



# The Parish News

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## A Message from the Pastor's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night."*

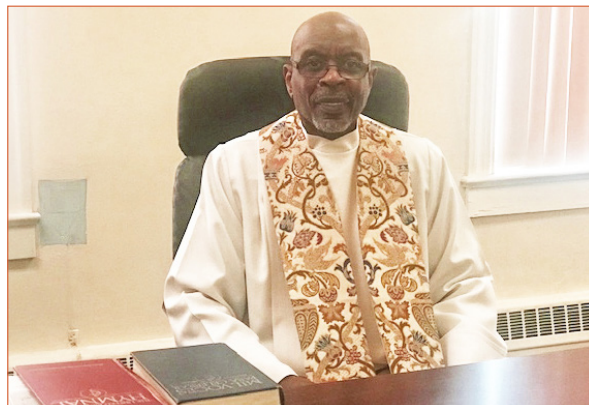
(Psalm 92:1, 2)

The apostle Paul declares in Philippians 4:6, 7:  
"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Would we describe ourselves as persons who genuinely give thanks to the Lord? When life is moving along smoothly, when we are enjoying good health, good family relations, and satisfying work, we are likely to give thanks. It seems right to offer thanks to God when life is calm and peaceful. But what about those times when life is not so smooth, when we find ourselves confronting uncertain health, financial struggles, failure or loss?

Paul says give thanks in all circumstances. But at times it is just too painful or too difficult to say "thank you, God."

One of our traditional hymns for Thanksgiving was written by a German pastor named Martin Rinkart (1586-1649). Amid the darkness of the Thirty Years' War, this pastor is said to have buried 5,000 of his parishioners in



one year—an average of 13 or 14 a day. His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. His wife was among those whom he buried. In the heart of the darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote the following table grace for his children:

"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love and still is ours today."  
(Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1858)

We are truly blessed. Let us show our appreciation to God for his faithfulness in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel





# *In the Spotlight*

*Miriam Richards*

Members of the Chancel Choir and Men's Choir surprised Miriam Richards in early October for her 80th birthday. The group celebrated her special day in style at Umberto's, West Hempstead where they enjoyed a delicious meal and camaraderie. The surprise party was organized by Kevin Gray, Choir Master for the UMC of Hempstead. Miriam's daughter, Samantha Alexander and the Choir group did a great job keeping her party a secret! Miriam has been active in the Church Choir for many years, and is a member of the UMW for 29 years.



*Photos, courtesy of Kevin Gray and Grace Brammer.*





# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



Kyle Pierre Lewis  
Ruth Gill  
Phyllis Gill-Pink  
Jonathan Tyler  
Janethe Gill  
Elizabeth Williams  
Petal Scantlebury  
Gem Lilly  
Adam Ross  
Hyacinth Daley  
Roger Tatem  
Hugh Brown Jr.

November 3  
November 4  
November 5th  
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November 21st

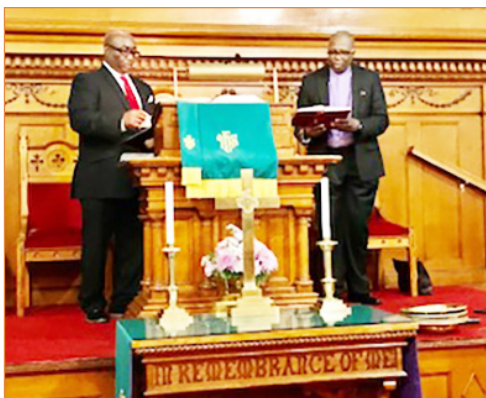
Bibi Boucicaut  
Bentley Bailey  
Cathy Aziz  
Julia Ross

November 22nd  
November 23rd  
November 24th  
November 25th



*Photos,  
courtesy of  
Kevin Gray  
and Grace  
Brammer.*

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



*Pictured: (L-R) Royston Bailey, and Lawrence Mitchell, Associate Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.*



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

The United Methodist Men hosted a memorable Men's Day Service and Brunch on Oct. 27, 2019.

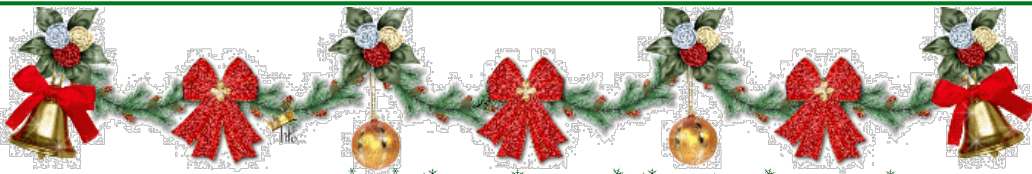
During the service, the group presented a Lifetime Achievement award to **Leon Williams** for many years of commitment and service to the UMM. The United Methodist Women also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Roger Tatem** for years of dedication to the church. Lawrence Mitchell of the Church of the Nazarene, Queens, was the guest speaker for the service.



*Pictured: (L-R): Pastor Samuel, Roger Tatem, Rev. Elizabeth Williams, Miriam Richards and Royston Bailey.*



*Pictured: The Men's Choir performed during the Men's Day Worship Service on Sunday, October 26th.*



## umw Annual Church Fair

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### *Featuring*

**Fresh Vegetables \* Baked Goods**  
**Cheese and Pecans \* Holiday Items & Cards**  
**Handmade Crafts & Variety Table \* Jewelry**  
**Coffee Room - 9 to 11 a.m.**



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# Fall Rummage Sale



The UMC of Hempstead fall Rummage Sale was held on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The event attracted many people locally and in nearby communities. The Rummage Sale is a community outreach program that helps the needy. It offers gently used clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, jewelry, toys and books, housewares, household items, and furniture, all donated by the congregation and friends. Baked items are also provided by ladies of the congregation and are sold at a minimum cost, along with bagels, coffee, and tea. This year, the event generated more than \$1,200; the funds are raised to help the church with its mission work.







# October Meeting of the UMW



*Pictured: (L-R) Julia Ross, Miriam Harris, Mary Johnson, Grace Brammer, Jackie Morgan, Audrey Mercer-Richards, and Jean Bearak.*

The **United Methodist Women (UMW)** meet each month from September to June to discuss church matters and to share lunch in an atmosphere of fellowship.

All women of the congregation are welcome to join the group. The UMW offers all Methodist women “opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education and service, and advocacy.”

*Photo, courtesy of Grace Brammer.*

## Parish News Announcements

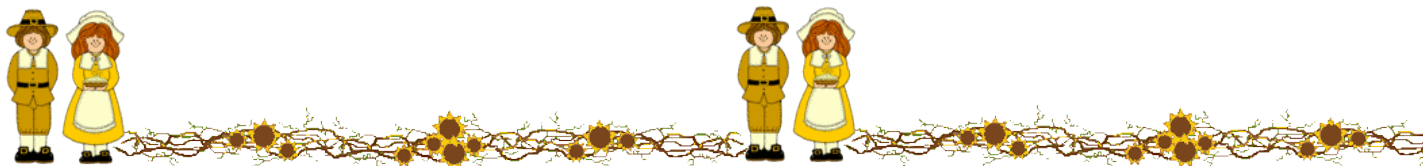
Please submit all information (articles, announcements, photos) about events, committee/ministries news, and other information that you can share with our church family to: [hempsteadumc@gmail.com](mailto:hempsteadumc@gmail.com), or drop them off in the church office by the end of August. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in December 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**



# November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> All Saints Day	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b> Bible Study, 8:30 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bible Study, 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Bible Study, 8:30 am	<b>11</b> Special Church Council, 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Bible Study, 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church Conference, 3:00 pm
<b>17</b> Bible Study, 8:30 am	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bible Study, 7:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm
<b>24</b> Bible Study, 8:30 am	<b>25</b> Church Council, 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bible Study, 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



## A Worship Moment

*“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 living 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 it 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 needs are 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 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, on this Thursday, and every 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!”

*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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## October Hempstead Fellowship Brunch

**Pajama Drive:** There is a green laundry basket on the table in the Narthex for the collection of pajamas for the SafeCenter. Quite often, when women leave an abusive situation, they leave with only the clothes on their back. The shelter gives them a safe place to stay – but there are so many other needs. A gift of a pair of new pajamas can lift spirits. The basket will be available until November 24th. Please make a donation of pajamas for this worthy cause.

**Looking Ahead:** Saturday, December 21, 2019  
UMW Christmas Luncheon at the Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead. A day of fellowship and good food. Reservations, \$35, will be taken during coffee hour on December 1st, 8th & 15th. Plan to join the fun.



**Harvest Sunday  
is on  
November 24th.  
Please join us  
for a  
special Worship  
Service and  
celebration at  
10:00 am at the  
UMC of Hempstead**



*Photos, courtesy of Pauline Lewis.*