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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



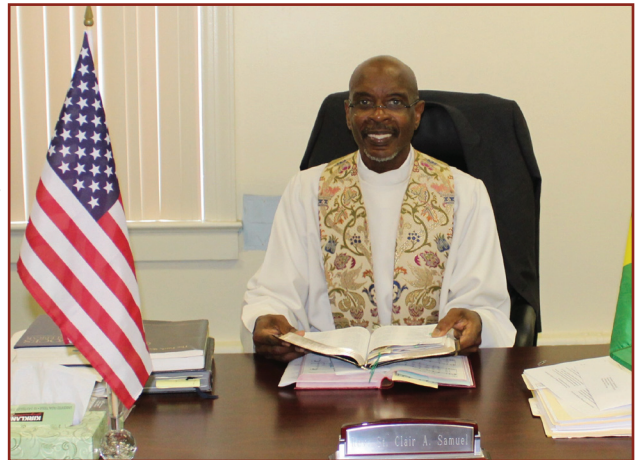
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

"O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever" Psalm 106:1

November is here. Already some of us have begun to admire the beauty in the changing colors of the leaves. It is the time of year when we thank God for the harvest and all the blessings that come with it. Even when we have encountered the storms of life and it does not seem right or logical to offer thanks to God, we are called to be grateful. And we express our gratitude to God not just through our words but through the way we live our lives and use the resources God has entrusted to us.

On Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday (November 20), which is also the last Sunday after Pentecost, and the last Sunday of the Christian year, we will have the opportunity to pledge our support to the United Methodist Church of Hempstead for the ministries of the coming year. When we give to the church, we build the ministries that have enriched our own lives and have given us opportunities to fellowship with each other and serve our community. We give so that this church might continue to share the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. In addition, we support our staff, our United Methodist Connection, projects and missions locally, nationally, and globally.

We respond to God with our love because God first



loved us. We respond to God with our giving and our thanksgiving because God first gave to us--the gift of God's only begotten Son.

The season of Advent comes right after Thanksgiving. It has marked the beginning of the church year and is the first season in the Christian calendar. While our calendar begins with January 1, the church year actually starts with Advent. For most of us as children, there was no Advent season--just the Christmas season. In fact, many adults still think this way. But the four-week season of Advent is a time in which we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, and also a time to prepare for our Lord to come again in final victory. The expected return of Jesus Christ is referred to as the "Second Advent." May the approaching seasons bring to our minds the many blessings we have received from God, and may we experience an enrichment of faith in the One who has sacrificed his life for us. I pray, too, that we will be ready to respond to the needs of others and that we will always be joyful when we share our blessings and the rest of the good news with them.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. St. Clair A. Samuel



In the Spotlight



Pictured above: District Superintendent, Rev. Julia Yeon Hee Kim

A special celebration was held on Sunday, October 16, 2016, in honor of the appointment of Rev. Julia Yeon Hee Kim as District Superintendent of the L.I.E. District office.

Among those in attendance were Resident Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Pastor and Mrs. St. Clair Samuel, Rubia Rivas, Mary Johnson, Paz Rivera, Vilma Flores and many clergy and lay people from across Long Island.

District Superintendent Julia Yeon Hee Kim brings 26 years of pastoral ministry experience to her credit; 20 in ordained ministry. She has served as the chairperson of District Committee on Ordained Ministry in both the L.I.E. and NY/CT districts; and has served on the Annual Conference Board.

Educational credits include a BA in psychology from Barnard College, Columbia University, and a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. While in seminary, she spent two months in the Philippines doing short-term mission work.

Emigrating from Korea as a young child, DS Julia Yeon Hee Kim grew up as a pastor's child in Flushing, NY. Influenced by



Pictured above (L-R) at the "Celebration of Appointment Service," Rubia Rivas, Mary Johnson, Vilma Flores, and Paz Rivera.

her father, the late Rev. Un Young Kim, she was inspired by both parents' sacrificial ministry and devotion to Christ. It was a natural step for her to also become involved in ministry.

While in junior high school, DS Julia Yeon Hee Kim had a defining, personal experience with Christ and has committed her life to serving Him. It is her life's passion to see all ages come to a vital growing relationship with the Risen Christ, expressed in joyful worship and a life of grace and service while serving faithfully to advance God's Kingdom purposes.

Note: The above information was supplied by the "Celebration of Appointment Service" bulletin, October 16, 2016.



November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Church Fair, 9-2 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Board of Trustees, 9 am Hempstead Fellowship Brunch Thanksgiving Feast, 11-2 pm
20 Harvest Celebration 10 am	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26 Finance Committee, 10 am
27	28 Church Council, 7:30 pm	29	30			



The Hempstead Fellowship Brunch Committee Is Hosting a Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, November 19, 2016, 11 to 2 p.m. Save the Date!



United Methodist Church of Hempstead

HARVEST CELEBRATION

November 20, 2016



Come and worship with us as we celebrate Harvest!

Harvest service provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for fruitful crops and to celebrate God's fruitfulness in our own lives.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. Isaiah 9:3



Harvest

REQUESTING DONATIONS
(monetary or baked goods)

Please see Liz Johnson, Garydiane Morrison or Janice Wellington

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Sunshine Column



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kyle Pierre-Louis	November 3rd
Jonathan Tyler	November 7th
Elizabeth Williams	November 11th
Kadarius Brown	November 13th
Derrah Hall	November 13th
Petal Scantlebury	November 14th
Gem Lilly	November 15th
Adam Ross	November 17th
Roger Tatem	November 18th
Hugh Brown, Jr.	November 21st
Bibi Boucicaut	November 22nd
Bentley Bailey	November 23rd
Cathy Aziz	November 24th
Garydiane Morrison	November 26th



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

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 November 19th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in the first week of December. Your church-related articles and photos are welcome!

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)**



UMC OF HEMPSTEAD RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 1, 2016

The 2016 Fall Rummage Sale held in early October, was organized by the entire church. It featured jewelry, clothing, furniture, household items, shoes and pocketbooks, dishware, toys, and books for children and adults.

Due to the dedication and hard work of the volunteers from the church, more than \$2,000.00 was generated from the sale.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, items, and talent to make it a success!



Pictured above (L-R): Judy Quinn, Mary Johnson, and Evelyn Mazza.



Pictured above (L-R): Miriam Richards, William Cates, and Sam Alexander.



Pictured above (L-R): Julia Ross and Claudia Byam.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS A SUCCESS!



Pictured above (L-R): Claudia Byam and Bibi Boucicaut.

Pictured above (L-R): Winston Robinson, Claude Gooding, and Kathy Aikens.



Pictured above (L-R): Karen Bonnet, Mary Johnson, and Evelyn Mazza.



Pictured above (L-R): Candace Bahr, Catherine Bahr, Elnora Brevard, and Grace Brammer.





Poetic Reflections

JESUS STOPPED! WILL YOU?

SOMETIMES LIFE SEEMS SO FAST PACED
TIME APPEARS TO FLOAT ON BY
WE'VE BECOME TOO BUSY TO TAKE NOTICE
VERY OFTEN WE'RE HEARD TO SIGH
WHEN SOMEONE NEEDED OUR TIME TO TALK
WE COULDN'T! – WE WERE IN A HURRY!
HAD JESUS NOT STOPPED TO TALK
THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A MINISTRY

JESUS STOPPED:
TO HEAL TWO BLIND MEN
WHO DESPERATELY NEEDED THEIR SIGHT
THEIR FAITH KEPT THEM CRYING OUT
UNTILL THEY LITERALLY SAW THE LIGHT

LONG ENOUGH TO PERFORM A MIRACLE
WITH TWO FISH AND FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD
HE STOPPED TO DRIVE OUT DEMONS
GIVING DELIVERANCE TO THOSE AFFLICTED

FOR TEN LEPERS, FROM WHICH ONLY
ONE RETURNED –
TO GIVE THANKS FOR HIS HEALING
A GREAT LESSON TO BE LEARNED

JESUS STOPPED TO LISTEN AND TO TEACH
TO FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE TOO
IN THE MIDST OF HIS SUFFERING
HE FORGAVE HIS TORMENTORS
BEFORE HIS LIFE WAS THROUGH

FRIENDS: CAN YOU STOP? –
TO SHARE FROM GOD'S HOLY WORDS?
TO TELL WHAT HE'S DONE IN YOUR LIFE?
TO SAY A PRAYER FOR AN INJURED ONE-
OR A COUNTRY IN THE MIDST OF STRIFE?
TO SIMPLY LEND A HELPING HAND!
TO GIVE A LISTENING EAR!
TO SAY- 'I WILL FORGIVE YOU!'
TO LET OTHERS KNOW YOU CARE....
"WILL YOU STOP?"

J. Wellington / October 2016



Save the date!



Annual Church Fair

 **Saturday, November 12, 2016**
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 
UMC of Hempstead ~ 40 Washington Street

Featuring

- Fresh Vegetables ☺ Baked Goods***
- Cheese and Pecans ☺ Cards and Holiday Items***
- Handmade Variety Table ☺ Jewelry***
- Coffee Room - 9 to 11 a.m.**



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HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH AT OUR CHURCH - OCT. 22ND



Pictured at the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch (L-R): Carrie Wilson, Juliet Martin, Roger Tatem, Liz Browne, Judy Quinn, Leon Williams, Chrystelle Gooding, Pauline Lewis, Bibe Boucicaut, Janice Wellington, Mr. Wellington, and Royston Bailey.



Pictured above (L-R): Royston Bailey and Rev. St. Clair Samuel.



Pictured above (L-R): Pauline Lewis, Judy Quinn, Zoe Gomes, and Linda Gomes.



UNITED METHODIST MEN
Annual Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016 ~ 10:00 am
“Building Spiritually Fulfilled Men”

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- **Free Breakfast**
- **Devotion**
- **Presentation/Discussion on the five principles of leadership**
- **Review of By-Laws**
- **Presenting the Annual Budget and 2017 Calendar of Events**
- **Election of Officers**



Election Presided by
Roena Littlejohn
NYAC Conference Lay Leader

All Chartered Units (Active or Lapsed) Have One Vote

**All Pastors and Men of the Conference Are Members of the
United Methodist Men, and Are Invited to Attend**



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November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent: The Mission Commission is offering everyone an opportunity to send their holiday greetings to their church family by way of a Christmas Card Tree. Decide what you would spend on cards, postage, etc. and donate that amount, Your name will be placed on the tree and be listed in the Christmas bulletin and Parish News. It is a great way to make sure you don't accidentally forget someone. All funds received will be donated to NY Methodist Hospital's Red Stocking campaign that helps patients in need in their Brooklyn neighborhood. The campaign started in 1925, and each year the congregations of the UMC NYAC collect funds because they know the importance of giving back by helping those less fortunate. **So please visit the Christmas Card Tree during coffee hour, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18.**

Hurricane Matthew is no longer in the news, but the devastation it caused is still very current to the victims. On November 6th we will be asking for donations to assist UMCOR to provide relief to those victims. Please be generous.

World Communion: On October 2nd, \$437 was collected for World Communion, sponsoring scholarships to worthy students.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Church Fall Rummage Sale, whether setting up, sorting, selling or donating. A total of \$2,038 was raised for the church, and many shoppers left happy. At the end, 30 large bags of clothes/linens and six cartons of items were donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters so that everything that was donated found a new home.

Blanket Sunday: October 30th was Blanket Sunday - THANK YOU to everyone who contributed funds to this very worthy cause, which will keep many people warm in the cold weather season. The congregation generously donated \$765.00 to help blanket people throughout the world.