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REFLECTIONS: A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Our summer time is approaching its end and with that the church prepares to resume its ministry in full force. But the summer at Hempstead Church did not go totally idle. In early July, the Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Pearl Miles-Lee, organized a fundraiser at Applebees's in Garden City. Several of our young people who volunteered as waiters and waitresses provided attendees at the event with excellent service. I can only offer praise and rejoice in what I feel was a very successful event. Thanks Pearl and kids... Great job!

This summer also gave us the opportunity to baptize a beautiful baby. These celebrations are always very uplifting and the one we had in mid-August did not fail our expectations. We also held some Bible studies in July; they proved to be challenging. We expect to resume Bible Studies in October on Thursday evenings and hope more of you will be able to participate.

Some committees, such as the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Finance, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, and the Education Committee, stayed active in the summer. There were some unfinished tasks that we needed to address and the members of these committees responded well to the occasion. Let me take this opportunity to thank those of you who took the time in the midst of the heat of the summer to finish some of our uncompleted business.

Now a new stage in our ministry is about to begin and hope you all will be ready to reconnect with the life of the church. A Sunday School staff meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 7 after the worship service. Rally Sunday was moved to September 14 and the first Sunday School class will be on September 21. Our brother, Wayne Redman, told me early this year that he needed a break after serving as the Sunday School Superintendent for several years. Some of the members of the children's Bible school staff such as Doreen Redman, Margaret Foo, and Liz Johnson also expressed their desire for a well-deserved break. I understand their requests and appreciate their dedication for planting the seeds of the

Christian faith in our children's hearts for so many years. We can only be thankful for their tireless work over this long period of time. Thanks Wayne and Sunday the School staff. Well done!

In light of this, the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development met last August to find a new Superintendent for our Sunday School. We were fascinated when we found this person among the members of the nominating Committee itself. I am very excited to announce that Shari Bailey will lead the children's Bible school and that several of our young people will be helping her, along with new volunteers. Now it is the parents' turn to rise to the occasion and help us have a very fruitful year in this area of the church ministry.

For the upcoming season, the challenge for our church is to find the type of structure that will help our congregation achieve its goals for ministry. I hope the Church Council will help to facilitate this process as it begins to meet regularly at 7:30 P.M. on the fourth Monday of each month starting on September 22. We hope to accomplish this important objective before the Church Conference meeting with our District Superintendent, the Rev. Adrienne Brewington, on Monday, December 29 at 8 P.M.

The Board of Trustees was also very busy during the summer addressing several repairs and maintenance jobs in our building and parsonage. Some of those issues were resolved but others are still pending; I hope that before the church resumes its ministry in full gear in September, the building is functioning properly and safely.

The International Lunch has been moved to October to give the Committee on Religion and Race time to meet and plan this event. This year the Hispanic congregation will join us in what it promises to be a very rewarding celebration. I hope you can make plans to participate and receive the blessings of diversity. We will follow up with more detailed information in the October issue.

Grace and Peace.


Pastor Rafael Garcia



UNITED METHODIST MEN
New York Annual Conference
34TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT
Saturday, October 25, 2014 - 8:00 - 4:00 pm

"Building Spiritually Fulfilled Men"

Theme: Standing Firm By Faith
Speaker: Rev. Sangchan Kim

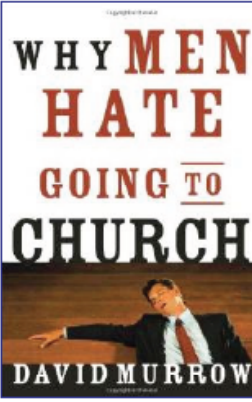


The United Methodist Standing Firm By Faith Retreat is open to all Pastors and men age 15 and older. It is designed for Pastors and men who are committed to seeing their Church and Men's Ministry become increasingly effective, faithful, and sustainable. It will also motivate, and provide the momentum to break through some of the barriers holding your church back.

Workshops

- **Why Men Hate Going to Church** (based on a training video of the book by David Murrow).
- **EMS: Every Man Shares in Evangelism, Mission, and Spiritual Growth.**
- **Chartering: The Importance of Chartering to the Local Church.**

Location of Event: Jamaica St. Paul
United Methodist Church
173-01 108th Street, Jamaica, NY 11433
Donation: \$30.00



Directions to the Church and Registration Form on Reverse Side

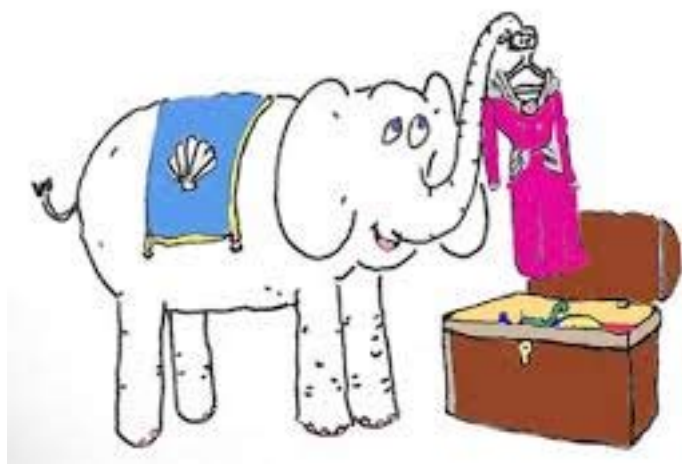
For more information, contact
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RUMMAGE

Saturday, October 4 - 9 - 2 pm
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- **White Elephant Sale**
- **Baked Goods**
- **Clothing**
- **Furniture**
- **Toys**
- **Linens**
- **And much more!**



*Fall is always as great time to clean out your closets - Your junk is someone else's gems!
 We are in need of volunteers to help out during the event. Please contact Catherine Bahr
 at 798-2103. Thank you!*

MEMO FROM GOD

To: YOU
 Date: TODAY
 From: THE BOSS
 Subject: YOURSELF
 Reference: LIFE



I am God.
 Today I will be handling all of your problems.
 Please remember that I do not need your help.
 If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. All situations will be resolved... but in My time, not yours.
 Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now.
 If you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.
 Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.
 Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.
 Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.
 Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.
 Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.
 Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking, "what is my purpose?" Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.
 Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!
 Should you decide to send this to a friend, thank you. You may have touched a life in ways you will never know!

(Source: www.inspire21.com)



*We don't change the message,
 The message changes us.*

*You can tell how big a person is
 By what it takes to discourage him/her.*

**NYAC BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER
WITH THE HARLEM WIZARDS RAISES FUNDS TO FIGHT MALARIA**



On Saturday, July 19, 2014, members of the United Methodist Church and the surrounding community attended a basketball fundraiser, "NYAC vs. Malaria," featuring the Harlem Wizards. The Harlem Wizards held a basketball clinic at Hofstra University Mack Sports Arena where youth and adults played a fun game of basketball against the conference team, comprised of members of the NYAC. It was well-attended and a good time was had by all!

Photos, courtesy of Roy Bailey

Save the Dates - September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday School Rally	15 Committee on Finance, 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20 Board of Trustees, 9 a.m.
21 Sunday School begins	22 Church Council, 7:30 p.m. Fall Begins 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

REMINDER

Please remember to bring **non-perishable** food items for those less fortunate than we are. **Hunger is prevalent all year round.** As you are aware, the food box is located in the Social Hall and is always ready and waiting for your donations. Every little bit helps. Thank you! - Dot Zondag



NYAC UNITED METHODIST



Pictured right: Rev. Marcia Smith and Evelyn Brunson.



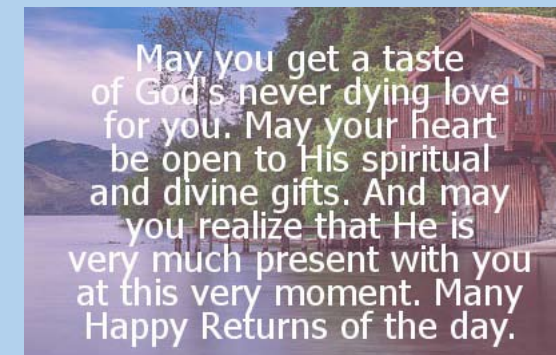
The United Methodist Men's Luncheon was held on Saturday May 24, 2014 at the New Rochelle United Methodist Church. The theme for this event was "Building Spiritually Fulfilled Men," and featured Reverend Tom Vencuss as the speaker. Pictures were provided by Roy Bailey, President of UMM at the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, who attended the event.

Pictured above, front row: Wayne Carty, John Lemon, Reverend Smarts, Evelyn Brunson (recipient of the Life Membership Award), Mr. Brunson, Wayne Redman, Henry Ortiz and Royston Bailey. Back row: David Clark and Rev. Tom Vencuss.

Sunshine Column

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- September 1st: Geraldine Watson
- September 2nd: Pearl Miles-Lee
- September 3rd: Alex Benjamin, Lucille Eichelberger, Pauline Lewis, Karen Wright
- September 7th: Daniel Koplitz
- September 11th: Faye Angus
- September 13th: Keon Rose
- September 14th: Mabel Blake
- September 15th: Vance Bailey
- September 19th: Mary Demery
- September 20th: Jamel Leacock
- September 22nd: Quintin Isaacs-Smith
- September 24th: Simone Foo
- September 25th: Emeric T. Cole
- September 26th: Cindy Clarke
- September 28th: Cherise Daley, Tiffany Johnson



May you get a taste of God's never dying love for you. May your heart be open to His spiritual and divine gifts. And may you realize that He is very much present with you at this very moment. Many Happy Returns of the day.

If your birthday is not on the list, please see Celeste Walwyn, Karen Bonnet, or Mary Johnson

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 October 14th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed by the last week of September -- and each last week of the month thereafter. Thank you!

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)

MISSION U – MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF UMW COME TOGETHER TO HELP TRANSFORM THE WORLD

Mission U is an annual event that educates youth, adults and the entire church community with a focus on women. It provides an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics.

At Mission U, attendees learn together and grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The studies provide insight on the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church.

This year's event, held at the State University of Connecticut, also included demonstrations and nine workshops, such as Upper Room prayer line, study on the Roman people and spiritual development, coordinating health kits; and health and family displays.

Mission U events take place across every United Methodist Conference in the country and is organized by Conference United Methodist Women Leadership.

Pictured, right: Claude Gooding and Deborah Jenkins, President of Mission U and past UMW Conference President.



Pictured: Susan Kim, UMW Conference President.



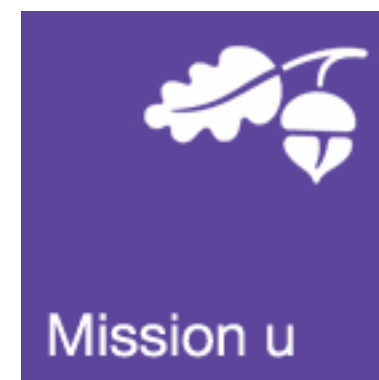
Pictured: A Women's group working on health kits.



Pictured above: A rep of UMW gets 240 health kits ready for Mission Project.



Pictured above: Graham Greaves, Patricia Newton, Claude Gooding, and Sharon Nausett-Smith.



Photos, courtesy of Roy Bailey.

UMC HEMPSTEAD YOUTH SEES NY LIBERTY TEAM DEFEAT CT SUN AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN



Youngsters from our Church went on a Madison Square outing to watch the WNBA teams, NY Liberty vs. the CT Sun, on June 29th. NY defeated the CT Sun by one point in an exciting game! The youth enjoyed the view from a suite, courtesy of Liz Johnson. Thank you, Liz, for giving our kids another great opportunity!
- Garydiane Morrison

Photos, courtesy of Garydiane Morrison



Parishioners came together at the July 27th Worship Service to pay tribute to the late Clarence Nielsen, Organist for the United Methodist Church of Hempstead for more than 40 years. He was honored during the Memorial Worship Service with music played by Organists, Herb Bradensten and Dan Mason.

Pictured, left: Herb Bradensten, Dan Mason, Mary Johnson, Chris Nielsen, Jim Ross, Janice Wellington, and Bonnie Nielsen.

Photo, courtesy of Grace Brammer.

MEN'S LUNCHEON



Pictured above: Rev. Dr. Denise Smartts, Mr. Brunson and Roy Bailey.



Pictured above right: Mr. Brunson and Rev. Tom Vencuss.



Photos, courtesy of Roy Bailey.

