



THE PARISH NEWS



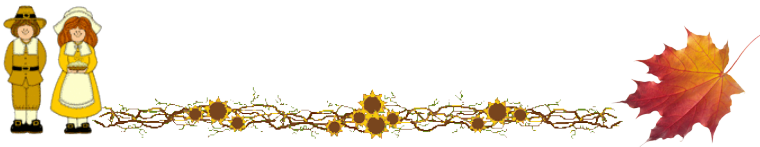
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A Message From The Pastor's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.” (Psalm 50:14)

Thanksgiving Day in the United States of America has been set aside by Proclamation for our entire nation to give thanks to God for the blessings of the year. Most of us have already figured out at whose place we would be sharing the festivities, as well as the different kind of activities in which we would be involved. To say the least, the mood is upbeat.

On the other hand, for those of us who have experienced difficult times this year, Thanksgiving might be greeted with mixed blessings. Natural disasters and/or social ills have caused and continue to cause real pain for a significant number of people. Many have become angry, bitter, depressed, and disheartened. But God, in his mercy, continues to make provision for those who have been affected by these and other conditions. “God’s faithfulness endures to all generations.” This includes all of us.

People who have been ill can give thanks to God for his healing power in their lives and for modern medicine that has helped the healing process.

Despite our grief, those of us who have suffered the loss of relatives, loved ones and friends, can give



thanks to God, that, through Jesus Christ, “the Resurrection and the Life,” we have been given the blessed hope of seeing these persons again.

Circumstances may not always be favorable to us, but we are encouraged “to give thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20). Also, we respond to God with our love because he first loved us. We respond to him with our giving and our thanksgiving because he first gave us the gift of his only begotten Son.

As we show our gratitude to God this Thanksgiving, may he take our unpleasant situations and turn them into avenues of blessing.

Best wishes for a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Yours in His Service,

St. Clair A. Samuel



Poetic Reflections

"SAVED TO SERVE"

*We are God's vessel, His hands and feet
His eyes and ears, His commandments to keep
As Christians we are saved by His (God) grace
Then sent to serve others of the human race*

*Sometimes we're plagued by doubts and fears
We keep the knowledge of Christ within
We do not share with others, we neglect to serve
How then can we help others fight off sin?*

*Let us therefore live by example - with passion
Allowing our faith to boldly shine through
We never know who may be watching us
Our words and actions may impact what others do*

*"Now" is your "later" - yesterday is gone
What you received in worship, go share it outside
Let your light shine so that others can see -
The beauty of Jesus you hold inside*

*Janice Wellington
(Notes from Pastor Samuel's Sermon Oct. - 22nd. -2017)*



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch October 2017



The HFB was a huge success, providing guests of the community with tasty dishes, prepared by Ruth Robinson and the HFB committee volunteers. The Hicksville Rotary Club was also on hand to help serve over 100 people who enjoyed the food and atmosphere. The next HFB will be held on Sat., Nov. 18th. It will be a Thanksgiving feast!



Photos, Courtesy of Linda Gomes



November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Church Fair, 9-2 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 195th Anniversary, 12 - 4:30 pm
12	13	14	15 Finance, 3:30 pm	16	17	18 Trustees, 10 am HFB, 11-1:00 pm
19 Harvest Sunday, 10 am	20	21 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7 pm	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25
26 United Methodist Student Day (offering)	27 Church Council, 7:30 pm	28	29	30		

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 Nov. 17th.

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

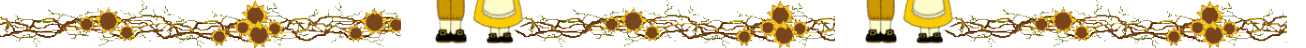
If you are new to the church and wish to become a member, please see Pastor.

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)



United Methodist Church of Hempstead

HARVEST CELEBRATION

November 19, 2017



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

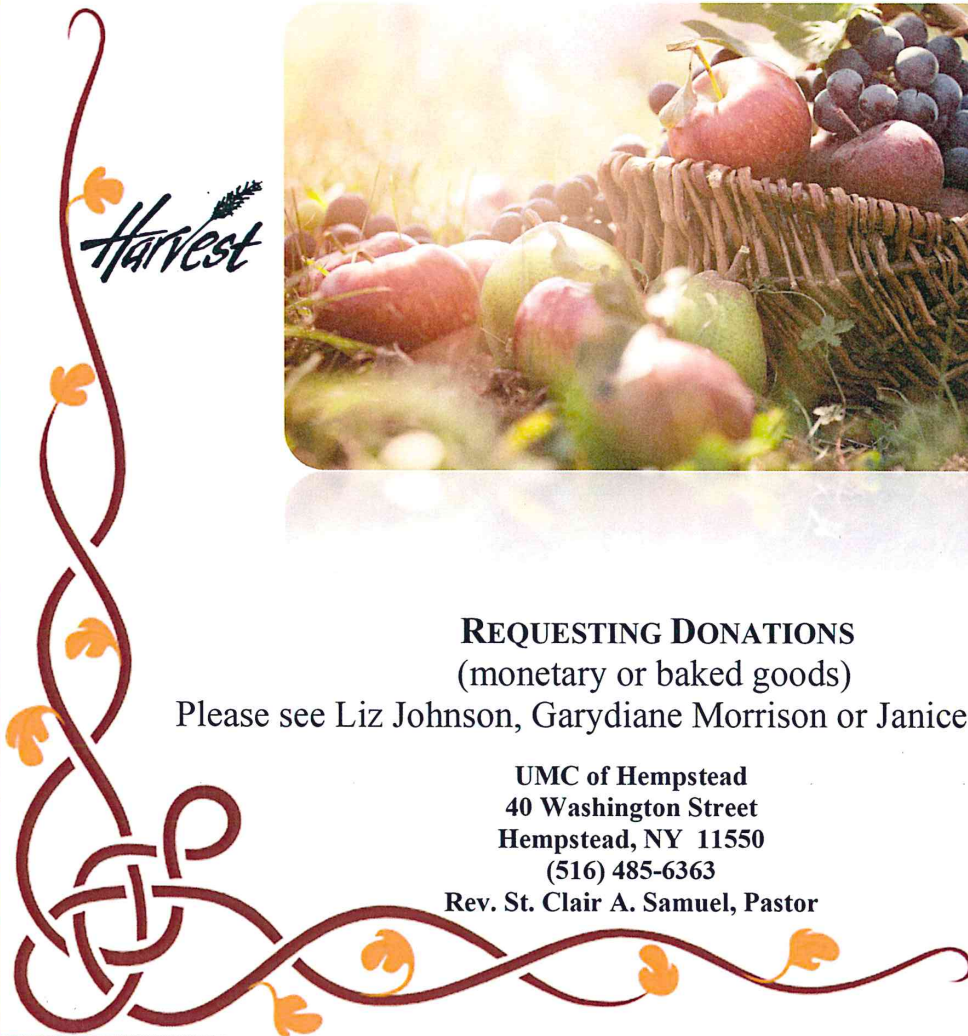
REQUESTING DONATIONS

(monetary or baked goods)

Please see Liz Johnson, Garydiane Morrison or Janice Wellington

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Rummage Sale: October 2017



The fall Rummage Sale brought in \$1,900.00 for the UMC of Hempstead. Many people stopped by to pick up items for their homes. Volunteers were on hand to help people who browsed through clothing, jewelry, household items, shoes and pocketbooks, toys, adult and children's books, linens, bedding, and more! Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to assist at the Rummage Sale.

- Finance Committee



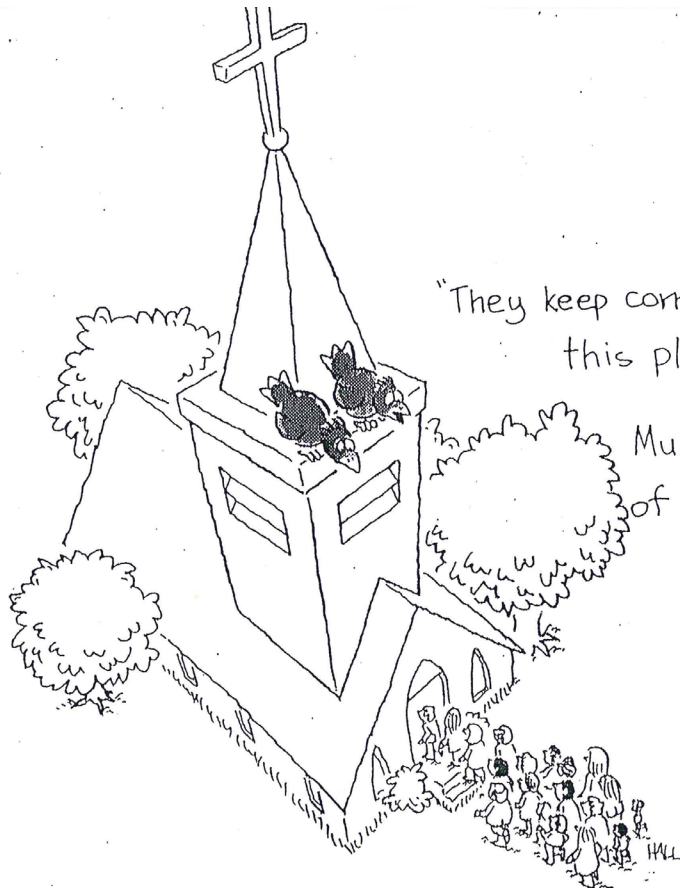
Sunshine Column

Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



Kyle Pierre-Louis
Jonathan Tyler
Elizabeth Williams
Kadarius Brown
Derrah Hall
Petal Scantlebury
Gem Lilly
Adam Ross
Roger Tatem
Hugh Brown Jr.
Bibi Boucicaut
Bentley Bailey
Cathy Aziz
Garydiane Morrison

November 3rd
November 7th
November 11th
November 13th
November 13th
November 14th
November 15th
November 17th
November 18th
November 21st
November 22nd
November 23rd
November 24th
November 26th



"They keep coming back to this place.

Must be some kind of feeding station."

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CHURCH NEWS



The Evangelism Committee will meet in the Parlor on Nov. 12, 2017 after service.

Just a reminder: Hunger is all around us. We hear of it from the reports of the Hempstead Fellowship Brunches provided by Ruth Robinson and her crew, a job well done. We can also help feed those who are hungry. There is a food box in the social hall, on the way to service, to donate can goods, pasta, cereals, rice, etc. Please remember when you come to church to bring an item or two for the box. If you should forget, there is a hunger kettle in the narthex to put some money. Everything given goes to those in need.

October was Pastor Appreciation month around the world. We celebrated Pastor Samuel on October 29th with the altar flowers in his honor, and a cake during coffee hour. He did an interesting job cutting the cake - everyone got the piece they wanted. Though one month is designated to appreciate our pastor, it is a year round thank you for the love and care he gives

all - remember to tell him. **THANK YOU PASTOR SAMUEL.**

Sunday, October 29th, a rainy, windy, cold day, was blanket Sunday and perhaps reminded people how welcome a blanket is. We collected \$405.00 for Church World Service for blankets to be distributed to those in need when a disaster strikes. The funds we sent will provide 40 blankets to those who lost everything; they need to know there are those who care and send love.

December 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent - Christmas is on its way. Once again, everyone has the opportunity to send greetings to their church family through the Christmas Card Tree. For a donation, your name will be placed on a tree which will be displayed in the Narthex and in coffee hour. A list of all will be published in the January *Parish News* as well as in the Sunday bulletin, wishing all a Happy & Healthy 2018. All funds received will go to Methodist Hospital's Red Stocking campaign.



Pictured: (L-R): New Members Reception with Pastor St. Clair Samuel, Phyllis Gill-Pink, Ruth Gill, Carlson Connor, Anne Hughes Connor, Janethe Gill, and Mary Johnson.