



The Parish News

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A Message from the Pastor's Desk



Dear Members and Friends,

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
(Lamentations 3:22-23)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The year 2020 is here! We rejoice that we are alive, and we are thankful to God, who, in his mercy, has made it possible for us to see its beginning. While we do not know what is coming in this New Year, we all have aspirations, goals, and hopes for the days, weeks, and months ahead. And we can maintain a positive outlook that things will be better than they were in 2019.

Because God is with us, we do not need to worry about anything when we put our confidence and trust in Him. God will be faithful in every situation and circumstance of life that we face, and God will provide.

It does not have to be the first day of the year for something new to begin in our life. As a matter of fact, the Word of God contains promises regarding new things that can be applied to every single day, not just the beginning of the year.



The Lord has promised in his Word that "His mercies are new every morning." Every day God looks at us anew in Christ and blesses us with his great love and never-failing compassion, and God invites us to start afresh. God is faithful even when we are not, and God has the ability to renew our body, heart, life and mind.

"This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."

May we discover God's purpose for our lives, and make a commitment to do his will.

Prayers and Best wishes for a blessed and New Year!

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel

Installation of Acolytes



Pictured above: The Sounds of Praise Children's Choir performed "This Little Light of Mine" during the Acolytes' Installation on December 8, 2019.

Four new Acolytes, **Makaila Bodden**, **Keniela Rose**, **Jeremy McKenzie**, and **Oniel Rose, Jr.**, were installed during the December 8th worship service at UMC of Hempstead. The youngsters were presented to the congregation by Rev. Samuel, and Daniella Dwyer, coordinator of the presentation. The service was also enriched by a musical presentation by the Sounds of Praise Children's Choir.



Pictured above (left): Rev. Samuel presided over the recent Acolyte installation on December 8, 2019; Congratulations to Acolytes, Makaila Bodden, Keniela Rose, Jeremy McKenzie, and Oniel Rose, Jr. Pictured with them (right) is Daniella Dwyer.

Lessons and Carols at UMC of Hempstead



*December
22, 2019*

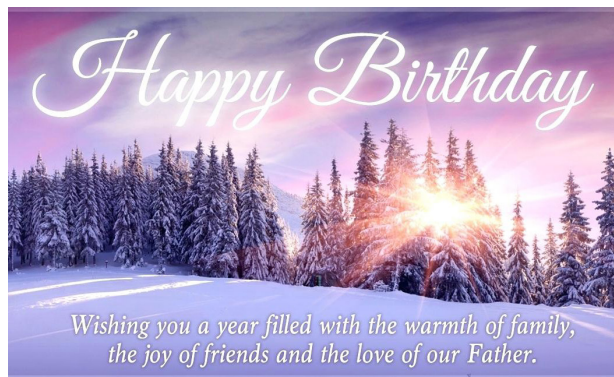


Sunshine Column

Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



Eileen Bailey	January 6th
Lauren Koplitz	January 10th
Denise Edwards	January 13th
Murielle Bernadotte	January 18th
Vahhon McCullers	January 18th
Bianca Bailey	January 21st
Winston Robinson	January 22nd



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

UMW Christmas Luncheon - Dec. 21, 2019



Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer.

Christmas Luncheon at Pompei Restaurant



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch A Festive Occasion!

It was only a few days before Christmas and the holiday spirit filled the room at the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch (HFB) on December 21, 2019. More than 100 people from the community attended the brunch, and committee volunteers dressed in their holiday gear to brighten the mood during the festive event. The hearty meal, prepared, cooked organized by Ruth Robinson and the HFB committee, was a feast enjoyed by all.



Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes.

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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 the end of August. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in February 2020. 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

January Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 UMM, 8:30 am	6	7	8 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	9 	10	11
12 UMM, 8:30 am	13	14	15 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	16	17	18 Trustees, 10:00 am UMW, 12:00 Noon
19 UMM, 8:30 am	20	21 Finance, 7:30 pm 	22 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	23	24 	25 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11am-1pm
26 UMM, 8:30 am	27 Church Council, 7:30 pm	28	29 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	30	31 	



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Christmas Pageant - December 15, 2019



The Christmas Pageant, "The Gift and the Gifted," was a beautiful event, held on Dec. 15, 2019. Organized by Shari Bailey and the Men's Chorus, the cast included the children from the Sunday School who gave an

amazing performance. The Music was provided by the Chancel Choir and the Men's Chorus. Kudos to the cast: Makaila Bodden, Oniel Rose, Jr. Keliana Rose, Kyla Paige Bullock, Jason McKenzie, Kayden Andall, Kelisia Rose, Hailey George, Jeremy Andall, Milan Williams, Mekhi Williams, Jeremy McKenzie, Kniela Rose, Hakeira George, and Nicole Dwyer.