



**THE PARISH NEWS**


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## *A Message From The Pastor's Desk*



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

On Sunday, April 29, 2018 after days, weeks, and months of preparation, three of our young people--Nicole Dwyer, Hakeira George, and Jonathan McCullers, were confirmed as professing members of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead. They have said “yes” to Jesus and have made the commitment to follow and serve Him for the remainder of their lives.

Let me express gratitude to the parents and grandparents who showed keen interest in this very important phase of the spiritual lives of their children and who made a very special effort to ensure that their loved ones got to classes on time every Sunday morning before worship.

I solicit the prayers of our congregants, family, and friends for these youths as they continue to live out their faith among us in these challenging times. The fortieth day after Easter is Ascension Day in the Christian calendar (Acts 1:1-11). It marks the end of the period after Easter and lets us know that Pentecost, another important season in the life of the church would arrive ten days later.

In Christian circles, Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the church. It was on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus, that the disciples received



the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that had been promised to them by their Lord and Savior (Acts 2). That day, they began to witness to people from their own culture and others who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival that celebrated the completion of the harvest. The experience was life-changing.

We need not be afraid to tell who Jesus is and what He has done in our lives. We must live the Good News so that we may appeal to others and the Lord may add them to his church. When this begins to happen, we must give glory to the Awesome God for his powerful witness through the Holy Spirit. “The fields are ripe for harvesting.” May we make ourselves available to be used by God.

Yours in His service,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*



# The Congregation Honors Wayne Redman

Wayne Redman, an active member of the church for many years, was honored during the April 8, 2018 worship service after delivering a thought-provoking sermon. The congregation congratulated him on his new position as Assistant Pastor of Centerport United Methodist Church. During coffee hour, gifts of song and praise were shared, as well as a lovely luncheon, prepared by the congregation. His journey with the church includes various leadership positions. He became a Certified Lay Minister (CLM) in March 2017. CLM is a vehicle for engaging laity and church leaders in valuable service to congregations and communities in and outside of the church. Congratulations to Wayne on his new endeavor – and many blessings to follow!



*Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes*





# 2018 Easter Festival

The UMG of Hempstead Easter Festival, organized by Royston Bailey and the Evangelism Committee, was a delightful event for the families who participated on Sat., April 14th. Parents and children enjoyed a fun-filled day, which included games, prizes, face-painting, a delicious breakfast prepared by the committee members, and a spegg-tacular egg hunt for the youngsters!



Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes and Grace Brammer



# Easter Festival: A Fun-Filled Event





# Sunshine Column Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



|                     |          |                          |          |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Grace Brown         | May 1st  | Abraham Brew             | May 18th |
| Bruce Tatem         | May 2nd  | Chrystelle Ivana Gooding | May 18th |
| Karen Benjamin      | May 4th  | Michael Williams         | May 19th |
| David Hancock       | May 6th  | Nadine Brown             | May 20th |
| Yasmin Clarke       | May 7th  | Dillon Bobb              | May 22nd |
| Vernon Ghullkie     | May 8th  | Justin Bobb              | May 22nd |
| Michelle Samuel     | May 9th  | Tamiya Bobb              | May 22nd |
| William Fullard     | May 11th | Cathy Bahr               | May 24th |
| Bryan Bailey        | May 13th | Elnora Brevard           | May 27th |
| Wendy Persaud-Tyler | May 15th | Marion Czar              | May 29th |
| Lucy Wright-Brew    | May 16th | Nicole Davidson          | May 31st |
| Claude Gooding      | May 17th |                          |          |

*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 May 16th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in June 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.

## 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

## A NEW DAY \*\*\*A NEW BEGINNING

With each NEW day we're given  
 We have chances and opportunities  
 Through the acceptance of God's love  
 Faith and Belief (in action)  
 equals Christianity  
 We hope for a NEW and better life  
 Keeping our eyes focused on the  
 Father above  
 With new commitments, we can cast  
 out doubts  
 Replacing negativity and fear with Love  
 The sins of the world sometimes hold us back  
 Let's humble ourselves as God makes  
 all things NEW  
 It's what you do with what you're given  
 As you allow Christ to be REBORN in you  
 Make this is a day of NEW BEGINNINGS  
 We can look back to remember - but  
 move on  
 God gave us different gifts, but loves us  
 all the same  
 Celebrate life - openly - as each NEW  
 DAY dawns

**STRONG FAITH PRODUCES  
STRONG WORKS**

*Notes from Wayne Redman's Sermon  
Sunday April 8th / 2018*

# Easter Blessings




*Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes*





# May Calendar

|  |                                     |    |    |   |    |   |
|--|-------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|---|
|  |                                     | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5<br>Rummage Sale,<br>9-2 pm  |
| 6  | 7                                   | 8  | 9  | 10  | 11 | 12  |
| 13<br>Happy<br>Mother's<br>Day!<br> | 14                                  | 15 | 16 | 17  | 18 | 19<br>Trustees,<br>9 am<br><br>UMW Annual<br>Brunch,<br>10 am<br>Social Hall  |
| 20<br>Women's Day<br>Celebration,<br>10 am Worship<br>Service  | 21<br>Church<br>Council,<br>7:30 pm | 22 | 23 | 24<br> | 25 | 26<br>Hempstead<br>Fellowship<br>Brunch,<br>11-1 pm<br><br>Finance,<br>10 am<br><br>Gospel Concert,<br>5-8 pm,<br>UMC of<br>Hempstead |
| 27   | 28                                  | 29 | 30 | 31  |    |   |



Jennie Connolly and Marcia Chase, along with congregation volunteers, helped organize the health kits for this year's Church World Service (CWS) campaign. One hundred thirty-six kits were collected for this important mission. Many thanks to congregation members who supplied items and monetary donations. Pictured: (L-R) Jean Bearak, Marcia Chase, Jennie Connolly and Janice LaLumia. Volunteers missing from the photo - Dot Zondag and Elvie Reynolds.

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## CHURCH NEWS

**Golden Cross Sunday** is on May 13th, Mother's Day. An offering will be taken to support health and welfare ministries of the New York Annual Conference: Anchor House, Bethel Methodist Home, Brooklyn Methodist Home, Children's Home (Binghamton), Methodist Home CT, Riverdale Methodist Home. What a blessing these institutes are to those in need. **Native American Sunday**, 4/15, we received \$322 which will go towards scholarships for Native Americans to enter the ministries and serve their communities.

**The April Parish News** had a "blessing tax" list to remind us of the many blessings we have received. Have you tallied yours up? The funds given for this tax go to help in the ministries we provide. Put your "tax" in an envelope marked with your name and envelope number and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. You will be blessed, as always.

**Congratulations! 136 Health Kits** were completed with your donations. Many thanks to Jennie Connolly and Marcia Chase who worked so hard on the project. The kits go to Church World Service who sends them where needed after disasters. A job well done!

**Mother's Day** - look for the display of those who donated in memory of/in honor of to have their love ones listed for the Stay at Home Tea. All funds received will go to the INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network).

**Calling All Women** - the weekend of 5/19-20 is

dedicated to women, for all they do: **May 19th, 10am**, is the United Methodist Women's brunch. Invitations have been sent to 14 churches inviting their women to join us. Admission is a can/box of food for the Emergency Food Center. The speaker will be from the Nassau Bar Association. No disposables will be used - linens, dishes, glasses, silverware - we are a GREEN church. A beautiful and bountiful food table will be provided. **Ladies - mark your calendar for a day of fellowship and sharing.**

**On May 20th**, the Sunday service will be dedicated to the women of the church. The women are asked to wear white outfits with red accessories. (Methodist colors). The service will be led by women. Come and celebrate with us!

### *To My Church Family,*

Two Sundays ago, my sermon title was "A New Life," and the theme could be traced to the hymn: "This is a Day of New Beginnings." It seemed rather appropriate, as after 27 years of service and fellowship at Hempstead, I was moving on to "A New Beginning" ...a new path on my journey...and begin to be of service and support to a new congregation at Centerport United Methodist Church.

I appreciate all of the love and support which you have provided to my family and myself through the years and want you all to know I was humbled by the send-off gathering after our worship service. While I am moving forward, the Hempstead United Methodist Church will always be my home. My wish is that God continues to bless you all and the ministries and works that you as the Body of Christ do in service for others.

May the Peace of Christ remain with you always!

- *Wayne Redman*