



# The Parish News

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## A Message From The Pastor's Desk



*"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."*

Dear Sister and Brothers,

Stewardship is an important area of the church's life that needs to be emphasized regularly. In this issue of the *Parish News*, I wish to share with you some notes on this subject which were used in the final session of this year's Confirmation Class. These notes were adapted from "United Methodist Church Stewardship Resources." Stewardship is defined as the wise and responsible use of gifts or other things God entrusts to us. Stewardship is important because our lives have real meaning only when we use these things in accordance with the will of God. To belong to a congregation is to be a steward. While some may say that stewardship is just a nice way of referring to financial giving to the church, it is far more than that.

As stewards of God, we receive the gifts that God showers upon us--time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our natural resources, and the beauty around us. We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely--for our own good and the good of others. Also, we give. It is out of gratitude for the abundance we have received that we want to share with others.

We did nothing to earn the hours, days, and weeks of our lives. Time is a gift from God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. As Christian stewards we give our time gladly to family, friends, the community, the church, and to ourselves.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells a parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to



manage while the master was away. We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these gifts and talents is a matter of stewardship. We can put our gifts and talents to work in ministry. We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, energy, good health, and opportunities beyond dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship. The United Methodist Church of Hempstead needs active stewards—people who give their money as well as themselves. Everyone, from youth to the elderly, has a special contribution to make, so share yours with your church.

May God bless us as we seek to be better stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Yours in His service,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*

# In the Spotlight

Royston Bailey, a resident of the Village of Hempstead for the past 25 years, is a spiritual and religious man who has been devoted to his church, family, and community for decades. He leads with compassion, and holds credence to the scripture passage, “John 4:8, God is Love.” Roy has led Men’s Ministries for many years, and eventually, his hard work was noticed by his peers in surrounding regions.

Roy was recently honored by the Bronx Branch NAACP at the Freedom Fund Award Dinner in recognition of his outstanding volunteer work in men’s ministries locally and around the globe. During the award ceremony, they presented him with the “Religious Service Award.”

An active member in ministries at the United Methodist Church of Hempstead since 1993, he has served in many capacities: as vice-president and president of the United Methodist Men (UMM) for New York Annual Conference (NYAC); president of the Long Island West District UMM; secretary of the Long Island East District UMM; member of Bishop Jeremiah Park’s Unity Task Force, working on the subject of unity in the context of homosexuality; and as a member and chairperson of many church committees at the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, including Membership & Evangelism, Outreach, Trustees, Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations, the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, and Disciple Bible Study. He presently serves as a Certified Lay Servant of the New York Annual Conference—and continues to have a tremendous impact on Men’s Ministry locally, regionally, and nationally. In addition to juggling myriad volunteer responsibilities, Royston works in a full-time capacity at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

*Photos, courtesy of Shari Bailey.*



## Royston Bailey

Born on the island of Nevis West Indies in October, 1955, Roy migrated to New York via St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands. After completing primary school in his native West Indies, Roy later attended Queensborough Community College where he studied Business Administration. He is the faithful widower of the late Francesca Bailey, and a loving and dedicated father to his daughters, Shari and Bianca, and his son, Vance.



*Pictured above (L-R): Shari, Roy, Vance, and Bianca Bailey.*



*Pictured above: Rev. Elizabeth Williams, Olivia Taylor, Philena Taylor, Vance Bailey, Roy Bailey, Tongie Taylor, Shari Bailey, Bianca Bailey, and Ashia Thomas-White.*





## Congratulations to the 2018 Confirmation Recipients - Confirmed On April 29, 2018



*Pictured above: Jonathan McCullers, Hakeira George, Nicole Dwyer, Mary Johnson, and Rev. St. Clair A. Samuel.  
Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer and Kevin Gray.*







# Spring Rummage Sale - May 5, 2018

The annual Spring Rummage Sale, held on May 5th at the UMC of Hempstead, offered a variety of items, including clothing, shoes and pockebooks, household wares, paintings, jewelry, linens and bedding, cake and coffee, and much more!

Sponsored by the Finance Committee, dedicated volunteers were on hand to assist the people in attendance.

The Rummage Sale generated nearly \$1,200.00 for the church. This event is a bi-annual outreach project for people in need who are able to buy items at very low prices for their families here and in other countries.





# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List



### June

Joshua Valeris	June 2nd
Nicole Foo/McKenzie	June 5th
Kevin Gray	June 5th
Brenda Fleming	June 10th
Jane Ducreay	June 11th
Clive Daley	June 14th
Ian Wellington	June 15th
Denise Harris Proctor	June 16th
Joseph Angus	June 18th
Elizabeth Johnson	June 19th
Lt Cdr Robert Millington	June 20th
Kevin Brown	June 23rd
Delores Hancock	June 25th
Robert Dwyer	June 28th
Doreen Redman	June 29th

### July

Sarian Parker	July 1st
Ralph Mueckenheim	July 2nd
Leonora Williams Valeris	July 4th
Jill Gunzel	July 8th
Janice Wellington	July 8th
Linda Guggino	July 8th
Nalani Mason	July 8th
Dwayne Foo	July 13th
Anne Hughes-Connor	July 14th
Jason Wellington	July 15th
Johnnell P. Demery	July 15th
Jacquelyn Koroma	July 16th
Nadia Bucknor	July 17th
Leon Bodden	July 18th
Dionne Angus	July 18th
Clovine Leacock	July 24th
Gilmore Forbes	July 25th
Stevenson Scantlebury	July 28th
Nicole Dwyer	July 30th
Karen Bonnet	July 30th
William Smith	July 31st

### August

Leon Williams	August 7th
Jordan Boucicaut	August 14th
Geoffrey Wellington	August 14th
Mary Mueckenheim	August 15th
Pat Scholz	August 16th
Nadia Bucknor	August 17th
Rashaad Harcum	August 18th
Ashley Ford	August 19th
Gabrielle Bernadotte	August 23rd
Donald Woolnough	August 25th
Amanda Scantlebury	August 25th
Hamilton Bowen	August 27th
Gabrielle Lewis	August 28th
Willie Brown	August 28th
Emmanuel Nwatu	August 28th
Emily A. Brew	August 31st



**Happy Birthday!**

*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](mailto:hempsteadumc@gmail.com), or drop them off in the church office by September 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in September 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.

*Have a wonderful summer!*

### 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

## Connected

*Your Connection to God Begins at Baptism  
Then Comes Confirmation - You Did Progress  
To Live In and Dwell with Jesus  
Should Be Your Joy, and Privilege to Confess*

*A Tradition is a Habit in the Making  
You'll Learn to Overcome Challenges with Time  
Through Prayer and Bible Study You'll  
Connect to Jesus  
As You Grow in Faith, You'll Shine*

*Let Jesus be Your Guiding Force  
He's the Creator From the Days of Your Youth  
Stay Connected—Like the Vine to the Branches  
Without Each Other There Will Be No Fruit*

*You Grasped the Invitation,  
You Accepted Christ  
Your Belief and Trust in Him  
Bring Eternal Life*

*Go Now! Be a Disciple! Stay Connected  
Let Not our Gift Within Become Neglected*

*"Have Thine Own Way Lord...Thou Art the  
Potter, I am the Clay"*

Janice Wellington

## The General Assembly of UMW Celebrates 150 Years At Ohio Conference in May



Pictured above: UMW from Tonga.



Pictured above: Susan Kim (past president of the NYAC UMW) and the UMW from Korea.



Pictured above: UMW from Ghana.



Pictured above: Garydiane Morrison and Roy Bailey.



# June Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Trustees, 10 am  UMW Spring Luncheon, 12 Noon, Orchid Restaurant
17	18 Finance, 7:30 pm	19	20	21	22	23 HFB, 11-2 pm
24	25 Church Council, 7:30 pm	26	27	28	29	30



*Mother's Day Tea and Mother's Day Service - A Resounding Success!*



*Pictured on Mother's Day at the UMC of Hempstead (L-R):  
Janice LaLumia, Jackie Morgan, Ruby, Gloria Howard, and  
Cathy Bahr.*



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## CHURCH NEWS

**Mother's Day Stay at Home Tea:** Thanks to all who participated in the Mother's Day Stay at Home Tea. With the talent of Pat Scholz, a display of teapots, each with who was honored or in memory of and the giver. Through donations, \$805 was raised for the benefit the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN).

**NEEDED:** When you receive the altar flowers after service to take home, they are in a container. Please return those containers to Julia Ross after the flowers have finished their beauty, so future flowers can be given out. The size is that of a mushroom container from the store. If you have these, Julia will be happy to receive them.

**May 13th** was a special collection for **Golden Cross Sunday**. The funds are used to support nursing homes, etc. run by the NYAC. \$511 was received for this worthy cause.

**June 17th is Peace with Justice Sunday:** The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Wesley and the early



Methodists expressed their opposition to societal ills such as slavery, smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, alcohol abuse, and child labor. A special collection will be taken on the 17th to continue to bring Justice in our world today.

**UMW June Luncheon** will be held on Saturday, June 16th, noon, at the Orchid Restaurant in Garden City. Reservations will be taken during coffee hour. The cost is \$25 for an afternoon of delicious food and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome.

### **What a wonderful weekend for the Women's Celebration:**

On Saturday, May 19th, the UMW sponsored a brunch for the women of our church and other churches in the area. Sunday, May 20th was Women's Day in church. Many wore white with red accessories. We heard from Jackie Morgan, Candace Bahr, and Liz Johnson on the women that influenced them. Rev. Elizabeth Williams gave the sermon and we were treated to a medley by the men's choir. It was a beautiful service. Thanks to all who participated.

