



# Mauldin Civitan Club

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## **NEXT MEETING**

*Zoom Meeting,  
Thursday March 18 2021,  
6:00pm*

### **Dues**

Membership Dues for  
Jan, Feb, Mar may be  
mailed to:

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## MAULDIN CIVITAN CLUB FIFTH ANNUAL CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATION

The Mauldin Civitan Club held its Fifth Annual Clergy Appreciation Celebration, despite the pandemic, virtual February 18, 2021. Suzi Knebusch, President-Elect, was Program Chairperson. The Clergy in attendance represented different denominations from Mauldin and Greenville vicinity. The occasion was to show appreciation to Clergy of all faiths.

The program was called to order by President Jimmy DuRante and was followed with the Invocation by Curtis Pressley. Belita Broadus and Bernice Dessaure led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dianne Staley recited the Civitan Creed.

President Jimmy DuRante introduced our guests Dr. Jerusha Drummond and Rev. William Drummond from Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Brian Underwood from St John United Methodist Church and asked them to say a few words.

Russell Boyd's thorough presentation of The Story of Clergy Day historically detailed how Clergy Appreciation Week was inspired by the sacrifice of four Army Chaplains, of different faiths, made during an event that occurred on February 3, 1943 during World War II. The Chaplains gave away their only means of saving themselves in order to save others.

It is this moment which Civitans annually pause to remember and in doing so, pause to say thank you to the Clergy of their communities. We then listened to a musical selection of The Lord's Prayer by CeCe Winans via YouTube.

President Jimmy DuRante introduced the speaker, Pastor Courtney Adams of Israel Metropolitan CME Church, Greenville SC and advised that despite having surgery three days prior, Pastor Adams was still committed to being our speaker.



Pastor Adams stated that although he was still convalescing out of town, he wanted to keep his word to be our speaker because he was committed. Scripture, Luke 10:30-33 reference The Parable of the Good Samaritan. Pastor Adams spoke of someone being robbed, beaten and left for dead on the road. A Priest and a Levite saw the wounded man but passed by him on the other side of the road. The Samaritan stopped, helped by bandaging the wounds, put the injured man on his

donkey, took him to an inn, paid the cost of the inn, and advised he would come back to pay additional bill.

Pastor Adams' Thought of Consideration, What will we do with defining moments? Pastor Adams stated that both the Priest and Levite mismanaged this defining moment God placed in front of them.

Lessons: (1) Willing to be used by God in each defining moment of our lives  
(2) Plan of God is call to service and understanding  
(3) Willing to give of oneself no matter the cost.

As Servants of God, Pastor Adams said there is responsibility to give of self to be used to God's Glory. Accordingly, Pastor Adams stated we would have what we need to impact our communities, to continue speaking truth to power, to continue tearing down racial barriers within our communities, and to continue to do all that God has purpose for our lives at such a time as this. Give of self to make sure the wellbeing of others are taken care of.

Suzi Knebusch, Program Chairperson expressed appreciation on behalf of the Mauldin Civitan Club for the powerful and inspirational message delivered by Pastor Courtney Adams. Pastor Adams could have easily backed out due to health reasons but as a Servant of God he was willing to give of himself and to be used to God's Glory.

Jannie Hill read a Tribute to Clergy penned by Anna Smith, the ultimate in wordsmith. The tribute was a fitting finale to an outstanding program honoring Clergy in our community.



Suzi Knebusch, Program Chairperson, in remarks asked about prayer requests. Prayer requests were asked for those affected by the pandemic, bad weather, sickness and those in need.

Closing Prayer was made by Pastor Brian Underwood, St John United Methodist Church, Greenville SC.

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### *MARCH OF DIMES MARCH FOR BABIES*

It is that special time of year when we turn our hearts to the babies and to the March of Dimes organization which gives so much help to save their lives. The march is virtual this year but the help for the babies is face to face.

Mauldin Civitan Club participating at Greenville SC on 04/30/2021 for March for Babies virtual celebration.

The link to our team page is <http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/mauldincivitans>

Please share this link on your social media so your family and friends may contribute as they wish. Our goal is still \$1000 but we do not have as much being given by our club budget. So, we will have to step up and raise more ourselves. I am updating the team page and will be sending out more info about how we may participate. If you have ideas, please let me know. Any and all ideas are appreciated. Also, if you have any more pictures for our team page, please send them to me.

Thanks for all you do!

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#### *Happy Birthday!*

<i>Betty DuRante</i>	<i>March 2</i>
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<i>Leonía Gray</i>	<i>March 11</i>
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<i>Dianne Staley</i>	<i>March 15</i>
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## President's Message



Can you believe we are almost through the first quarter of 2021? Time is really flying by. I hope each of you has received your Covid Vaccine or have an appointment to complete it. We would love to have all members vaccinated when we come back together. We had a delightful Clergy Day Program by way Zoom last month. I, again, would like to thank the committee for all your hard work.

We must now turn our focus on the March of Dimes Virtual Walk for Babies. We have a goal to raise \$1,000. We only budgeted \$100 this year, so we must come up with \$900 from the members and friends. There are only four persons who have joined our team, thus far: Curtis Pressley, Suzi Knesbush, Betty DuRante and myself. We have donated \$428, thus far. We have another \$472 to raise

before the walk. We certainly would like to exceed the goal as we have done each year. I hope you will go online and join our March of Dimes Team. Please ask your family and friends to make a donation on behalf of The Mauldin Civitan Club. Suzi is the Chairperson. She will be more than happy to assist you on how to sign up for our team. You can just make a check to the March of Dimes and send to Suzi.

Please take notes of some important dates in our state calendar:

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| March 14 - Daylight Saving Time Begins      | May 1 – Junior Civitan State Convention |
| March 17 - St. Patrick's Day                | May 9 – Mother's Day                    |
| March 20 - Spring Begins                    | May 15 – Spring District Meeting        |
| March 21 – World Downs Syndrome Day         | May 25 – Junior Civitan Dance-a Thon    |
| April 1 – World Autism Day                  | May 31 – Memorial Day                   |
| April 2 – Last day for Civigram submissions |   |
| April 4 – Easter                            |   |
| April 22 – Earth Day                        |   |

Please review our Local Calendar to stay informed.

Respectfully,

Jimmy DuRante