



**Pastor-Elect, Rev. Dr. John J. Cox**



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## Message From The Interim Pastor

By Rev. Dr. Isaac A. Fox

*"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"*  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV)*

It has been an honor and a blessing to serve as your Interim Pastor for these past 21 months. I have found that we have such wonderful members. I thank you so much for your support. We are all excited to welcome Pastor-Elect Rev. Dr. John J. Cox. We pray God's richest blessings for him and his family.

May God continue to bless Vermont Avenue Baptist Church!

## Our History Highlight

Our church was founded in 1866 by seven freedmen. Reverend John Henry Brooks, a former Union army wagon driver, was our first pastor.

### Join Us!

#### ON SUNDAYS

**Early Worship** 7:30 AM

**Sunday School** 9:00 AM

**Worship** 10:45 AM

#### Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Each Month  
Immediately following Worship Services

#### Afternoon Worship & Fellowship

3:00 or 3:30 PM (see calendar)

#### Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays, 7:30 PM  
Preceded by Sunday School  
Exposition at 6:30 PM

#### Online

[www.vabc.org](http://www.vabc.org)

#### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/vabchurch](http://www.facebook.com/vabchurch)

#### UStream

[www.ustream.tv/channel/vabc-sanctuary](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/vabc-sanctuary)

## Mark Your Calendar!

### MAY

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30AM & 10:45AM**  
**"First Sunday with Pastor-Elect"**

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1*

Join us as we welcome and celebrate our Pastor-Elect Rev. Dr John J. Cox!



### JUNE

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Harmony Ensemble's Annual "Come As You Are" Prayer Breakfast**

## Program Event Highlights

### “2018 Women’s Day Committee White Hat Tea”

By Deaconess Angela F. Wheeler

**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things..

VABC Ladies and Gents showed up in white for a Pre-Mother’s Day event. Our MC for the day was Cynthia Wheeler and she shared with us a few bad jokes and some excellent theme related readings.

We were blessed by so many talented people: Liturgical dance by Rev. Teresa Denson, solos by Chris Wheeler and Antoinette Ward. Our Director of Music, Solomon Sparrow, who was accompanied by Chris Wheeler on the drums, provided all the music for the event.



### Did You Know?

The full Bible has been translated into 532 languages. It has been partially translated into 2,883 languages.

## Group / Ministry Highlight

### The Food Pantry Ministry

In collaboration with the Washington, DC Club and the George W. Lee Ministry, The Vermont Avenue Baptist Church Food Pantry Ministry was established 2011 under the blessings of the late Reverend Cornelius Rayford Wheeler. Their Mission Statement includes “ultimately the mission is to help position the church to reach people through a broadened ministry of Christian service.” This mission is guided by the scripture Matthews 6:11 NRSV, “Give us this day our daily bread” where daily bread goes beyond physical food to eat, but includes basic needs including spiritual needs.

The VABC Food Pantry Ministry has outreached many families in need with food baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The ministry also provides emergency food services throughout the year for families in need that contact the church office. Since its inception, the VABC Food Pantry Ministry continues receiving charitable support from our church family and local food chains and vendors. In addition, membership with the Capital Area Food Bank provides fresh fruits and vegetables at no cost. For more information contact the church office.

