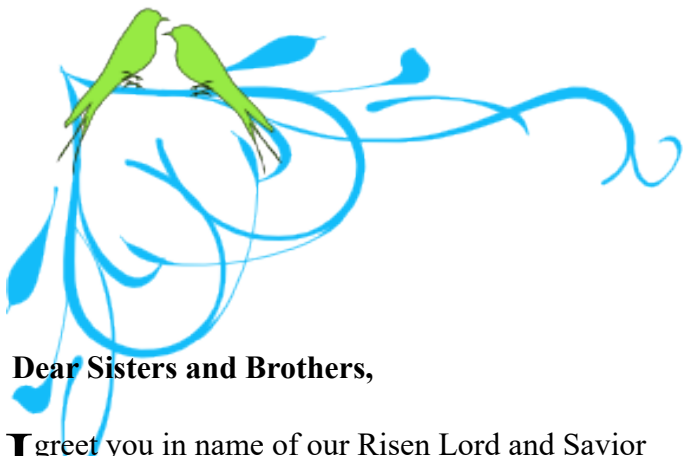




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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Easter Season begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on the resurrection and ascension and on the giving of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter and the Day of Pentecost.

What is the message of Easter? Let's see what Matthew 28:5-7 has to say about this: But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is the message for you."

In this passage, the four words which sum up the message of Easter are Come, See, Go, and Tell. On the Resurrection morning, the women went to the tomb wondering whether they would be able to get inside. But when they got there, they received the greatest surprise of their lives. The stone had already been rolled back. The angel said to the women,

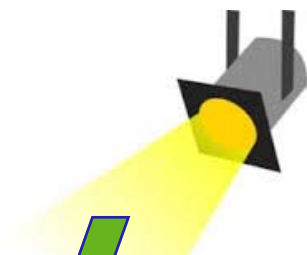


"Come." Again he said to them, "See." The tomb was empty; Christ had risen from the dead. Imagine the angel telling the women: "Don't just stand and stare. Go!" it is a message for us as well. We are to consider seriously what our response to Christ will be.

Finally, the angel said, "Tell." Do we know who Jesus is, and what He did? If so, we are to tell those whom we encounter who Jesus is and what he did. The message of Christ's resurrection is not meant to be the church's best-kept secret. It must be proclaimed and lived. We are to share the good news with joy and confidence that God's marvelous saving action through the resurrection of Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin, evil, and death.

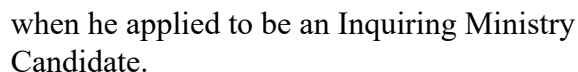
The message of Easter is: "Come and see; go and tell." He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in His Service,
St. Clair A. Samuel



In the Spotlight

Wayne Redman



He continued to follow the path of Certified Lay Ministry (CLM) and on March 25, 2017, his candidacy for certification was approved. CLM is a vehicle for engaging laity and church leaders in valuable service to congregations and communities in and outside of the church.

Wayne recalls two special accomplishments in his life—serving as a Confirmation mentor for three of the young men in our church, and working in the role of Executive Director of the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club for the past nine years, providing much-needed after-school programs and services for youth.

When asked about a favorite memory, Wayne is quick to bring to mind his daughter, Chelsea's impassioned talk about the impact of the Church in her life and role of our youth during the church's 2017 Black History Month celebrations.

Wayne is married to Doreen for 27 years (they married in this church); together they have raised their twin daughters, Chelsea and Alexis, who turned 25 in February. While Wayne worked in corporate America for some years, he found his niche in his current position as Executive Director of the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club. Educational credits include a BA in Political Science from Bucknell University in PA, and certification to teach on the secondary education level. He is the recipient of the 2017 Unispan Award and in 2016 was named “Man of the Year,” by the Village of Hempstead Mayor’s Office.

A long-time member of the UMC of Hempstead, Wayne Redman is also an active member of the church. Wayne's journey with the church includes various leadership positions. He has been the Chair of Christian Education, Nurture Ministries, and Church Council. He is currently a Lay Servant and President of the United Methodist Men (UMM). He has served on Membership & Evangelism, Nominations, and the Finance Committees.

Wayne launched a Bible Study group in 2015 which meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am, formerly a Thursday evening Bible Study open to all members of the congregation in 2004. Wayne joined the UMM in 2002 and took on the role of President in 2014. Open to all men in the congregation, the goal of the UMM is to “Build Spiritually Fulfilled Men.” He points out that this group aspires “to help brothers in the church discover and enrich their personal spiritual journey with Christ...growing into strong, active and participating disciples who willingly share their faith journey with others.” Realizing the need to be a support mechanism and spiritual mentors for the younger men, the group is currently developing a plan of action to address this matter.

The call to use his spiritual gifts to spread the good news to others by serving in ministry to the church came in 2008



April Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Worship 10 am
2	3	4	5 Lenten Dinner, (Hispanic Group, Choir), 7 pm	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday Service, 10 am	10	11	12	13 Holy Thursday Service with Communion, 7:30 pm	14 Good Friday Service, 12 Noon	15 Trustees, 10 am
16 Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 am Easter Sunday Service, 10 am Easter Sunday Service (Hispanic), 12:30 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22 Finance meeting, 10 am Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm
23	24 Church Council, 7:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29
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John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



LENTEN DINNER AND SERVICE BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER

Each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season, the congregation is invited to share Lenten dinners followed by a time of reflection in the chapel. Members of the church and their families cook their specialty food items for all to share; committee members coordinate the evening's activities and menu.

After dinner on March 21st, everyone gathered in the chapel where Shari Bailey led the group in an uplifting and thought-provoking prayer service, enjoyed by all.





UMW ANNUAL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



The UMW hosted their annual Continental Breakfast on Sat., March 11th and welcomed guest speaker, Rev. Dyanne Pina, Executive Director of the Long Island Council of Churches. (LICC) Rev. Pina, a woman of compassion, conviction, and faith, gave an inspirational speech, which was well-received by all. The LICC “unites diverse Christians to work together to improve the well being of Long Islanders and to promote interfaith understanding and cooperation.”





POETIC REFLECTIONS

The Anointing

SPICES WERE PREPARED TO ANOINT CHRIST'S BODY
LOVE AND LOYALTY BROUGHT THREE WOMEN
TO THE TOMB
NOT UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE
RESURRECTION
THEY EXPECTED TO FIND A BODY AND ANOINT THE WOUND
NO DISCIPLES WERE THERE – JUST THREE WOMEN
WHO TRULY DID NOT COMPREHEND –
THEIR 'ANOINTING' WAS THE MESSAGE FROM
THE ANGEL
NOT FROM THE SPICES THEY CARRIED IN
THEIR HANDS

THEY LOOKED! – THE TOMB WAS NOW EMPTY
FEAR GRIPPED THEIR BODIES THAT DAY
"HE'S NOT HERE! HE'S RISEN!"

THE DAY CHRIST PREACHED OF WAS FINALLY HERE
THE 'ANOINTING' WAS REVIVED IN THOSE WOMEN
AS THEY REMEMBERED CHRIST'S OWN WORDS
TO TWO OF HIS FOLLOWERS WALKING TO EMMAUS
AND THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

WE'RE ALL ANOINTED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS
TO DO WHAT WE CAN ON OUR OWN

OUR FAITH IS EMPOWERED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
LET'S EMBRACE IT! AND SHARE IT!
IT'S A GIFT! – NOT A LOAN





Candace Bahr	April 1st
Ann Corrie	April 2nd
Tashana Samuels	April 6th
Cathy Schuyler	April 6th
Marcia King	April 8th
Jennie Connolly	April 14th
Hazel Gooding	April 15th
Martha Wright	April 15th
Wayne Redman	April 17th
Rubia Rivas	April 18th
Mary Canty	April 20th

Leslie Bobb	April 20th
Ava Daley	April 22nd
Samuel Minto	April 23rd
Ryan Dwyer	April 25th
Stephanie Brown	April 29th
Jordan McCullers	April 29th
Edward Angus	April 30th
Claude Pierre-Louis	April 30th
Rose Walker	April 30th

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 April 19th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in the first week of May. 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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HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH: MARCH 25



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