



# The Parish News

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## 2019 Annual Conference News



The clergy and laity of the New York Conference came together for its 220th session of holy conferencing at Hofstra University on Thursday, June 6th through Sunday, June 9th.

"At Conference, Bishop Bickerton re-appointed Rev. Samuel to the Hempstead community as Pastor of our church," said Mary Johnson, delegate to the Conference. "He was also appointed Parish Coordinator of the West End Parish, which includes 11 churches."

Opening worship on June 6th was a time for remembrance, celebration and Holy Communion. "The important thing as we begin is that we need to worship together and to break bread," said Bishop Bickerton. "Remember, a lot has happened since we were last in this place." In his message, based on Philippians 1, the Bishop spoke about how history is often glamorized, noting that recently a few pastors had expressed a desire to return to the 50s and 60s when it was "easier to be part of a church."

Fred Brewington, laity speaker, stressed the importance of laity knowing the purpose of the church, and their mission within it as described in the Book of Discipline. "It's important for us to be on the same page when we are talking about our mission," said Brewington. He added that mission and ministry are important, and laity needs to challenge one another because there is important work to do that can't be left for others.

On Friday, Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton urged the gathering to focus on loving and caring for one another and the world as the work is done to create new pathways and possibilities for the denomination. "It's time for us to find a way forward and explore seriously what it means to 'bless and send rather than fight and rend' for the sake of the mission of the church," he said.

Following a heart-stirring outpouring of spirit through dance ministry, and a call to worship that touched every



*Pictured above (L-R): Rev. Samuel and Mary Johnson.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Claudette Hall Rev. Samuel and Brenda Samuel.*

form of servant leadership the church recognizes, guest preacher Erin Hawkins, general secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race, invited reflection on the reality of being "called for a purpose."

In concert with the commitment of NYAC Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton to appoint pastors to communities and not simply to churches, Hawkins challenged each servant minister, both laity and clergy, to recognize that "if we want to know who God is, we have to step out into the world and be with the people of God, because we are made for community."

*Cited from **The Vision**, June 7 and June 8, 2019. "Searching For A Safe Place to Stand," by Joanne S. Utley. "Brewington to Laity, Know Your Mission," by Jennifer Harmer. Photos, courtesy of Royston Bailey.*





# In the Spotlight



## Our New Members

On Sunday, May 19th, a new member reception was held for **Ivelesse Nieves-Reid**, **Adrienne Jones**, and **Madison Pollock**. Madison, the youngest new member, was received into the church through holy Baptism. The service was inspiring, and well attended by families and friends of the UMC of Hempstead. **Congratulations** and welcome to our new members!



*Pictured (R):  
Ivelesse Nieves-Reid.*

*Pictured (Left, bottom):  
Lisa Davidson, Roland  
Pollock, Madison  
Pollock, and  
Rev. St. Clair Samuel.*

*Pictured (Right, bottom):  
Adrienne Jones, Ivelesse  
Nieves Reid, and Julia  
Ross (sponsor).*

*Photos, courtesy  
of Kevin Gray.*







# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List - June, July and August 2019



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

Leon Williams	August 7th
Jordan Boucicaut	August 14th
Geoffrey Wellington	August 14th
Mary J. Mueckenheim	August 15th
Pat Scholz	August 16th
Nadia Bucknor	August 17th
Rashaad Harcum	August 18th
Gabrielle Bernadotte	August 23rd
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

Sarian Parker	July 1st
Ralph Mueckenheim	July 2nd
Leonora Williams Valeris	July 4th
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 Harvey	July 24th
Gilmore Forbes	July 25th
Stevenson Scantlebury	July 28th
Nicole Dwyer	July 30th
Karen Bonnet	July 30th



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

Have a  
wonderful





# Spring Rummage Sale

This year's Spring Rummage Sale was held on May 5th at the UMC of Hempstead. As always, the event offered a variety of items donated by the congregation and friends, including clothing, shoes and pockebooks, housewares, paintings, jewelry, linens and bedding. Homemade cakes, baked by congregation members, as well as coffee and tea, were available in the Parlor. Sponsored by the Finance Committee, the dedicated volunteers who were on hand assisted people in the community who purchased these items at minimal cost. The Rummage Sale generated more than \$1,200 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 locally, and in other countries.



*Pictured above (L-R): Ivelesse Nieves-Reid and Judy Quinn.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Julia Ross and Claudia Byam.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Rubia Rivas and Mary Johnson.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Candace Bahr and Nadia Bucknor.*



*Pictured, (L-R): Leon Williams and Royston Bailey.*





# May 4, 2019



*Pictured, top left: Ann Hughes-Connor and attendees from the community.*



*Pictured, top, right: Evelyn Mazza, and an attendee at the Rummage Sale.*

*Pictured, middle right: Linda Gomes, Juliet Martin, Miriam Richards, and Marilyn Harris.*



*Pictured, bottom left: Roger Tatem and children from the community.*



*Pictured, bottom, right: Elise Vorburger, Roger Tatem, and Elnora Brevard.*





# A Worship Moment

*“But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8*

A few weeks ago, we Americans again observed Memorial Day, and honored those who gave their lives in service to our country. Thanks to their sacrifices, both we, and others around the world, have lived in freedom and peace. By striving to preserve our country and to treasure our freedom, we must insure that their deaths were not in vain. As always, this holiday brought to my mind another person who also made the supreme sacrifice for all mankind. His death was not on a battlefield, but on a horrid cross, on a faraway hill. We cannot honor Him by placing flowers on his grave as we do our honored dead, for His is an empty tomb! He is not another unknown soldier, for He is known and loved throughout the world. He is, of course, our Living and Resurrected Lord! Yes, Christ too, died to set us free — free from sin and death. Because of His death and resurrection, we all may live an abundant life in freedom and peace, and know as well, the promise of life eternal. Surely, we should thank Him and honor Him, not only on one special day, but each and every day of our lives. We can do this by giving our lives to Him, by obeying his commandments, and loving one another. In this way, we can assure that His sacrifice, too, was not in vain. - 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.*

## 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 the end of August. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in September 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.**

*Happy Summer!*

## 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**





# 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 <i>Father's Day</i>	17 Church Council, 7:30 pm	18 Finance, 7:30 pm	19	20	21	22 <b>Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1:00 pm</b>
23 Moving Up Service, 10 am	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## A Birthday Toast to Elnora Brevard and Carol-Ann Denny



Pictured (L-R): Elnora Brevard, Ruth Robinson, Carol-Ann Denny, and Grace Brammer.



Pictured (L-R): Mary Johnson, Carol-Ann Denny, and Pauline Lewis.  
Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer

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## CHURCH NEWS

The following is a quote  
from Chief Seattle:

*"One thing we know: Our  
God is also your God. The  
earth is precious to him and  
to harm the earth is to heap  
contempt on its Creator."*



Think about Chief Seattle's  
words every time you use  
unnecessary plastic items, whether it be bottled water,  
plastic bags, plastic straws, and even plastic communion  
glasses. We are, indeed, destroying God's earth, as well as  
many of its inhabitants. Think about it, please! - Dot Zondag

## Letting Go - Growing Up

For some Dads, letting go is not easy  
It's like an arrow piercing the heart  
The "Growing Up" time allotted with your  
child is here  
Remember! You gave them their Head-start  
Can Dads really achieve "Letting Go?"  
The Growing Up part should be seen –  
As time to look back and witness  
The Intermission phase of his child's dream  
Growing Up involves moving forward  
Letting Go is an action to your faith  
Our God is, and always be –  
In charge of our lives, even in our haste  
Pray! Believe! Let Go and Let God  
They're the substances you need to share –  
With your child, to help him/her grow up  
Knowing that you will surely be there  
*Janice W. / June 2019*

## Mother's Day 'Stay At Home Tea'

Catherine Bahr...in honor of...Candace Bahr  
Ruth Robinson...in honor of...Sharon Williams Robinson  
Candace Bahr...in honor of...Catherine Bahr's 94th birthday  
Julia Ross...in honor of...Eileen Bailey, Margaret Foo,  
and Jean Bearak  
Eileen Bailey...in honor of...Judith Circle, Kathleen Aikens  
Cynthia Hutchinson...in honor of...All the Women of  
the Church  
Brenda Samuel...in honor of...Brandon Samuel  
Yasmin Clarke...in honor of...Sheri-Ann Clarke  
Janice LaLumia...in honor of...Catherine E. Smith  
Marisa Bearak...in honor of...Jean Bearak

**Thank you to all the participants of  
the "Mother's Day Stay at  
Home Tea."**

**\$574 was donated for the benefit  
of the I.N.N. in Hempstead to help  
feed the hungry in our area**

Miriam Richards...in memory of...Frances Donaldson  
Julia Ross...in memory of...David Ross  
Gloria Howard...in memory of...Phyllis Harper  
Kathleen Aikens...in memory of...Kenneth Aikens,  
and Gloria Aikens  
Margaret Foo...in memory of...Etta Clarke, Ditha Clarke  
Yasmin Clarke...in memory of...Etta Clarke, Ditha Clarke  
Phillip & Gloria Abrahams...in memory of...Loved Ones  
Roger Eastman...in  
memory of...Ruth  
Eastman  
Janice LaLumia...in  
memory of...Helen  
J. Vrtacek  
Audrey Mercer-  
Richards...in  
memory of...  
Areline Mercer,  
and Beryl Richards  
Jean Bearak...in  
memory of...Bea Draudt, and Evelyn Moffat  
Pearl Miles-Lee...in memory of...Ismael & Doris

