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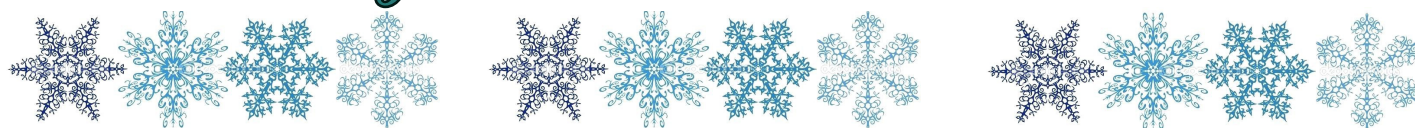
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A Message From the Pastor's Desk



"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

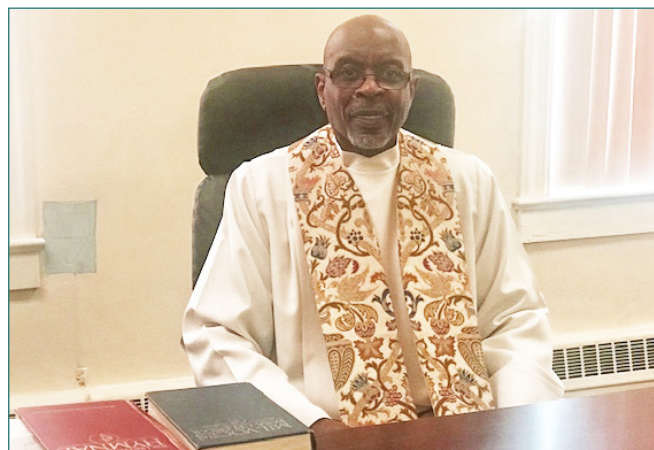
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you once more in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the church at Corinth, points out that love is a very important component in all of our relationships. We may speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but if we do not have love, we are noisy gongs and clanging symbols. If we give away all our possessions and if we hand over our bodies so that we may boast—these things are worth absolutely nothing if we do not have love for others.

Furthermore, Paul describes what love is and what it does. He tells us that those who love are patient with one another; bear one another's burdens; are kind to one another; are not envious or boastful, or arrogant or rude. They do not insist on their own way; they treat each other gently, considerately, and as valued human beings; they do good things for one another, including giving freely to one another.

Those who love, do not insist on their own way, are not irritable or resentful; they don't hold grudges; they do not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoice in the truth. Also, those who love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things,



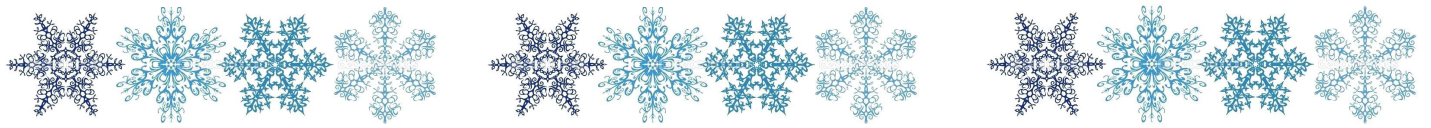
endure all things. In other words, they don't give up on people.

Jesus tells us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, pray for those who abuse us. In the same vein he says, if anyone strikes us on the cheek, offer the other also, and not to withhold our shirts from those who take away our coats. Give to anyone who begs from us; and if anyone takes our goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as we would have them do to us. (Luke 6:27-31)

We are all recipients of the love which God has showered on all of God's creation. Let's make use of every opportunity to spread God's love around.

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel



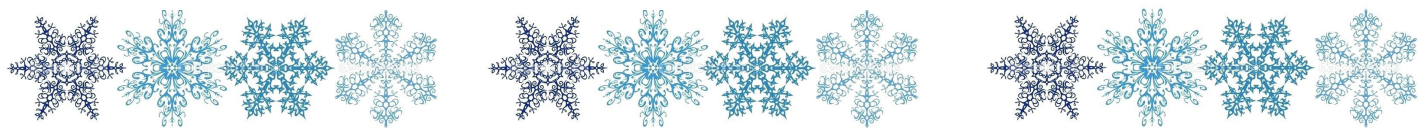
New Year's Brunch Welcomes



The annual New Year's Day Brunch at the UMC of Hempstead was a festive occasion that welcomed the first day of the new year, along with congregants and friends of the church.

Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, as well as eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon, coffee, tea and desserts, prepared and cooked by church volunteers.

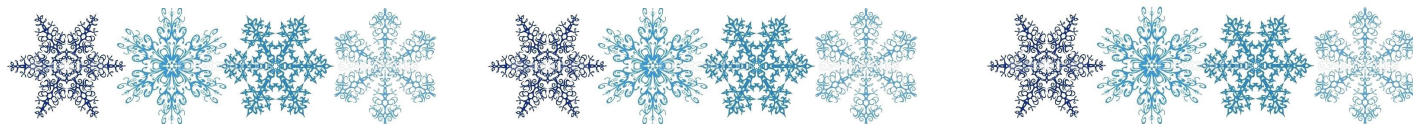




the New Year and the Congregation



Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes and Grace Brammer.



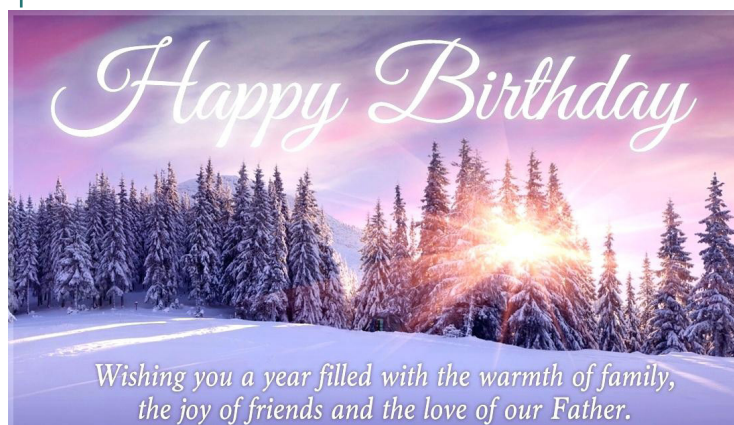
Sunshine Column



Birthday List - February 2018

Patrick Thomson	February 3rd
Hugh Brown	February 4th
Daniella Johnson	February 5th
Celeste Walwyn	February 6th
Jean Bearak	February 9th
Alexis Redman	February 10th
Chelsea Redman	February 10th
Xavyer Thomson	February 11th
Meda Hill	February 12th
Dorothy Zondag	February 13th
Miriam Harris	February 14th
Paulette Brown	February 16th
Marilyn Harris	February 17th
Shirley Brown	February 18th
Jackie Morgan	February 18th
Ruth Robinson	February 20th
Roger Eastman	February 21st

Shari Bailey	February 23rd
Norman Brown	February 24th
Daniella Dwyer	February 24th
Clifford Brown	February 26th
Xavier Gooding	February 26th
Stephen Samuel	February 28th
Jon Lee	February 29th



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 February 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in March 2019. Your church-related articles and photos are welcome.

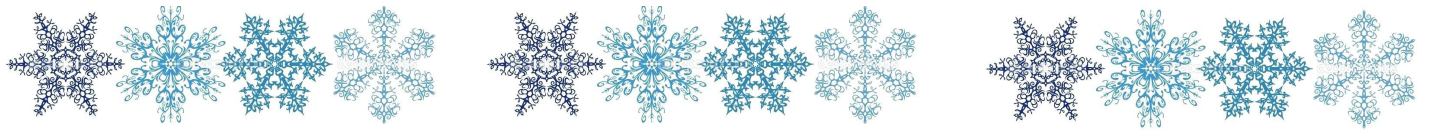
If you are new to the church and wish to become a member, please see Pastor.

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



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch

January 26, 2019

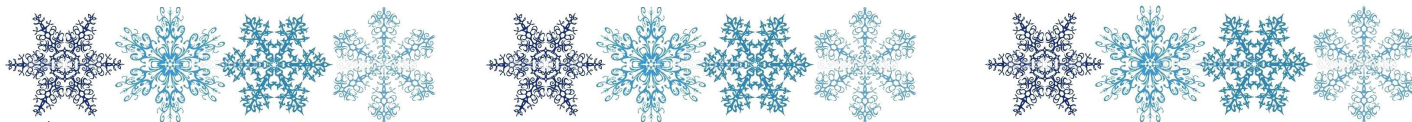
The Hempstead Fellowship Brunch (HFB) committee has been serving up delicious, home-cooked meals for the last three years. This wonderful ministry has welcomed many people in the community with open arms, lots of smiles, care, and fellowship. Quddus Mohammed and other members of the Rotary Club of Hicksville South have been wonderful supporters of the HFB over the last two years, supplying a brand new stove for the kitchen, monetary donations, and their time at the monthly brunches. Families and individuals who attend are given the opportunity to take home socks, hats, and clothing, donated by members of the UMC of Hempstead congregation, and friends of the church.

On January 26th, Ruth Robinson, coordinator of the committee, and volunteers, were on hand to serve a hot meal to 122 guests; the menu consisted of roast pork, rice pilaf, hot dogs, veggies, salad, fruit, cake, and refreshments. Many thanks to each and every person who volunteers or provides support for this important ministry.

Proverbs 22:9 "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."



Pictured above (L-R): Quddus Mohammed, Ruth Robinson, Bibi Boucicaut, Elizabeth Johnson, Samantha, Judy Quinn, Pauline Lewis, and Janice Wellington.



UMW Has First Meeting of the New Year on January 19th

The United Methodist Women (UMW) held their first meeting of the year on January 19th. During the session, they elected their new officers and discussed plans for 2019. It was a productive meeting for the ladies, who also welcomed Pastor Samuel as the guest speaker. The UMW at Hempstead United Methodist Church has over 16 members – all women of the church are welcome to attend the meetings, which are held on the third Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

Pictured, right (L-R): Pastor St. Clair Samuel, and Rev. Elizabeth Williams.

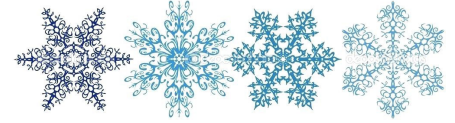
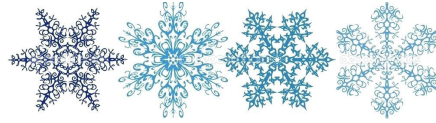
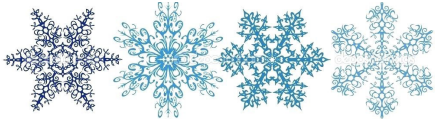


Pictured above (L-R): Claudia Byam, Jackie Morgan, Miriam Richards, Anne Hughes-Connor, and Jean Bearak.




Pictured, left (L-R): Anne Hughes-Connor, Jean Bearak, Mary Johnson, and Audrey Mercer-Richards

Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer.



February Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Black History Moment	4	5	6 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Evangelism, 12 Noon
10 Black History Moment	11	12	13 Bible Study, 7:30 pm		15	16 Trustees, 10:00 am UMW, 12:00 Noon
17 UMM, 8:30 am Black History Moment	18	19 Finance, 7:30 pm	20 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	21	22	23 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11am-1pm
24 Black History Moment	25 Church Council, 7:30 pm	26	27 Evangelism, 12 Noon Bible Study, 7:30 pm	28		

A Worship Moment

“Cast all your anxieties on Him, for He cares about you.” - 1 Peter 5:7

What an incredible offer these words contain! We are to turn all our anxieties over to our Lord. We are to let them go and give them unto His keeping. The offer includes our doubts, our worries, our fears, and our troubles. That would mean our health problems, our uncertainties about financial matters or careers, or relationships, and our worries about our families. Anything and everything that causes us to worry. The word “all” means every single one, not just a few. We’re prone to let Him have all the really big problems only, but He wants to know and help with all the lesser ones as well. So don’t go around weighed down with all this excess baggage, as it were. Give into His keeping all the old regrets and guilt of all your yesterdays, your cares and worries of the present, as well as any doubts and fears you may have of the future. Our Lord loves and cares for us so much that He not only wants to share our anxieties with Him, he wants us to turn them over to Him. Aren’t we foolish if we fail to accept such a generous invitation and lose the peace and joy that are ours if we do? - Jean Howell

Note: Jean Howell was a member of the UMC of Hempstead for many years until her passing in April 2014. A dedicated lady who was active in church activities, she was also a caring, spiritual person who made a positive impact on many people in the congregation and within her family. She wrote her inspirational “A Worship Moment” articles for the congregation to enjoy.

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United Methodist Women: The February meeting will be held on February 16th at 1:00 pm following the Church's strategy meeting (10am - 1pm, brunch included). The church meeting is important for all members to help plan ways to strengthen the church. During the UMW meeting, we will be planning for the March brunch (March 16th), Prayer and Self Denial and Memorial service. We hope all can be present for one or both of these important meetings.

Mission Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 17, 11:30 am (following service). Disbursement of 2018 benevolence balance will be decided and the year's schedule planned.

Take time in the Narthex: When entering or leaving service, see what is on the table in the Narthex. The latest *Upper Room* and *Parish News*, boxes for used stamps and old batteries, envelopes for "In Memory Of," "In Honor Of" and UMCOR contributions; Care Card pamphlets are all available. And on the book shelf is information about the church and a basket with gratitude boxes (empty). Feel free to take one and fill to help support the ministries of the church.

Black History Month: Mary Fields

In 1895, although approximately 60 years old, Fields was hired as a mail carrier because she was the fastest applicant to hitch a team of six horses. This made her the second woman and first African-American woman to work for the U.S. Postal Service. She drove the route with horses and a mule named Moses. She never missed a day, and her reliability earned her the nickname "Stage-coach." If the snow was too deep for her horses, Fields delivered the mail on snowshoes, carrying the sacks on her shoulders.



UMW Brunch
Saturday
March 16th, 2019
10:00 am
All are welcome!

In God's Realm

LOVE IS LIKE -

Having a friend who is always there
Knowing there's one who will always care
Finding the one on whom you can depend
A Message through Prayer, one can easily send
Feeling Forgiveness when things go wrong
Moving on while Praising God in song
Forgetting the hurt which was done to you
Saying "Thank You" - for big, and
small things too
Contentment, knowing that everything is fine
Hearing - "I am here for you" in
troubled times
The Caring and Sharing with Family
and Friends
Unexpected solutions - again and again
Embracing God's love, even though unseen
Remembering God's Son died, our Souls
to Redeem
LOVE is an Action Verb:
Therefore - Love the Lord your God with all
your Heart,
all your Soul, and all your Strength.
Love your Neighbor as you Love Yourself.

Janice Wellington
Feb. 2019