



# The Parish News

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## A Message From the Pastor's Desk



*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

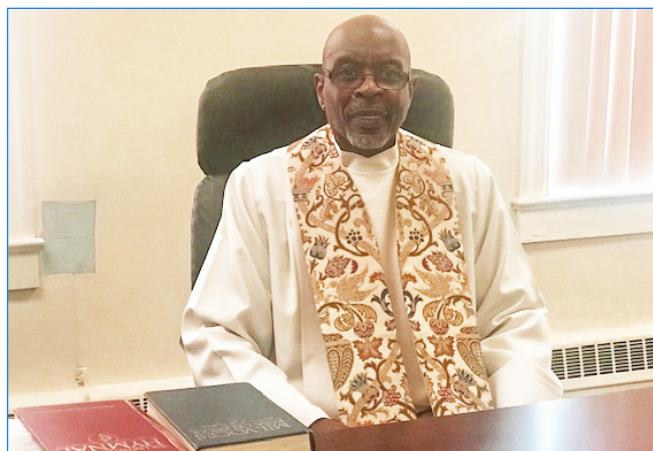
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Two years ago, the United Methodist Church of Hempstead (UMCH) celebrated the 195th Anniversary of the establishment and growth of the Methodist Church in the Village of Hempstead. During the early stages of planning, it was agreed that we would have special activities to celebrate this milestone every five years. While this is great, I believe there is a need for us to remember this event every year.

The month of May is significant in the history of United Methodism. For example, the third Sunday is recognized by our denomination as Heritage Sunday. This day calls the United Methodist Church to honor its heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God, remembering that the United Methodist Church was created by the union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church. It is very fitting that we observe our 197th Anniversary during worship on that same Sunday (May 19).

To say the least, we are part of a rich history and legacy here in the Village of Hempstead. To show our appreciation to God and to build on this legacy, I am asking that each member, family, and friend make a special contribution of \$197.00 or more to the UMCH. This contribution will be in addition to our regular tithes



and offerings. We will have up to December 2019 to honor this commitment.

The monies received will go towards the purchasing of pew cushions for the sanctuary, carpet in the aisles and especially at the entrance. This project has been identified by our Board of Trustees.

It has been a long journey since the inception of this church. All of us have been the recipients of the goodness of God in our lives. Our faith continues to be nurtured and our spirits uplifted. Also, this is a time for us to remember God's loving-kindness and tender mercies toward us.

May God fill us with his grace so that we may be able to achieve more together and improve on that which has been entrusted to us.

Yours in his service,

St. Clair A. Samuel



# *In the Spotlight*

*Jackie Morgan*



*Congratulations*

Jackie Morgan was honored recently for a special birthday at the Memorial Presbyterian Church 55 Plus Club's Luncheon, held at the African American Museum in Hempstead. During the event, she was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the Town of Hempstead, given to her by Senior Councilwoman, Dorothy Goosby.

An active member of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead for the past 17 years, Jackie was also an officer/leader, involved in several committees throughout the years.

She was the president of the United Methodist Women (UMW) at the UMC of Hempstead for nine years, and is presently the Chair of the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Ministry at the church.

Jackie is a constant and familiar presence at UMW events and church activities; her ready smile and caring ways endear her to fellow congregants.

*"Every heart that has beat strongly and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind."*

*- Robert Louis Stevenson*





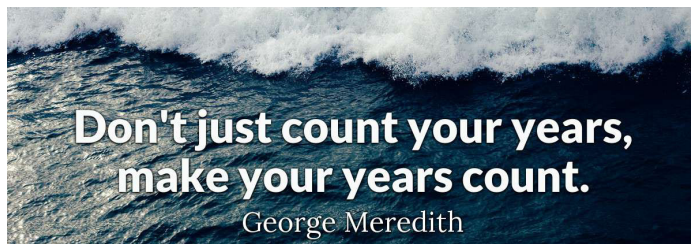
# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List - May 2019



Grace Brown	May 1st
Beth Davidson	May 1st
Donald Morgan	May 1st
Bruce Tatem	May 2nd
Karen Benjamin	May 4th
David Hancock	May 6th
Yasmin Clarke	May 7th
Vernon Ghullkie	May 8th
Michelle Samuel	May 9th
William Fullard	May 11th
Bryan Bailey	May 13th
Wendy Persaud-Tyler	May 15th
Lucy Wright-Brew	May 16th

Claude Gooding	May 17th
Abraham Brew	May 18th
Chrystelle Ivana Gooding	May 18th
Michael Williams	May 19th
Nadine Brown	May 20th
Dillon Bobb	May 22nd
Justin Bobb	May 22nd
Tamiya Bobb	May 22nd
Cathy Bahr	May 24th
Carol Ann Denny	May 26th
Elnora Brevard	May 27th
Marion Czar	May 29th
Nicole Davidson	May 31st



*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 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**





## Easter Sunday

More than 200 congregants and friends of the UMC of Hempstead attended Easter Sunday services on April 21st. The morning filled attendee's ears with beautiful music from the Chancel Choir, Men's Choir, Children's Choir, Trumpeters, and a Solo by Nadia Bucknor. The sermon, delivered by Rev. Samuel, was inspirational and meaningful. After the service, everyone was invited to a lovely coffee hour.



*Pictured, (Left and below right): Palm Sunday Service.*







# April 21, 2019



*Photos,  
courtesy of  
Linda Gomes  
and Grace  
Brammer.*



*Photo, courtesy of Rev. Elizabeth Williams.*

Over fifty congregants and friends of the UMC of Hempstead took a three and a half-hour bus ride to Lancaster, PA on Saturday, April 13th to see the musical theatre event, *Jesus*, at the Sight and Sound theatre. The show delighted attendees and took them on an unforgettable journey which highlighted all the miraculous and everyday activities of the most famous person on earth: Jesus, who altered the lives of every person in the world in the most beautiful way. All who attended enjoyed the show, as well as lunch and shopping.





# Easter Festival: An Eggeciting Event!



The UMC of Hempstead annual Easter Festival was held on Sat., April 27th — many families from the community gathered to enjoy the festivities, which included lunch, arts and crafts, sack races, prizes for lucky winners, face painting, and egg hunting for hundreds of colorful eggs filled with assorted candies, scattered on the front lawn.

Adults and children sported lots of happy smiles! Many thanks to the Evangelism Committee for planning and hosting the fun-filled event.



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





# May Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			I	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>UMC Anniversary Sunday</b>	20 Church Council, 7:30 pm	21 <b>Evangelism, 7:30 pm</b>	22	23	24	25 <b>Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11am-1pm</b>
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	28	29	30	31

## April Hempstead Fellowship Brunch

On April 27th, the HFB gave 110 people a scrumptious meal consisting of fish, ham and assorted healthy side dishes. Rotary Club members were also available to lend a hand. It was a beautiful and enjoyable occasion.





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### **Easter, what a celebration to the risen Lord!**

Shari Bailey lead the Sunrise Service with wonderful words. Pastor Samuel spoke to a full church and the music was outstanding. We were treated to the Easter Trumpets, The Sounds of Praise Choir ( you have to love the little ones), a Solo by Nadia Bucknor, Anthem by the Chancel Choir, Anthem by THE FOUR (Alex Benjamin, Jordan McCullers, Jonathan McCullers and Kyle Pierre-Louis) and the always handsome Men's Chorus. Oh, what JOY! Our thanks to Kevin Gray for all the special music. We are truly blessed to have Kevin as part of our church family.

**May 5th - Native American Sunday:** Together we empower spiritual development and educate Native American seminary students to serve God faithfully. Please come prepared to give.

Mother's Day Stay at Home Tea: You received a tea bag in the mail. Take time for yourself, put your feet up and enjoy. Your donation "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" needs to be received by May 5th in order to have your loved ones on display on Mother's Day, May 12th. All funds received go to the INN (Interfaith Nutritional Network).

**Golden Cross Sunday, May 12th:** This day is an opportunity to lift up, celebrate and support the many health and welfare ministries in our annual conference. Over the years, the voluntary offering is divided among the Methodist-related homes for the aged and other institutions.

UMW meeting, Saturday, May 18th, 10:30, business portion: At noon a "Sandwich Exchange" lunch. Each woman is asked to bring two sandwiches cut in quarters. Program to follow. See you there!

**Thanks to your generosity,** 150 health kits were packed for Church World Service. These mean so much to people when disaster hits. It is a way to send a little love to those in need. Our thanks to Jennie Connolly for leading this mission.

## **Lenten Dinners**



*Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes and Grace Brammer.*