fresh Stop and Tutoring

When donations exceed need, we may "regift" to other community partners.

When supplies are low, we may purchase to meet specific needs.

SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, SOAP BARS, LOTION, RAZORS, SAMPLE MOUTHWASH, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, LIP BALM, FIRST AID KITS, READING GLASSES, LAUNDRY PODS, INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED TOILET PAPER ROLLS, TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS, NAIL CLIPPERS, WASH CLOTHS AND TOWELS, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Please Note: We are not currently accepting clothing donations other than socks and winter outerwear.

Fall and Winter Seasonal Specials

Items kept on hand for the colder months. Distributed by need/ request

STOCKING HATS, INSULATED GLOVES, SCARVES, THICK WOOL SOCKS (MEN AND WOMEN), TISSUE (BOXES AND INDIVIDUAL), COUGH DROPS, COATS, SWEATERS AND SWEATSHIRTS, AND BLANKETS,

Quarterly Collections

Congregation-wide donation "drives"

FIRST QUARTER:

TISSUES (BOXES AND INDIVIDUAL PACKS)

TOILET PAPER

SECOND QUARTER: BOX FANS THIRD QUARTER:

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

FOURTH QUARTER: BLANKETS



For more information, please email frontoffice@tabpres.org or contact ministry leaders Jennifer Matthews or Julie Kukolla.

Read Through the Bible

February

1	Luke 23:1–25	Genesis 41	Psalm 32	15	Hebrews 11:1–22	Exodus 13–14	Proverbs 5
2	Luke 23:26-56	Genesis 42	Psalm 33	16	Hebrews 11:23–40	Exodus 15	Proverbs 6:1–7:5
3	Luke 24:1–12	Genesis 43	Psalm 34	17	Hebrews 12	Exodus 16–17	Proverbs 7:6–27
4	Luke 24:13–53	Genesis 44	Psalm 35	18	Hebrews 13	Exodus 18–19	Proverbs 8
5	Hebrews 1	Genesis 45:1–46:27	Psalm 36	19	Matthew 1	Exodus 20-21	Proverbs 9
6	Hebrews 2	Genesis 46:28–47:31	Psalm 37	20	Matthew 2	Exodus 22-23	Proverbs 10
7	Hebrews 3:1–4:13	Genesis 48	Psalm 38	21	Matthew 3	Exodus 24	Proverbs 11
8	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	Genesis 49–50	Psalm 39	22	Matthew 4	Exodus 25-27	Proverbs 12
9	Hebrews 6:13–20	Exodus 1–2	Psalm 40	23	Matthew 5:1–20	Exodus 28-29	Proverbs 13
10	Hebrews 7	Exodus 3–4	Psalm 41	24	Matthew 5:21–48	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs 14
11	Hebrews 8	Exodus 5:1-6:27	Proverbs 1	25	Matthew 6:1–18	Exodus 33–34	Proverbs 15
12	Hebrews 9:1–22	Exodus 6:28-8:32	Proverbs 2	26	Matthew 6:19–34	Exodus 35–36	Proverbs 16
13	Hebrews 9:23–10:18	Exodus 9–10	Proverbs 3	27	Matthew 7	Exodus 37–38	Proverbs 17
14	Hebrews 10:19–39	Exodus 11–12	Proverbs 4	28	Matthew 8:1–13	Exodus 39-40	Proverbs 18

Tab News

Announcements & Events

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

All worshipers, vaccinated and un-vaccinated alike, are encouraged to wear masks while in the building. Those experiencing any symptoms of illness are strongly encouraged to stay home and worship with us remotely at youtube/tabindy. We desire your health and protection and that of those worshiping near you.

PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCH AND A MOVIE

All Tab students age 5 and up are invited to Tab on February 21 for lunch, games, and a viewing (with popcorn, of course!) of a kid-friendly movie (rated G or PG) in Lower Level B from noon until 2:30 p.m. There's no fee and registration isn't required, but please let Mrs. Wirt know if your child has any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

MOM'S CIRCLE

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Tab Youth Room 6:30p-8:00pm, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th. Childcare for ages 0-5 is provided. Each month we'll use questions from "Slow Down" by Nicole Nordeman to inspire conversation. Books are provided.

PYOCA SUMMER CAMP

Children's Ministries has a new line item in our budget this year to provide 50% scholarships to Tab students who would like to go to one of the summer camps at Pyoca, our Presbytery's camp and conference center located in Brownstown, IN. Camp registration is now open and can be found at https://pyoca.campbrainregistration.com/.

To apply for a scholarship, please contact Jennifer Wirt.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY PARENTS' CLASS

During Missions Unit, Children's Ministries and Tab Missions is partnering to offer a class at 9a each Sunday in the Dining Room. This class will run through February 27 for parents of elementary students while their children are participating in the Missions Unit. The focus will be on raising "mission-minded" children and will discuss not only international missions, but mission opportunities right here in Indianapolis. The class is moderated by Tab's Associate Pastor, Terri Thorn.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, we began a new 12-week study at 6pm via Zoom. We will be studying I Corinthians. These studies are an encouraging start to the week and a great way to connect, pray, and learn with other women. Contact Ruth Miller (mrs. ruth.h.miller@gmail.com) for a study guide and zoom link.

PRAYERS AND PANCAKES FOR LENT 2022

What better way to start the season of Lent than with Prayers and Pancakes? Be sure to mark your calendar for Monday evening, February 28, 6p–8:30p. The Mission Committee is planning a brief prayer service for our mission and ministry partners at 6p followed by a pancake supper in the Dining Room. It will be a great opportunity to learn about our partners and have "Breakfast for Dinner!" In order to plan appropriately, we will be asking for RSVPs for the pancake supper portion of the evening. More information about registration will be forthcoming...but go ahead and reserve the date now! Please send your RSVP to frontdesk@tabpres.org or Paula Daum at 317-923-5458 x104.

STUDY TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Rev. John Gable is planning to lead a study trip to the Holy Land this coming June and a few seats are still available. The travel dates are June 13–24 and the itinerary includes sites in Israel and Palestine such as Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. Anyone interested should contact Rev. Gable for more information at john.gable@tabpres.org.

A Look Back

Stained Glass Windows

by Ruth McDonald

Obviously, Tab has many other beautiful stained-glass windows besides The Evans (Chancel) Window and The Dunkel (South Balcony) Window. Upon the suggestion of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Ewing Vale, our Sr. Pastor from 1941–1955, a permanent Stained-Glass Window Committee was formed on December 11, 1949 to complete a unified plan to replace the original clear glass windows that had since been painted green. The board represented both the church boards and the congregation at large both men and women. Mr. Henry Lee Willet of the Willet Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia was unanimously chosen to carry out the design. He and his wife were devout Christians who sought to honor Christ by their artistry. The thoughtful and prayerfully developed plan was first presented to the congregation on September 7, 1950, by chairman J. Dwight Peterson. Families began to commit to cover the cost of each of the 51 Sanctuary and 4 Tower windows as a memorial to family members. The window costs were \$1500, \$200, \$300 and \$600 depending on their size. In February of 1957 the congregation saw the completion of the windows in their places. Small metal markers designating the memorials were placed under each window in 1961.

If you go to tabpres.org/architecture, you can find the complete diagram giving the theme of each of the stained-glass windows in the Sanctuary and Tower. This will illustrate to you the design within groups illustrating the Person and Work and Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.





"We worship by meditation, word and music, and now we can worship by color. This is a time for rejoicing. Look around and you will see all of the windows in this sanctuary have now been filled in with stained glass. It has been said that these are not only the most beautiful windows in the country, but that they follow a most orderly plan, which depicts the development of the Christian religion and church."

"This is a time to be grateful for all of our blessings. Many fine, stalwart, Christian men and women have contributed over the years to the building of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. To them and to all those who have made this beautiful sanctuary possible, we are grateful."

> J. DWIGHT PETERSON, SEPTEMBER 23, 1956, AT THE DEDICATION OF THE WINDOWS

Let His light shine through you as He does through these beautiful windows.

Photo credit: Mark John

TO MY FRIENDS AT TABERNACLE:

I want to thank all of you, not just for what you did, which was wonderful, but for the warmth and the caring you put into it. You are all very special people. With much appreciating at the time of Scott's passing, — Virginia Browning

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Tab Church family extends our sympathy to Marsha and Byron Robinson in the death of Marsha's father, Delbert Maurer, who passed away last week on Tuesday, January 18th. Delbert was 98 years old and is survived by his wife of 73 years, Renee. They were living at Robin Run. Please keep Renee, Marsha, Byron, and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Robinsons at 8022 Preservation Drive, Indianapolis, IN. 46278-9577.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

YTD budgeted income: \$2,240,380 YTD actual income: \$2,233,430 Actual under budget by: \$6,950

Expenses:

YTD budgeted expenses: \$2,240,380 YTD actual expenses \$2,118,170 Under budget by: \$122,210

We thank you for your commitment to God's work here at Tab!





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY

- 11 Scott & Brenda Lummis 5 years
- **14** Bob & Suzanne Shaw *51 years*
- 23 Gary & Judy Daymon 48 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY

- 1 Billie Porter Robert Orr Soraya Webb
- 2 Frances Farthing Charlett Belisle Naa Asare
- 3 Stephanie Harmless Betty Barker Lillian Chastain
- 4 Griffin Daum
- 5 Brendy Lange
- 6 Jennifer Wirt Ethan Webb Linda Costlow Kyle Costlow Kenny Phelps
- 8 Caroline Foster Avery Thompson
- 9 Christopher Whaley Linda Watkins Kat Gering-Williams
- 10 Grayson Luzader Dash Moudy
- 11 Constance Brown
- 12 Honi-Jean Schroeder Drew Pike
- 14 Jennifer Weyreter Karis Crane Anna Schubert Ryan Moore Susan White Mateo Urfalian
- 15 Andrew Johnson

- 16 Molly Redding Colin O'Banyel Deborah Mannweiler
- 17 Brenda Sweeney Virginia Browning Jean Hansen-Miller
- 18 Jay Steger Larry Hanlon
- 19 John Kupke Heidi Harmless Evan Dieterich
- 20 Sandra Cheney
- 21 Jim Babcock Tim Meils Donna Hankins
- 22 Michael Neely Marina Allen
- 23 Christie Kupke
 Tom Simpson
 Connie Hintz
 Eric King
 Annie Thompson
- 24 Maggie Birk Nancy Gordon
- 26 Patty Reel Fred Sullivan
- 27 Dan Schroeder Piper McFarlen
- 28 Glenn Koehring
- 29 Dave King



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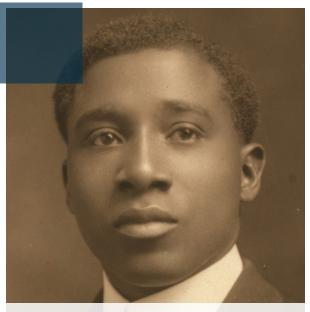
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DETT CONCERT @ TAB ON 2/26 | 7P

THE MUSIC OF ROBERT NATHANIEL DETT

Robert Nathaniel Dett was a Canadian-American Black composer, organist, pianist, choral director and music professor born on October 11, 1882. Known for his use of African-American folk songs and spirituals as a basis for his Romantic style and Classical music, he was recognized as one of the leading Black composers of his time.

As a composer Dett wrote that "we have this wonderful store of folk music—the melodies of an enslaved people...but this store will be of no value unless we utilize it, unless we treat it in such manner that it can be presented in choral form, in lyric and operatic works, in concertos and suites and salon music."



On Saturday evening, February 26, at 7p Tab will pay tribute to the wonderful musical contribution of Nathaniel Dett in a concert featuring his extended work, "The Chariot Jubilee" as well as additional selections. Singers from Tab will be joined by members of the Purdue University Chorus under the direction of Jacob Stensberg, a Tab Sanctuary Choir alum. We will also feature tenor, Robert Anthony Mack, founder of Opera Noire in New York City. You won't want to miss this concert as we celebrate a great American Black composer during Black History Month.