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A Message From The Pastor's Desk

"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here..." (Mark 16:6, NIV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The ancient words of greeting, "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia," still capture the joyful mood of Easter--a time when the greatest festival of the Christian Church is celebrated.

At Easter, we see the power of God as the Resurrection of Jesus Christ announces the triumph of God over evil and death. The Resurrection proves to the whole world that Christ made it through the awful trial, mockery, pain, and death carrying on his shoulders the burden of sins that were not his own.

We recall the words of the risen Christ in Luke 24:46-47: "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise again from the dead, and repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations..."

Truly, the Resurrection proves that death and sin no more have power over us and that because Christ lives, we too shall live.



With the Spirit of the resurrected Christ living within us we are empowered to be his witnesses. Yes, we are empowered to share the Good News to everyone and everywhere.

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along
life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart."

May we with grateful hearts celebrate the gifts of love, life, hope, and freedom that are ours through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior.

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel

A Worship Moment

by Jean Howell



"When he ascended on high...and he gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8



Once again we celebrate Easter! And now Ascension Day is the next special event on our church calendars. How unfortunate that it is often not celebrated with the gratitude and joy that it deserves! As Charles Wesley wrote on this day, "Christ, awhile to mortals given, reascends his native heaven!"

Our risen Lord, who came from heaven, now having fulfilled his predestined mission, returns home to heaven. Now He is seated on the right hand of God, His Father. From there, the Bible tells, he continues to give gifts to men; he sends the Holy Spirit to be present with us; he serves as our intercessor and advocate; and he serves as head of the church, which is his body!

How wonderful to know that when we one day stand before the highest Judge of all, that we have as our advocate, our defense attorney, if you will, no other than our Lord and Savior. The same Christ who, in love, gave his life to set us free from sin, and who rose from the dead, and who promised us eternal life, continues to care for us. As we remember this special day, our hearts should be filled with untold joy, and we, like those early disciples, should "stop standing looking to the sky" and be about living in His spirit, praising Him, and serving as His witnesses to the world. A happy Easter and blessed Ascension Day to all!

Note: The late Jean Howell was a long-time member and friend of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, and inspired many in the congregation with her thoughtful insights. She wrote "A Worship Moment" as a regular column for the newsletter. Jean will be always be remembered by the congregation for her beautiful words and giving nature.

Native American Awareness Sunday is April 15th:

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. The people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations, and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

On March 11th a special collection was taken for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). \$601 was received for this important ministry - **Thank You.**

Environmental Hazards of Batteries: People are using more and more household batteries. The average person owns about two button batteries, ten normal (A, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.) batteries, and throws out about eight household batteries per year. About three billion batteries are sold annually in the U.S. averaging about 32 per family or ten per person. A battery is an electrochemical device with the ability to convert chemical energy to electrical energy to provide power to electronic devices. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when batteries are improperly disposed of. When incinerated, certain metals might be released into the air or can concentrate in the ash produced by the combustion process. There is a box in the narthex labeled "used batteries." Please bring yours in and we will make sure they are disposed of properly.

APRIL IS TAX MONTH: As much as we dread paying, we must remember - we all receive benefits from the taxes we pay, "Pay to Caesar what is Caesar's, and pay to God what belongs to God". Within this *Parish News* is a "Blessing Tax" page. It certainly does not list all our blessings but gives us pause to remember all that God has given us. When you have decided on your "Tax," just put it in an envelope with your name and envelope number and place it in the offering plate or send to the church. The funds received will be used to help finance our ministries.

The next UMW meeting will be Saturday, April 21st, 11:30am, with a sandwich exchange. Each lady is asked to bring two sandwiches cut in fourths which will be put on platters. You can then choose an assortment for lunch. A program to follow. AND mark your calendar - May 19th, 10 am, for the annual Sisterhood Fellowship Brunch. Women from 14 churches have been invited; it is an occasion you don't want



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AN EVENING OF *Gospel Music*

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5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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The ladies of the UMC of Hempstead Judith Circle enjoyed lunch, prayer devotion, and each other's company at their recent meeting on March 26th.

Pictured at the meeting (L-R): Pat Scholz, Janice LaLumia, Julia Ross, Mary Johnson, Myriam Richards, Cathy Bahr, Jean Bearak, and Eileen Bailey.



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch

March 24, 2018



Pictured above: Guests at the HFB on March 24.

Pictured right (L-R: Sarah Rose, Bibi Boucicaut, and Janice Wellington.



Pictured above (L-R): Ruth Robinson, Dr. Syed, Nora Zakaria, and Suda Sharma.



Pictured above: Leon Williams.

Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes.

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Sunshine Column

Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



Candace Bahr
Ann Corrie
Tashana Samuels
Cathy Schuyler
Marcia King
Jennie Connolly
Hazel Gooding
Wayne Redman
Rubia Rivas
Mary Canty
Leslie Bobb
Ava Daley
Samuel Minto
Ryan Dwyer
Stephanie Brown
Jordan McCullers
Edward Angus
Claude Pierre-Louis
Rose Walker



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April 6th
April 8th
April 14th
April 15th
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If your name is not on this list, please contact Mary Johnson or Karen Bonnet 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 16th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in May 2018. 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)

Sunday: Service in Spanish, 12:30 PM
Thursday: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
(Alternate Fridays)

Poetic Reflections

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Have you ever ripped up paper to throw away?
Think now! - How was the first rip made?
From "Top to Bottom" most often - I'm sure
Then in the waste basket it was laid

The Bible relates this happening:
After Jesus Christ died on the cross
The Temple's Veil was ripped apart
It specifically said "From Top to Bottom"
We're washed and covered by his blood
Which flowed at Calvary Hill
It touches and restores our souls from
"Top to Bottom" (Atonement) His Father's will
We offer thanks to Christ our Lord
Who suffered, knowing for us He had to die
His love in our lives will completely be spread
From "Top to Bottom" - if to Him we cry

A crown of thorns His head did grace
One nail did keep His feet in place
From "Top to Bottom" His body was bruised
His life He gave - His love to prove

ARE YOU WASHED BY HIS BLOOD?

Janice Wellington March-2018

April Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Worship Service, 10:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Spanish) Happy Easter!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Native American Sunday	16 SPPR 7:30 pm	17	18	19	20	21 Trustees, 10 am UMW, 11:30 am
22	23 Judith Circle, 12 Noon Church Council, 7:30 pm	24	25	26	27	28 Finance meeting, 10 am Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm
29	30					

A Message to Our Church Family

The Bailey Family would like to extend the utmost gracious thanks to our church family. Your words, gifts & contributions, prayers and love have been greatly appreciated during our time of loss as we mourn the late James Conrad Bass. Thank for your sympathy and compassion. We know that in His favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Your unending support allows this to be our reality. May God Bless you and keep you and make his light to shine upon you.

Blessings unto you from the Bailey Family

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Pictured above: John, a guest at the HFB, and Sarah Rose, granddaughter of Janice Wellington.



Pictured left: Dr. Syed of the Hicksville Rotary Club brought all the fruit for guests at the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch.



Pictured above (L-R): Pauline Lewis and Sarian Parker.

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS TAX"

I live in a house	.75 cents	\$ _____
I live in an apartment	.50 cents	\$ _____
I have ___ rooms and closets	.10 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ bathrooms	.30 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ windows	.20 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ telephones	.20 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ television sets	.40 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ radios	.40 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ VCR(s)	.30 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ DVD(s)	.30 cents each	\$ _____
I have a stereo system	.50 cents	\$ _____
I give ___ hugs a week	.20 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ furs	.30 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ automobiles	.40 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ air conditioners	.50 cents each	\$ _____
I have a heating system	.25 cents	\$ _____
I eat out ___ times a week	.25 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ electrical appliances	.10 cents each	\$ _____
There are ___ cell phones in my family	.15 cents each	\$ _____
My address has ___ numerals	.10 cents each	\$ _____
My family consists of:		
Spouse	.50 cents	\$ _____
Sister(s) _____	.15 cents each	\$ _____
Brother(s) _____	.15 cents each	\$ _____
Children _____	.20 cents each	\$ _____
Grandchildren _____	.30 cents each	\$ _____
Great grandchildren _____	.30 cents each	\$ _____
I have ___ pets	.25 cents each	\$ _____
I have cable t.v.	.50 cents	\$ _____
My age is under 55	.50 cents	\$ _____
My age is over 55	.50 cents	\$ _____
I have all my hair	.50 cents	\$ _____
I have some of my hair	.40 cents	\$ _____
I have all my own teeth	.50 cents	\$ _____
I have some of my own teeth	.30 cents	\$ _____
I have uncounted blessings	Total	\$ _____