



The Parish News

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A Message From the Pastor's Desk



"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are only a few days away from the glorious season of Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It was through his cross and resurrection, that Christ destroyed the power of sin and death. He won for us victory over sin and the grave.

Easter is so much more than flowers, eggs, cards, candy and those other things we associate with it. Easter is the event that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Because Jesus died and rose from the dead, we no longer have to fear sin and death.

This is reason to celebrate. It is that fact that gives us joy despite our circumstances and through whatever we may encounter in life. We can have peace, not because of what we see, but because of the abundant life God has promised us.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught us how to love and forgive one another. But His greatest instruction was accomplished on the cross where He laid down His life for us. As His hands and feet were pierced with nails, He prayed, asking God to forgive those who crucified Him.

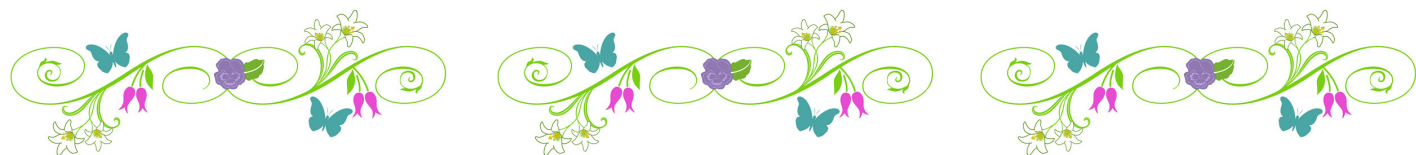


The resurrection of our Savior is a reminder that we practice a living faith and serve a powerful, risen Lord. Let us take courage in the fact that the risen Christ lives among us and continues to empower as we strive to do his will here on earth.

*"Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives."
(Gaither)*

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel

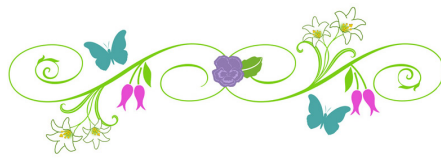
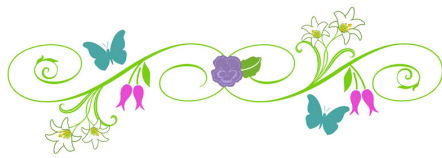


In Celebration and Honor of Women: March 2019



The congregation celebrated International Women's Day on March 17th, 2019. The service was led by Rev. Elizabeth Williams who welcomed inspirational speaker, Rev. Janet Porcher. Everyone enjoyed the service, and well-deserved attention for the ladies, as well as an extended coffee hour in their honor.





Sunshine Column

Birthday List - April 2019



Candace Bahr	April 1st	Mary Canty	April 20th
Ann Corrie	April 2nd	Leslie Bobb	April 20th
Carol-Ann Denny	April 4th	Ava Daley	April 22nd
Tashana Samuels	April 6th	Samuel Minto	April 23rd
Cathy Schuyler	April 6th	Ryan Dwyer	April 25th
Marcia King	April 8th	Audrey Mercer-Richards	April 26th
Kenisha Shajanella Rose	April 13th	Stephanie Brown	April 29th
Jennie Connolly	April 14th	Jordan McCullers	April 29th
Hazel Gooding	April 15th	Edward Angus	April 30th
Wayne Redman	April 17th	Claude Pierre-Louis	April 30th
Rubia Rivas	April 18th	Rose Walker	April 30th



If your name is not on this list, please contact Mary Johnson or Karen Bonnet in the church office.

Parish News Announcements

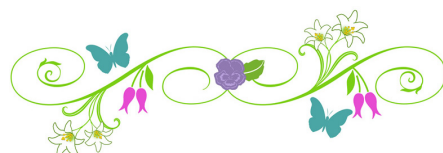
Please submit all information (articles, announcements, photos) about events, committee/ministries news, and other information that you can share with our church family to: hempsteadumc@gmail.com, or drop them off in the church office by April 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in May 2019. 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
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
(Social Hour to Follow)

Sunday: Service in Spanish,
12:30 PM
Wednesday: Bible Study, 7:30 PM
Thursday: Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM



Annual Women's Day Brunch

March 16, 2019



The UMW of the UMC of Hempstead hosted their annual **Women's Day Brunch** on Saturday, March 16th.

The morning began with prayer, followed by a lovely brunch consisting of assorted salads, quiches, fruit, desserts, hot beverages and refreshments. Guest speaker, Amanda

Furcall, Executive Director of "Friends of Hempstead Plains," provided an interesting and enlightening presentation for the ladies in attendance. Women from various churches, as well as friends and guests of the UMC of Hempstead, enjoyed the meal and the camaraderie.





Women's Day Brunch: Hosted by UMW





Upcoming Events: Save the Dates!

EASTER FESTIVAL

Sack Races
Face Painting
EGG HUNT
Breakfast
Gift Giveaways

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH ~ 12 Noon - 2 PM
Hosted by the Evangelism Committee
United Methodist Church of Hempstead ~ 40 Washington Street ~ Hempstead, NY 11550
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SPRING Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 4th
9 - 2 pm

United Methodist Church of Hempstead
40 Washington Street ~ Hempstead ~ NY

- White Elephant Sale
- Baked Goods
- Clothing
- Furniture
- Toys
- Linens
- Jewelry
- And much more!

Hempstead Fellowship Brunch: March 23, 2019



Volunteers from the HFB served 110 people a hot and hearty meal, consisting of corned beef and cabbage, turkey wings, rice and beans, salad, desserts, and more!





April Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Lenten supper 7:00 pm Reflections, 8:00 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Lenten supper 7:00 pm Reflections, 8:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Evangelism, 12:00 Noon	15	16	17	18	19	20 Trustees, 3:00 pm
21 <i>Happy Easter!</i>	22	23	24	25	27	27 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11am-1pm Easter Festival 12 Noon
28	29 Church Council, 7:30 pm	30				

Lent and Easter Schedule

April 3rd - Lenten Supper, 7 pm
(Trustees and SPPR)

April 10th - Lenten Supper, 7 pm
(Hispanic Ministry and Choir)

April 14th - Passion/Palm Sunday, service, 10 am

April 18th - Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm joint
service with Communion and foot-washing

April 19th - Good Friday Cluster #1 Service

April 20th - Holy Saturday

April 21st - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
Easter Sunday Service in English, 10 am
Easter Sunday Service in Spanish, 12:30 pm

Easter Blessings!



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Welcome to Our New Members



A new member reception was held during Worship Service on March 17, 2019; during the service, the Men's Choir provided songs in honor of International Women's Day, and to welcome seven new members to the congregation: **Rosanne Small Morgan, Donald Morgan, Zoe Morgan, Zane Morgan, Oniel Rose, Kenisha Rose, and Audrey Mercer-Richards**. A baby Baptism was performed by Rev. Samuel, introducing **Graysen Powell** to our church family; Graysen's parents are **Casey and Augusta Powell**. *Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer.*



RESURRECTION POWER

The Temple's veil was ripped to give –
A direct pathway to our Savior and Lord
Christ' death opened the perfect way
For us Sinners to be purified by God
Up from the grave Christ Arose – a new birth
The power of our living Lord to see
'It is finished' – He had already cried
'I've done my Father's will, triumphantly.'
The Son of God came down from heaven

He offers eternal life to one and all
He has the power to save the world
If we Confess, Believe, and on His name call
From death to life this power ensued
Victory over death brought joy, not grief
Jesus reigns from Heaven throughout the Earth
Those who doubted can now believe
I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

JOB 19:25

J. Wellington April 2019