



The Parish News

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A Message From The Pastor's Desk



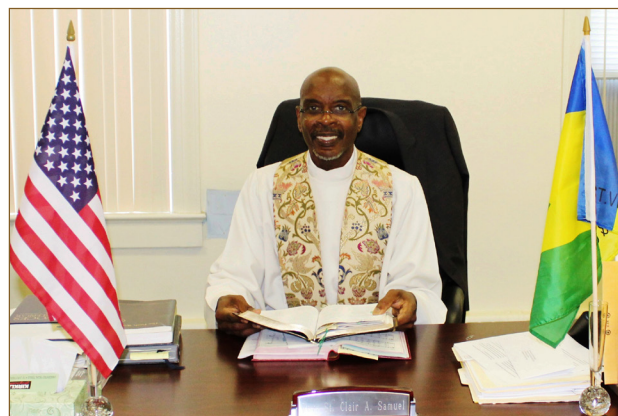
"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. Be thankful unto him and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4, 5)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Soon, we will be coming together with family and friends to give thanks to God for all his bounty on that special day we have come to know as Thanksgiving Day. We will not be alone in this, for across this nation, people will gather in their houses of worship or their homes, and many will recall what God has done for them. Things were a little different in Old Testament times, during the reign of King Solomon about 3,000 years ago. There was only one temple in all the land of Israel. Most people traveled long distances to reach Jerusalem, so going to the temple to present offerings and sacrifices to God was a special event.

Thanksgiving Day in the United States began as a day of fasting and praying. American history tells us that it originated in 1621 when the English Pilgrim founders of the colony of Plymouth had a celebration with Native Americans who brought gifts of food as a way of showing friendship. There is no evidence that those who participated in this feast thought of it as a thanksgiving celebration. However, a couple of years later, as these Pilgrims had a day of fasting and prayer to end a period of drought, this day became a day of thanksgiving to God because rains came during their prayers.

Some two centuries or so later, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November to be a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for all God's blessings in the midst of the Civil War. With time, this day became



a home and family holiday where thanks were given to God for all of God's favors and mercies.

What are some of the things for which we can give thanks? In some form or other, we have incomes to support ourselves. We have warm houses to shelter us from the elements. We have food on our tables, and clothes on our backs. We have family or friends with whom we can share life's joys and sorrows.

Truly, God has been gracious to each of us. God loves us and cares for us. We give thanks to God not just through our words but through the way we live our lives and use the gifts and other resources God has given to us. We do these things when we remember that we did not produce what we have by any special powers or wisdom of our own. The Lord is good; He continues to be faithful; therefore, let us be grateful to Him at all times.

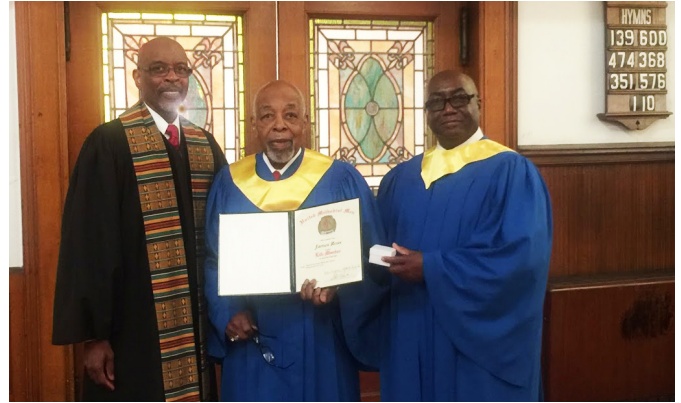
Yours in His service,

St. Clair A. Samuel

In the Spotlight

Men's Day Celebration: A Tribute To The Dedicated Men In Our Church Community

The United Methodist Men at UMC of Hempstead held a Men's Day celebration and worship service on October 28, 2018 with the theme, "Desperate for Healing," which featured Rev. George Haigler III as the speaker. During the service, the men gathered in a prayer of unification for the men and all the congregation. During the service, Jim Ross, a member of the UMM since the early 1990s, was presented with the UMM Life Membership Award for giving many years of service and dedication to the group. Congratulations Jim!



Pictured: (L-R): Pastor Samuel, Jim Ross and Royston Bailey.



Pictured (L-R): Jim Ross, Rev. Haigler, Royston Bailey, and Bill Fullard.



Pictured: The Men's Choir Group, led by Kevin Gray, Choir Director; at the UMC of Hempstead, Oct. 28, 2018.



Pictured (L-R): Pastor Samuel, Rev. George Haigler III, Jim Ross, Royston Bailey, and Bill Fullard.



Pictured above (middle): Rev. George Haigler III, was the speaker at the Men's Day Worship Service.

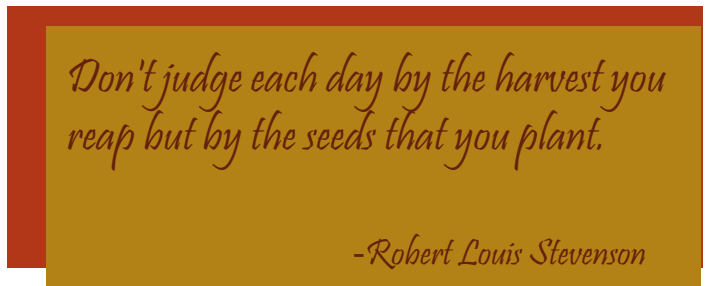
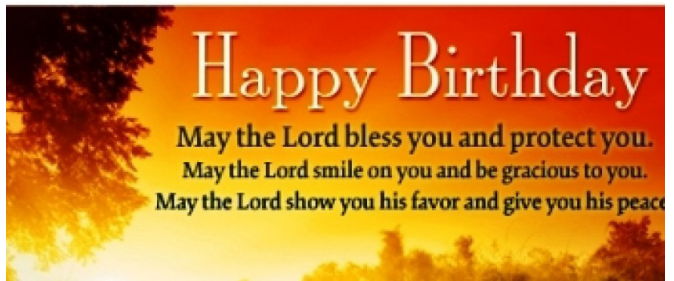


Sunshine Column

Birthday List - November 2018



Kyle Pierre-Louis	November 3rd
Phyllis Gill-Pink	November 5th
Jonathan Tyler	November 7th
Janethe Gill	November 8th
Elizabeth Williams	November 11th
Petal Scantlebury	November 14th
Gem Lilly	November 15th
Adam Ross	November 17th
Hyacinth Daley	November 17th
Roger Tatem	November 18th
Hugh Brown Jr.	November 21st
Bibi Boucicaut	November 22nd
Bentley Bailey	November 23rd
Cathy Aziz	November 24th
Garydiane Morrison	November 26th



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, or drop them off in the church office by November 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in December 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

Fall Rummage Sale 🍁 October 6th



October Hempstead Fellowship Brunch



The HFB committee reached out to many people in the community at the brunch held on Oct. 27th where guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, prepared and served by volunteers. Blood pressure screening was also available, as well as clothing, generously donated for those in need. The next HFB will be held on Nov. 17th - a Thanksgiving feast!



Brunch Serves Many in the Community



United Methodist Church of Hempstead HARVEST CELEBRATION November 18, 2018

Come and worship with us as we celebrate Harvest!

Harvest service provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for fruitful crops and to celebrate God's fruitfulness in our own lives.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. - Isaiah 9:3



REQUESTING DONATIONS
(monetary or baked goods)
Please see Liz Johnson or Janice Wellington



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United Methodist Men: Save the Dates

United Methodist Church of Hempstead

Meetings: 11/18 ~ 12/13 @: 8.30

2018 Calendar of Events (Remaining Dates)

DATES	MINISTRIES	COORDINATORS
Daily:	E-Devotion:	Wayne Redman
Weekly:	Brothers Keeper: (Call & Visit)	R. Bailey, B. Fullard & T. Pollock
Monthly:	Breakfast Meeting:	D. Chase, L. Williams, D. Reid & R. Bailey
Monthly:	Invitation to Re-Affirmation, Adults:	James Ross & Roger Eastman
Monthly:	Invitation to Re-Affirmation, Young Adults:	W. Robinson & J. Angus
Monthly:	Outreach - Service: Recruit Volunteers For HFB:	Roger Tatem
Saturdays:	Prayer Service: 8.00am	Royston Bailey
Sundays:	Church Bible Study: 8.30am	Pastor Samuel & Thomas Pollock
Oct. 28 & Dec. 16	Men's Chorus:	Kevin Gray
Oct. 26-27	Support - NACP & NYAC UMM Ministries:	Royston Bailey
Oct. 28	Men's Day: (Celebrate our Ministries)	R. Bailey & Bill Fullard
Nov. 18	Annual Meeting (Calendar of Events)	Royston Bailey
Dec. 13	Annual Meeting (Budget)	Royston Bailey

Executive Committee

Rev. St. Clair Samuel, Pastor

Officers: Royston Bailey, Bill Fullard, Bentley Bailey, Duncan Chase; Coordinators: Wayne Redman, James Ross, Winston Robinson, Leon Williams, David Reid, Roger Eastman, Kevin Gray, Vahhon McCullers, Errol Foo, Joseph Angus, Roger Tatem, Gilmore Forbes, Thomas Pollock, Vance Bailey; At-Large: Glen Bucknor, Vernon Ghullkie, William Smith.

United Methodist Women's Meeting October 2018




Pictured (L-R): Standing, Janice LaLumia; Sitting, Mary Johnson, Dot Zondag, Julia Ross, Jean Bearak and Kathy Aikens.
Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer.



Pictured (L-R): Standing, Eileen Bailey, Miriam Richards; Sitting, Miriam Harris, Audrey Mercer-Richards, Rev. Elizabeth Williams, Ann Hughes-Connor, and Marilyn Harris.



November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 UMW Annual Church Fair, 9am-2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Trustees, 10:00 am Finance, 9 am HFB, 11-1 pm
18 Harvest Sunday, 10 am	19 Church Council, 7:30 pm	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

A Worship Moment by Jean Howell

"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices."

At Thanksgiving time, we sing these words lustily, but do we really put them into practice? Do we thank Him with loving hearts, by the work of our hands or even with the words of our mouths? Thanksgiving is a wonderful and happy tradition but isn't it sad that we must be reminded to thank God for His blessings? Even on this special day, do we really do that? Many churches no longer hold Thanksgiving Day services and others hold services a day or so ahead so that they don't interfere with our preparations, our feasting, our family reunions or our parades and football games! Even our daily prayers consist more of "gimmies" than thanks. We seldom pray for our needs to be supplied because our God has promised to supply them and we believe that He keeps his promises. Instead, our prayers are like a spoiled child's letter to Santa, filled with our wants. Are we ever really satisfied? Why not try listing your blessings; I'm sure you will find that they far outnumber your wants! Then, this Thanksgiving, and every other day thereafter, let us all offer prayers of "thanksgiving" to our God for His ceaseless, incredible and sacrificial love for each one of us, His children. Let us truly "thank we all our God!"

- 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.

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CHURCH NEWS

November 25th is Student Sunday: When we give on this Special Sunday, we are coming alongside our United Methodist students and helping lighten the burden of education. We are helping United Methodist youth from the next generation become the leaders, pastors, teachers, engineers, doctors, and lawyers of tomorrow. We are empowering the next generation of United Methodist young people. Let's invest in our students today. Let's give them the gift of hope. Let's help them discover their purpose.

Thanks to all who donated to blankets: On 10/29/2018, \$465 was received through a special collection. That's 46.5 blankets to help keep people warm and protected from the elements; and many more uses. It is never too late to contribute to such a worthy cause.

On Saturday, October 27, 2018, our church joined with nine other UMC's for the Charge Conference, the church's annual official meeting lead by Rev. Julia YH Yim, District Superintendent. At this meeting, the officers for 2019 are elected. The new trustees are **George Knight, Fred Brewington, Claudia Byam** and **Thomas Pollack**. To learn more about your church pick up a copy of the Annual Church Conference Booklet in the Narthex.



Not long ago, we were complaining about the heat. So, it is hard to believe that Advent begins at the end of this month! Once again, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the Christmas Card Tree for the benefit of the Red Stocking Campaign of the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. By making a donation, your name will be placed on the tree displayed in the Narthex, and listed in the bulletin and *Parish News*, wishing your church family the very best for the holidays.

RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN



UMW Church Fair is November 10th

Save the Date!

