

THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE OF SPRINGFIELD AND VICINITY

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“Together we build love and good fellowship”

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Unity in the Community Thanksgiving Service Ministerial Alliance Invites All to Give Thanks

SPRINGFIELD-The Ministerial Alliance of Springfield and Vicinity’s Community Thanksgiving Service will be at 7 p.m. November 18, 2009 at Zion Baptist Church, 1601 East Laurel in Springfield, Illinois. An Alliance Community Choir under the direction of Ms. Katherine Luster will perform. Dr. Clifford Hayes, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and the Reverend Shaughneysy Small, Associate Minister of the First Church of God will bring a joint message.

“We are inviting all of Springfield to join in this community event as we acknowledge and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us” said Pastor Silas Johnson this year’s program chairman. “The Alliance continues to provide opportunities for people to come together from all faiths to celebrate that which unites us and to work for the common good of the community” The community thanksgiving service is free and open to all.

In light of the shortages being experienced by area food banks and offering will be taken with all the proceeds going to the Central Illinois Food Bank.

Formed in the 1960’s The Ministerial Alliance of Springfield and Vicinity is an organization of pastors, ministers and laypeople from the Springfield which serves as a medium through which area congregations can work in harmony with one another. The Alliance has sponsored or co-sponsored the Community Thanksgiving Service for over 10 years. Last year the Alliance sponsored the 2008 Year of Reconciliation which was designed to coincide with the 100 year anniversary of the 1908 Race Riot. Recognizing the need to bring people of all races and backgrounds together to focus on the spiritual themes of reconciliation and healing the theme was eventually adopted by the City of Springfield. For more information on the Alliance visit their web-site at: www.springfieldministerialalliance.org