



THE PARISH NEWS



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REFLECTIONS: A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR



As I share these words, I hope each one of you and your families have been able to overcome the force of nature and are ready to move on to new possibilities. As difficult as life can be sometimes, it still deals us with greater unforgettable moments and experiences. This gives me the opportunity to thank all those who made possible another meaningful New Year's Day brunch. The turnout was outstanding and the service and care offered by our volunteers to those who came was even better. I also heard that the quality of love and care was stretched out all the way to the January Hempstead Fellowship Brunch. That is indeed worthy mentioning!

I am glad we were able to carry this spirit of joy and celebration to our Martin Luther King Jr. service, celebrated this year during our regular worship service. It is important to recognize the participation of our youth and the significance in maintaining the story of Brother King and the legacy of the Civil Rights movement, alive in the memory of all of them. In this regard, we should also recognize the message delivered by our brother, Wayne Redman, who reminded us that the struggle for justice and peace is an ongoing task and that our church must be part of those helping to eradicate injustice in all its forms because "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

But as I said it at the beginning of this article, life and ministry continue to offer us possibilities to grow and contribute toward the building

of God's kingdom. Lent presents a great opportunity to explore a deeper meaning of God, not just for my life, but for our journey as a congregation. The topic we have chosen for this year is inspiring: "A Journey into Wholeness." Some of our lay speakers and I will navigate with you into the deep waters of our inner selves, and through the brokenness of hunger and homelessness, find the power of God's grace.

We will also attempt to discover that same life-giving grace in the brokenness of creation and neighbor, with the hope that these reflections and experiences will contribute toward the spiritual growth of us as individuals, and as a congregation.

Therefore, I pray that you can schedule a time for Lent in the calendar of your life to discover new meanings and greater possibilities in your journey. Our weekly appointment will start with a delicious supper on Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. We will do this for next four Wednesdays until March 16. Who will be preparing these meals? All of us! If you are planning to attend these community Lenten meals, please bring your favorite dish and be ready to share it with a great number of loving and kind people.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Rafael Garcia

NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH



Pictured above (L to R): Claudia Byam, Linda Gomes, and Madeline Corredor-Garcia.



Pictured above (L to R): Rev. Rafael Garcia and brunch guests.

The New Year's Day brunch was well attended, with more than 60 people who came out on the first day of the year to enjoy a delicious meal, prepared by the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch Committee.



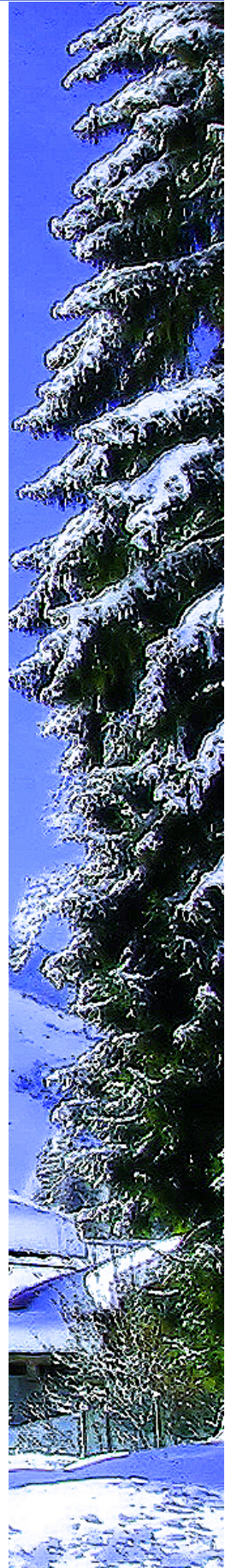
Pictured, left: Duncan Chase.



Pictured above (L to R): Mary Johnson and Bibi Boucicaut.



Pictured above (L to R): Claude Gooding and Claudia Byam.



A DELICIOUS START TO 2016!



Pictured above: Malcolm Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Kevon Garcia, Camilo Garcia, and friends.



Pictured above (L to R): Zoe Gomes, Judy Quinn, Liz Johnson, and Pauline Lewis.



Pictured above (L to R): Leon Williams, Adrienne Jones, Judy Quinn, Mary Johnson, Pat Donnelly, Garydiane Morrison, and Liz Williams.



Pictured above (L to R): Julia and Jim Ross.



Pictured above: Elnora Brevard.



Pictured above: Wayne Redman.



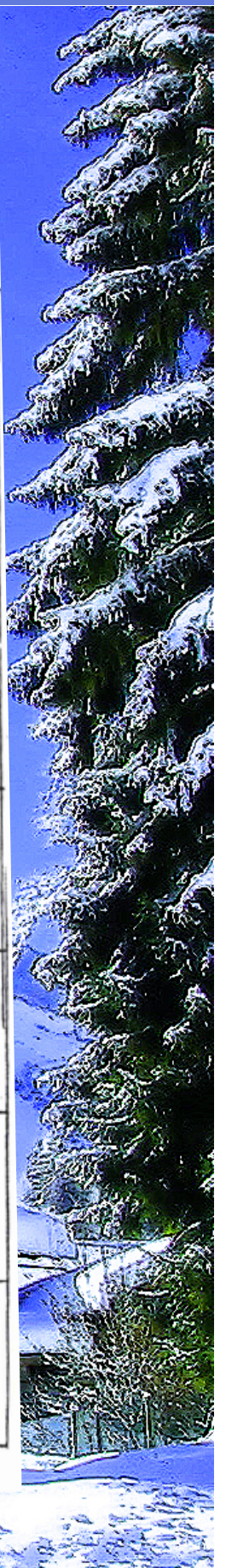
Please put this calendar where you will see it first thing in the morning. It's purpose is just to remind us that each day is special and to put some thought into it.

"This is the day the Lord has made - REJOICE!"

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Today Sit in a different pew - even a different section.	15 2¢ for each blanket you have and give thanks for warmth	16 Today wear a SMILE morning noon and night	10 Today LOOK up and say "Hi, God"	11 Speak Love	12 Celebrate gratitude for each inch tall you are	13 Every soldier is someone's child.... pray for them all
21 3¢ for every box or can of soup in your home bring some for the Emergency Food Center	22 Today pray for someone you really don't like	23 think Joy	17 Pray for the unemployed and poor that they do not give up hope.	18 4¢ for each telephone you own and call someone who is alone.	19 Today of instead of your usual grace before meals bring a song	20 1¢ for each book in your house... and remember the teachers who taught you to read.
			24 5¢ for each of the Ten Commandments you can't name	25 Time is so precious that God gave it to us in seconds use them wisely	26 Ask God what you can do for her today	27 Clean out your closet give what you don't use to those who don't have

February



March

All money collected through this calendar will be donated to the Emergency Food Center.

Sunday	28 5¢ if you liked the sermon 10¢ if you didn't 25¢ if you didn't go to church	Monday	29 Today speak positively never isn't no 3x won't can't haven't	Tuesday	1 How lucky we are for WATER today start being a good steward of God's gift	Wednesday	2 Let your senses explore the Word of Creation	Thursday	3 3¢ for each pet you own and a little extra love & attention for them	Friday	4 10¢ for each Patriotic pin you own wear them with PRIDE	Saturday	5 Take 30 minutes for quiet time Just sit, relax and think
6 Name 5 things you like about yourself	7 Lode is a two way street GO BOTH WAYS today	8 3¢ for each coat you own and pray for those who are cold	9 Make the world prettier, pick up some litter you would normally step over.	10 Get busy let everyone know it again and again and again	11 4¢ each time you go up steps today and be thankful for the energy to do so.	12 Eating Well? 1¢ for each inch around your waist pray for the hungry	13 2¢ for each member of the choir enjoy God's gift of music	14 1¢ for each roll of toilet paper in your home to some this is a luxury	15 Thank God for all those who make you happy	16 See people as individuals, don't deny them their unique humanity	17 Think of all the great green things God provided for us.	18 Be a little kinder than necessary	19 1¢ for each window 2¢ for each door in your house... be thankful for Home
20 Praise the Lord with song today sing with gusto	21 5¢ for each clock you have and thank God for the time he gives you.	22 Celebrate the NOW of Life	23 Take a deep breath of God's life giving air and GIVE THANKS	24 Every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness	25 2¢ for each name in your phone book you haven't spoken to in over a year — call one today	26 Give 5¢ for each non- you are worth it!							

27 Easter ... Contribute what you want. Bring your contribution to church.



Mission u is Moving !!

You Spoke & We Listened!!!

2016 Mission u
Friday, July 22 – Sunday, July 24, 2016
At the Stamford Hilton

- Everything in one location
- Facilities are fully accessible
- Courtesy Van from nearby Stamford, CT railroad station (One hour from Grand Central Station)
- Complimentary parking
- Wi-fi access throughout
- Hotel quality buffet style dining



2016 Mission u Studies

Spiritual Growth

The Bible and Human Sexuality

Geographic

Latin America

Issue Study

Climate Justice

Children & Youth

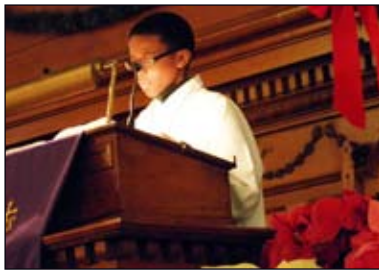
Climate Justice

More information

COMING SOON!

Contact Deborah C. Jenkins, Dean
718-444-1485 or dcjenkins@att.net

Dr. Claude Gooding, Asst. Dean
516-509-6757 or cgood89135@gmail.com



Corrections: In the January issue of the *Parish News*, there was a misprint in one of the names associated with the *Lessons and Carols* photos. Pictured on the right is: Jeremy McKenzie, Jonathan McCullers, and Jeremy Andall. Pictured on the left: Jonathan McCullers.



Winter

Sunshine Column

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Patrick Thomson
Rev. Irv Marsland
Hugh Brown
Ann Hunter
Daniella Johnson
Celeste Walwyn
Jean Bearak
Louise Josephson
Aniqa Garrison
Alexis Redman
Chelsea Redman
Xavyer Thomson
Dorothy Zondag
Miriam Harris
Joseph Hall
Paulette Brown
Marilyn Harris
Shirley Brown
Jackie Morgan
Ruth Robinson
Roger Eastman
Vicenta Garcia
Shari Bailey
Norman Brown
Daniella Dwyer
Clifford Brown
Natalie Moran
Xavier Gooding
Stephen Samuel

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If your name is not on the list, please contact Mary Johnson, Karen Bonnet, or Lavern Thompson.

PARISH NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit all information (articles, announcements, photos) about events, committee/ministries news, and other information that you can share with our church family to: hempsteadumc@gmail.com, or drop them off in the church office by February 14th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed by the last week of February.

If you are new to the church and wish to become a member, please see Pastor.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
(Social Hour to Follow)
After service, Sounds of Praise Choir Rehearsal
(5-11 years old)

Sunday: Service in Spanish, 12:30 PM
Thursday: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
(Alternate Fridays)

February Calendar

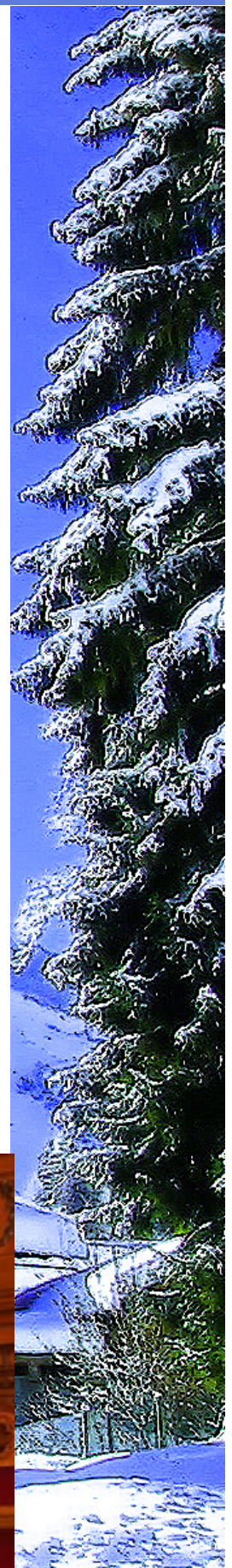
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Youth Fellowship	6
7 Bible Study, 8:30 am	8	9	10 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Bible Study 8:30 am 	15	16	17 Lenten Supper, 7:00 pm	18	19 Youth Fellowship	20
21 Bible Study, 8:30 am Black History Celebration	22 Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm	23	24 Lenten Supper, 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11 a.m
28 Bible Study, 8:30 am	29					



CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HEMPTHEAD

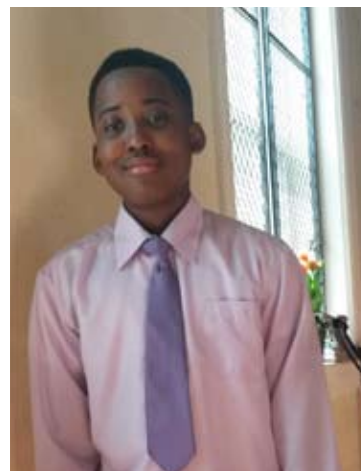
The Martin Luther King Day worship celebration was well attended with 126 people coming out to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. At the worship service, Wayne Redman, lay speaker and Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, gave an excellent sermon, "Reaching

the Mountain Top." Excerpts from Dr. King's sermons and speeches were read by Alex Benjamin, Zoe Gomes, and Jonathan McCullers. Chrystelle Gooding played a clarinet solo to the delight of the congregation.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
(1929-1968)

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.





New York Annual Conference

United Methodist Men
New York Annual Conference
“Building Spiritually Fulfilled Men”
Second Annual Prayer Breakfast
Theme: My Brother’s Keeper



Location: Brooks Memorial UMC

143-22 109th Avenue

Jamaica, NY 11435

Date: February 6, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Donation: \$15.00

All Donations will go to support The Upper Room Prayer Ministry
For more information, contact Earlwyn Benjamin: 718-991-6876 or

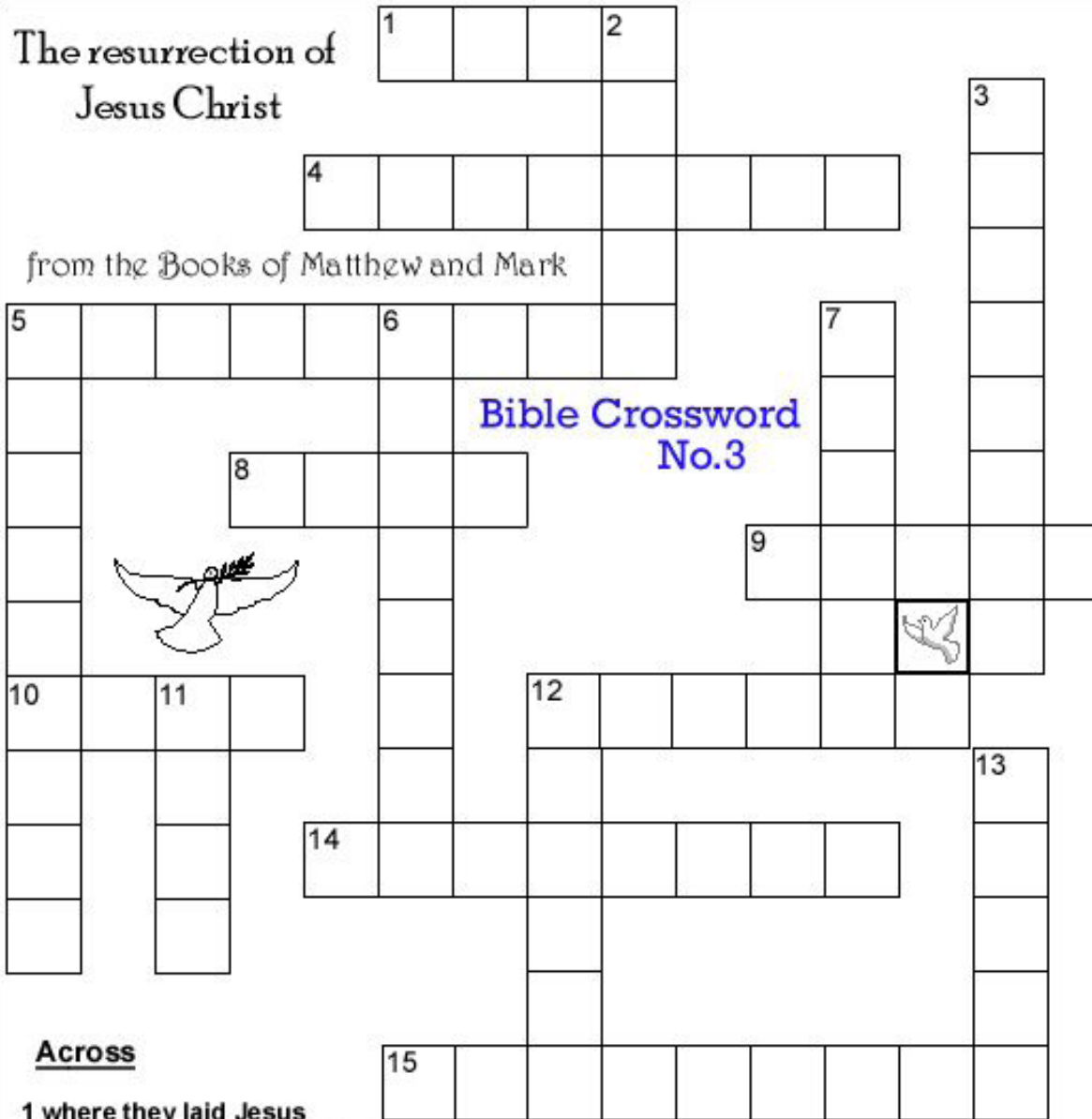
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The resurrection of
Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible Crossword
No.3



Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
- 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
- 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
- 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)
- 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
- 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
- 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins
- 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
- 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
- 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)
- 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
- 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
- 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"
- 13 our Lord and Saviour

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CHURCH NEWS

Lenten Calendar

During Lent many people give up something as a reminder of the season and our journey to the celebration of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. In this issue of the Parish News you will find a Lenten Calendar where we ask you to add something during Lenten. Remove the calendar and put it where you will see it every day and read what that day is asking of you. It begins on Ash Wednesday, 2/10, and ends with Easter, 3/27. The money collected goes to the LICC Emergency Food Center to do as Jesus taught us - feed the hungry. The money can be collected in an envelope, plastic bag or anything you like, brought to church and given to an usher.

**THESE ARE THE DAYS THE LORD HAS
MADE - REJOICE**

Missions

The Missions Commission is being re-organized; your help is needed with ideas and projects close to your heart; i.e., Heifer Project, UMCOR, Blankets, INN. Jennie Connolly will continue spearheading the Health Kit collection in the spring and the Emergency Food Center box will remain in the Social Hall. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone brought one item for the box every time they entered the church - let's try. Also there is a hunger kettle in the narthex - the donations received



2016 Lenten Suppers

Starting Wednesday 2/17/16 through the next four Wednesdays until Holy Week.

Come and join your church family for fellowship and programs. Bring a dish to share. You can show off your cooking skills or bring something pre made. The number of people who show up makes up the variety of the meal. Nothing is planned for the meal except rolls and desserts. In the past we have ended up with all vegetables, or main dishes, or salads, but that is okay because we are family.

- Dinner starts at 7 pm.
- Program starts at 8 pm for one hour.
- The evening is over at 9 pm so that we can be ready for the following day - work or school.

**Please plan to join us for dinner or the
program or both.**

are divided between UMCOR and the INN.

If you are interested in making Missions a priority of the church, please contact Jean Bearak, 485-9638, or the church office so a meeting can be scheduled and the process begun.

Lay Servant Ministry

A lay servant ministry course will be held on Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, and 19 at the LIE District office, 265 Asbury Ave., Westbury, 8:30 to 1:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please call 516-306-4960, or email: michelefsanchez3949@gmail.com.