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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

Just a few days ago, the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church concluded its 218th Session at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. If you were in church last Sunday (June 11), you would have heard Mary Crayton-Johnson, our Lay Member to the Annual Conference, informing the congregation that Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop of the New York Area, had appointed me as Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead for the 2017-2018 Conference year. I am pleased to be among you and to continue doing ministry together for another year.

Challenged by Bishop Bickerton to “go into the community” and supported by the words, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19), I share these thoughts with you once more. These words summarize the mission of the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In order for a person to make disciples, that person must first be a disciple. To put it another way, in order to introduce another person to Christ, the one doing the introduction must first have a personal and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ. One cannot lead another to a place where one has not been oneself. Every disciple must be prepared to share his or her faith with others.

According to 1 Peter 3:15, “...Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting of the hope that is in you.”



If a person is able to put into words how that person came to know Christ, then that person ought to be able to point or lead someone else to Christ. Making disciples call for an investment of our time. We must be willing to build one-on-one relationships, encourage one another, and take seriously the task of seeking, inviting, welcoming, and gathering others into the body of Christ. We are to consider how God can best use us and take on what role the Holy Spirit leads us to take. We can approach family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances and invite them to worship services or church activities.

Our mission is to present Jesus Christ so that others are led to put their trust in him, accept him as their Savior, and serve him as Lord in the fellowship of his church. Let's take advantage of these days, reach out to those around us, and share the good news of Christ with them.

Yours in His Service,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*



# In the Spotlight



*Pictured above: Rev. Dr. Joshua Jong, Roger Jackson, Lynn Hazel, Garydiane Morrison (graduate), Pastor Andrea Smith, Frank Blennau, (graduate) Rev. Dr. Miriam Koo, Rev. Dr. Penny Gazine, and Rev. Dr. Constance Park.*

Garydiane Morrison, a long-time member of our church, was one of five graduates of the Pastoral Care program of the Pastoral Care Mission Center. The “Fourth Commencement” ceremony was held on May 15th, 2017 at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Elmont.

Rev. Dr. Joshua Jong presided over the ceremony. All of the graduates received special recognition, as well as a stole and certificate presentation.

Garydiane is an integral part of the UMC of Hempstead; she is a Youth Minister, Lay Servant, Hempstead Fellowship Brunch Coordinator, and over the years, has organized the Vacation Bible School sessions at the church.





# June Calendar

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY   | WED. | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|------|----------|--------|---|
|  |   |   |      | 1        | 2      | 3   |
| 4  | 5   | 6   | 7    | 8        | 9      | 10  |
| 11   | 12  | 13<br>UMW<br>Spring<br>Luncheon at<br>Davenport Press<br>Restaurant | 14   | 15       | 16     | 17<br>Trustees<br>meeting,<br>10 am   |
| 18<br> | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22       | 23     | 24<br>Finance<br>Committee,<br>10 am<br>Hempstead<br>Fellowship<br>Brunch,<br>11-1 pm |
| 25   | 26<br>Church Council<br>meeting,<br>7:30 pm | 27  | 28   | 29       | 30     | 31  |





# 195TH ANNIVERSARY

## KICKOFF CELEBRATION





# 195TH ANNIVERSARY

A MEMORABLE EVENT





# The United Methodist Church of Hempstead

**HEMPSTEAD:** The town known as home to our church

For 195 years – growing sincerely through faith  
This land upon which the church still stands  
Has been blessed by God's LOVE and His GRACE

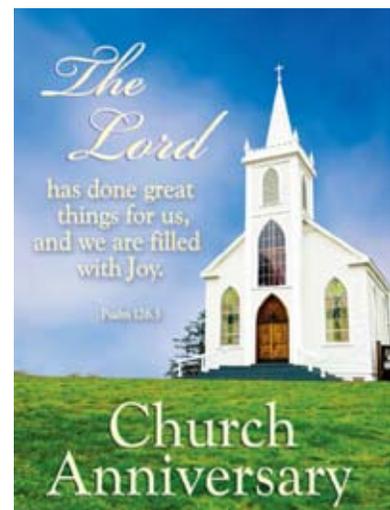
**UNITED:** We are of many Ethnic Races  
Together – Christians – renewed faith, souls  
reborn  
Uniting with God's Spirit – The Trinity – Three  
in One

Methodist – we are, though of varied Nationalities  
Each one unique with Talents we can share  
Together as we worship through Hymns and Prayers  
Holding each other up, determine not to fall  
On God's name only we'll continue to call  
Debating through Committees with Pastoral's cheer  
Igniting God's Glory to an extent we can bear  
Souls like ours keep searching for God's Grace Divine  
Touch us Lord – for all the power is truly thine

**CHURCH:** It's not just our beautiful building  
It's not the admiration from people of our tall steeple  
It's the UNITY and DEVOTION of Christians together  
Faithful to God while serving ALL people  
The building is costly, yet the service is FREE  
Come one! Come all! – inside – the Holy Spirit awaits thee.



**Celebrating 195 Years of Service**



Janice Wellington / May 2017



# HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

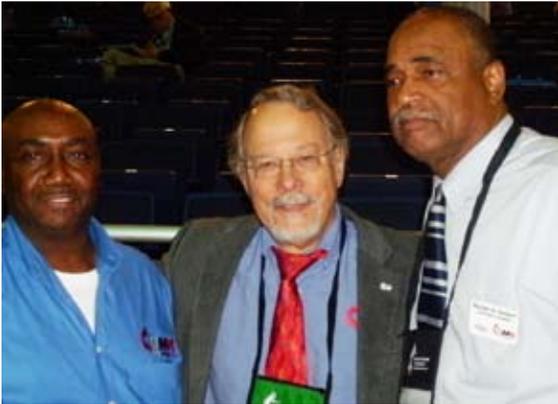
## SERVES 90 IN THE COMMUNITY

The Hempstead Fellowship Brunch was held on May 27, 2017. The monthly event attracted 90 people from the community who were given a delicious, hot meal. Dedicated volunteers from the UMC of Hempstead were on hand to serve the meal to the guests. Members of the Rotary Club, who have been attending the monthly brunches, assisted and gave out 90 bags of fruit. Thank you to all who helped to make this day a memorable one!





# NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 2017



*Pictured above (L-R): Royston Bailey, Gil Hanke, and Benjamin Nelson.*



*Pictured above: Thomas Pollock.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Candace Bahr, and Brenda Samuel.*

*Pictured below: A young college student studying to be a minister spoke at the NYAC.*



*Pictured above (middle): Pastor St. Clair A. Samuel.*

*Pictured below (L-R): Moses Luna, Sylvia Flores, Blanca Marin, and Rev. Victoria Luna.*



*Pictured above (L - R): Mary Johnson, Sarian Parker, Jackie Morgan, and Rev. Cedric Johnson.*



*Pictured above: Bishop Thomas Bickerton presided over the baptism of James Aesop Choi, who was christened on Sunday, June 11th during Worship Service at the NYAC.*



## ROYSTON BAILEY HONORED BY UMM

**R**oyston Bailey, former President of the UMM, was honored by the UMM for his service to the men's organization. Roy was presented with an award for years of dedication and service as the UMM Interim Conference President and Conference President.

Royston was the UMM Interim President from 2011-2013, and served as the UMM Conference President for the next four years. He is also active in the United Methodist Church of Hempstead where he has been a member for many years.



*Pictured above (L-R): Winston Robinson, Royston Bailey, Benjamin Nelson, UMM Conference President, and Wayne Redman.*

Congratulations!

### 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](mailto:hempsteadumc@gmail.com), or drop them off in the church office by May 16th.**

**The next *Parish News* will be distributed in September. Your church-related articles and photos are welcome. Happy summer!**

**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)**



# REFLECTIONS

## Where is Dad?

He's standing over the crib watching me as I sleep  
The pride he feels is a blessing - For the son or daughter he'll keep

He's going out daily to a job, through which he provides for me  
He's gone many hours -for this - much of my achievement he did not see

He's cheering me on when time is due for me to partake in a game  
Afterwards he lifts me high, clap his hands and shout my name

He was counseling when the need arise  
It made me happy and sometimes sad  
Yet through it all his love was there  
Guiding, protecting, for this I was glad

He often stands alone in a crisis, sometimes brought on by me  
When I'm too busy to take a stand, it's always where my Dad will be

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS

Janice Wellington / June 2017



## Mother's Day Tea

The Mother's Day Tea, an annual tradition at our church, was held on May 14th, 2017, and had 47 participants from the congregation.

Thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers, and friends who participated!



# Sunshine Column

## BIRTHDAY LIST - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



### June

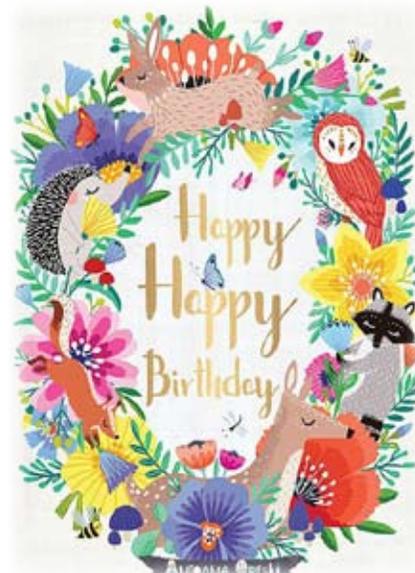
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| Joshua Valeris           | June 2nd  |
| Nicole Foo/McKenzie      | June 5th  |
| Kevin Gray               | June 5th  |
| Brenda Fleming           | June 10th |
| Jane Ducreay             | June 11th |
| Clive Daley              | June 14th |
| Ian Wellington           | June 15th |
| Denise Harris Proctor    | June 16th |
| Joseph Angus             | June 18th |
| Elizabeth Johnson        | June 19th |
| Lt Cdr Robert Millington | June 20th |
| Kevin Brown              | June 23rd |
| Fiona Cambry             | June 23rd |
| Delores Hancock          | June 25th |
| Robert Dwyer             | June 28th |
| Doreen Redman            | June 29th |

### August

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Leon Williams        | August 7th  |
| Jordan Boucicaut     | August 14th |
| Geoffrey Wellington  | August 14th |
| Mary J. Mueckenheim  | August 15th |
| Pat Scholz           | August 16th |
| Nadia Bucknor        | August 17th |
| Rashaad Harcum       | August 18th |
| Ashley Ford          | August 19th |
| Gabrielle Bernadotte | August 23rd |
| Donald Woolnough     | August 25th |
| Amanda Scantlebury   | August 25th |
| Hamilton Bowen       | August 27th |
| Gabrielle Lewis      | August 28th |
| Willie Brown         | August 28th |
| Emmanuel Nwatu       | August 28th |
| Emily A. Brew        | August 31st |

### July

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sarian Parker            | July 1st  |
| Ralph Mueckenheim        | July 2nd  |
| Leonora Williams Valeris | July 4th  |
| Jill Gunzel              | July 8th  |
| Janice Wellington        | July 8th  |
| Linda Guggino            | July 8th  |
| Nalani Mason             | July 8th  |
| Dwayne Foo               | July 13th |
| Jason Wellington         | July 15th |
| Johnnell P. Demery       | July 15th |
| Jacquelyn Koroma         | July 16th |
| Nadia Bucknor            | July 17th |
| Leon Bodden              | July 18th |
| Dionne Angus             | July 18th |
| Clovine Leacock          | July 24th |
| Gilmore Forbes           | July 25th |
| Elsie Nickoloff          | July 27th |
| Stevenson Scantlebury    | July 28th |
| Nicole Dwyer             | July 30th |
| Karen Bonnet             | July 30th |
| William Smith            | July 31st |



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# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPRING LUNCHEON



*Pictured above: (L-R): Linda Guggino, Miriam Richards, Elnora Brevard, Jean Bearak, Ruth Robinson, and Rubia Rivas.*



*Pictured above: (L-R): Roger Eastman, Jim Ross, and Dr. William Smith.*

The UMW Spring Luncheon was held at Davenport Restaurant on a summer-like day, June 13, 2017. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a good meal and camaraderie in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship.

*Pictured below: (L-R): Jackie Morgan, Ruby, Josephine Smith, and Mary Johnson.*

*Pictured below: (L-R): Crystal, Miriam Richards, Julia Ross, and Janice LaLumia.*

