



THE PARISH NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

By the time you receive this issue of the *Parish News*, Brenda and I would have completed our second month with you, members and friends of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead (UMCH). We would like to express our gratitude to you for the warm welcome you have extended to us and for all you are doing to make our transition a pleasant one.

This is an exciting time for me, and I hope for you as well. Already, the Lord has begun to bless our ministry together in this place. I am impressing upon everyone to work hand-in-hand so that we can achieve the goals and objectives of the church and aspire to make the Kingdom of Christ a reality both in the church and the community.

I want you to know that the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has great expectations of us during our first year

together. Among other things, the hope is that we will focus on:

- Planning and executing vibrant, vital worship experiences and establishing a plan for increasing weekly worship attendance.
- Strengthening the UMCH's sense of itself in the larger connection by increasing participation in District and Conference events.
- Working to improve the UMCH's spiritual vitality, particularly as expressed through sacrificial giving, and hands-on mission and outreach.
- Establishing a plan for creating a vibrant youth ministry program.

I look ahead, confident that He who has begun the work within and among us will be with us every step of the way.

May we be in constant prayer for one another as the Lord empowers and equips us for the manifold tasks that are before us.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. St. Clair A. Samuel

In the Spotlight

2016 MISSION U

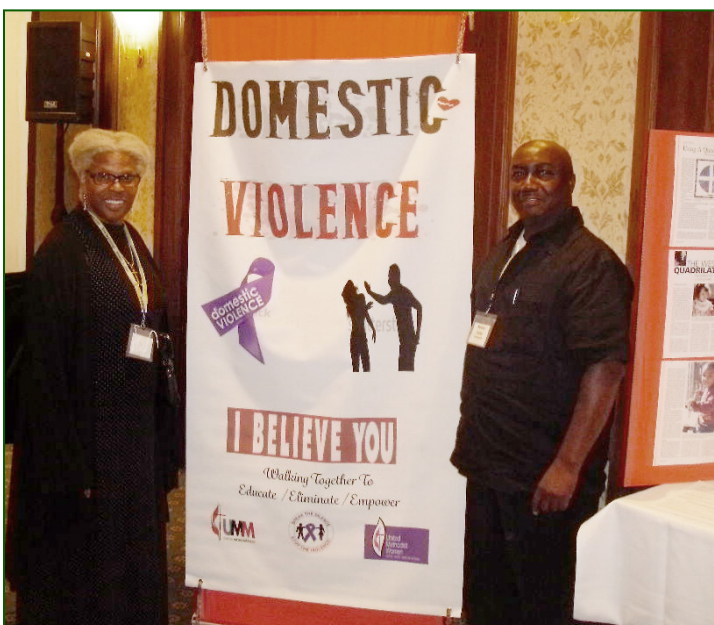
More than 200 people attended this year's Mission U Conference held at the Stamford Hilton in Connecticut. Royston Bailey, president of the UMM, and member of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, had the opportunity to attend this worthwhile event. "It was exciting, and a great learning experience," said Roy. "This is a very educational event, especially the ministries. Sunday morning breakfast was very special, as people were all dressed up at breakfast and then went to service." The event was held at a new location, the Stamford Hilton, an elegant venue with great food, fellowship and a beautiful atmosphere.

Photos, courtesy of Royston Bailey

At the Mission Fair, 200 school kits were made to be distributed to youngsters; and a beadmaking workshop was offered to those with a creative flair. In addition, Deaconess Claris Skerit and Roy worked together on a workshop on Domestic Violence, a joint ministry of the UMW and the UMM. Mission U is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on current mission study topics paying particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women.



Pictured above: Roena Littlejohn, NYAC Conference Lay Leader.



Pictured above: (L-R) Claris Skerit, Deaconess of the UMW, and Royston Bailey, President of the UMM.



Pictured above: (L-R) Deborah Jenkins, Dean of Mission U and Marcia Bent, Assistant Dean of Mission U.



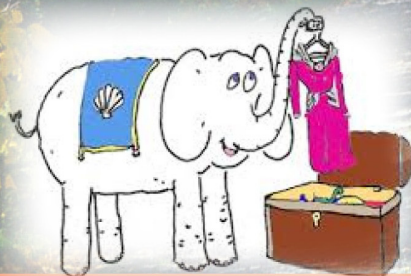
COMING SOON!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 1st ~ 9 to 2 pm

**United Methodist Church of Hempstead
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- **White Elephant Sale**
- **Baked Goods**
- **Clothing**
- **Furniture**
- **Toys**
- **Linens**
- **Jewelry**
- **And much more!**





September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Installation Celebration for the appointment of Rev. St. Clair Samuel, 10 am	12	13 UMW Executive Board meeting, 10:30 am	14	15	16	17
18 Friends & Family, 10 am	19	20	21	22	23	24 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm UMM Men's Day Apart, 9 am @ East Norwich UMC
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Fall Rummage Sale - Saturday, Oct. 1st

The Rummage Sale is sponsored by the full congregation. Everyone is needed to make it a success. Not only does the church make money to continue its ministries, but the community is serviced by offering clothing/items for much less than a store. Items to sell are needed. As you do your fall cleaning, put aside things you no longer want; they can be brought to the church and put on the stage at any time.



People are needed 9/28 - 9/30 to sort and price (Men - Tuesday, 9/27, 8 pm to set up tables). And of course on Saturday 10/1, 9 am - 2 pm, to help the people who come to shop (Men - needed again at 2 pm to take tables down). Please mark your calendar - any time you can give will be of great help. Contact Mary Johnson (481-5548) or Royston Bailey (485-3723) for more information.



AUGUST HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch



Saturday
August
27th

Delicious
food and
fellowship





POETIC REFLECTIONS

To Dean Judith Francis

Sometimes in life many doors seem closed
We wonder just what we've done
As we continue on life's journey
We find entrances where we thought they
were none

Friendships are often made like that
Loneliness and fear can set us apart
Then friendships are formed through the
simplest things
Or in places where we meet others from
the start

We've know each other for some time now
Through our work – as you helped me to
understand

You were sometimes stern, but your heart is
big

As you've proved since our friendship began
I'm happy that our paths have crossed
Creating memories for me to recapture
As you journey onwards, may distance be
The only complication our friendship will
suffer

May each step you now take, leave a print of
faith Along the pathway of goodness now
opening
May your life be always filled with good
health
Much happiness, Love and God's richest
blessings

In Celebration of Judith Francis

Day by day your duties prepare
Efficient in every task you'll do
Alert and attentive as momentum builds
Nourishing the minds of more than a few

Joyful as the day is long
Unafrail, considerate of all those you see
Decisions you make are sometimes tough
Idealistic! - though they may be
Throughout your work you help others
understand
How "team-work" can ease the job's
demand

First and foremost is the job at hand
Reaching out in the hope that all will agree
Answering questions, teaching students too
Never shaming others – encouragement
was always free
Confidence in leadership – a trait on which
to lean
Industrious! Influential! Informative!
Supportive! A role model! An honorable
dean



August, 2016
Inspired by Steffany. A.
Written by Janice. W.



Sunshine Column

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LIST - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Geraldine Watson	September 1st
Pearl Miles-Lee	September 2nd
Alex Benjamin	September 3rd
Lucille Eichelberger	September 3rd
Pauline Lewis	September 3rd
Karen Wright	September 3rd
Daniella Koplitz	September 7th
Faye Angus	September 11th
Vance Bailey	September 15th
Jamel Leacock	September 20th
Quintin Isaacs-Smith	September 22nd
Simone Foo	September 24th
Emeric T. Cole	September 25th
Cindy Clarke	September 26th-
Cherise Daley	September 28th



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 September 19th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in the first week of October. 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)

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CHURCH NEWS

How lucky we are to enjoy the beautiful trees that provided us with shade this summer, also the trees produce the oxygen we need to live. To save the trees we need to recycle, this includes cardboard, newspaper, junk mail, computer paper - any form of paper. The Village of Hempstead helps to this end by providing paper pickup each Wednesday from all in the village. This is so important — please do your part.

There will be a Missions Committee meeting Saturday, September 10 at 10am. Decisions will be made on projects for the fall/winter. If you have ideas you would like to see happen, please come or see Jean Bearak (485-9638). Our mission as Christians is to help those in need.

The altar flowers add beauty to our worship service. If you would like to remember someone or honor a person/occasion with the flowers, contact Julia Ross (489-1162). There are 52 weeks that flowers are needed. The cost is just \$20.00 and the flowers are yours to take home and enjoy, or can be delivered to one of our shut-ins.

Do you need something notarized? Dot Zondag and Jean Bearak are both Notary Publics and would be happy to accommodate your need.

Many thanks to Julia Ross for generously donating her home-grown tomatoes to people in the congregation!

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On **World Communion Sunday**, your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

World Communion Sunday is October 2, 2016: Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy. Please give on World Communion Sunday. *Thank you.*

