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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Members and Friends,

I greet you once more in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We are now in the fall season, and the United Methodist Church of Hempstead is engaging in ministries and preparing for activities that benefit the church, the neighborhood, and others beyond.

I am sure you would agree with me that we all need the encouragement of a caring community. For most of us, this care comes through the fellowship of a Christian congregation in which the love of people reflects the love of God.

People who are not Christians often keep a sharp eye on those who are known as followers of Christ. Often, they know what goes on in our churches. If we are unfriendly and unkind to one another, they know. And if we live in love and peace with our fellow Christians, they know. According to the words of the song, "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

One of the things which make people stop and ponder is when they hear a Christian who has been through difficult times say with sincerity,
"My church family was there for me."



The way we love one another as Christians is not only a way of blessing one another, it is a way of being a witness to others as well.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. In the same way, we are to love other members of the body of Christ. This was what the early Christian community was like. They shared their goods so that the needs of the whole community were met (Acts 2:44).

We too, are called to care for others in a way that reflects God's love for us. Remember, they are part of the world which God loves, and we are called to love them also.

I pray that we may allow the love of Christ to empower our witness to others every day.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. St. Clair A. Samuel

Note: Please read an important message about upcoming Conference News - on page 11.



In the Spotlight

THE TURNER - RIGGIO FOUNDATION

At the September Executive Board meeting of the UMW, Enid Turner was on hand to discuss the good works of the Turner - Riggio Foundation, launched in 2004 by Sam and Enid Turner, both members of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead.

The Turner - Riggio Foundation was founded in Freetown, Sierra Leone, 12 years ago to provide youngsters with a quality education, as well as opportunities to participate in extra-curricular and social activities.

As Bockarie Kallon, one of the graduating college students in the Mining Engineering Program prolifically put it, "The Foundation did not only give me a quality education and other opportunities, it also gave me basic ethics and morals which were acquired through Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Hard work, honesty, integrity, and above all, the fear of God,

were always preached in the Foundation.

"The Foundation has made great strides over the years," said Enid Turner in her 2016 newsletter, published annually.

"With the help of sponsors, such as Len and Louise Riggio, the UMW of Hempstead, the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, Dot Zondag, Claude Gooding, Henry Smith, Evelyn Sallah, the Shepherd family, sponsors, and the Upsilon Nu Omega Chapter-Alfa Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Foundation has given the under-privileged a better future," said Mrs. Turner. "May God continue to pour his blessings on them and their families."

If you would like to learn more about the Turner - Riggio Foundation, email them at rosetamt@yahoo.com. If you prefer, you can write to them at 32B Beach Road, Lumley-Free-town, Sierra Leone.



Pictured above: (L-R) Mary Johnson, Pastor Samuel, Enid Turner, and Jackie Morgan, after a recent UMW meeting in September.



Pictured above: Some of the recent graduates of The Turner - Riggio Foundation in Sierra Leone.



Pictured above: The Turner - Riggio Foundation, at their 2015 Christmas celebration and get-together in December.

Photos, courtesy of Enid Turner



October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Rummage Sale 9-2 pm
2 World Communion Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8 Worship Committee, 10 am
9	10 Columbus Day, office closed	11	12	13	14	15 Board of Trustees, 9 am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Blanket Sunday	31 Halloween					

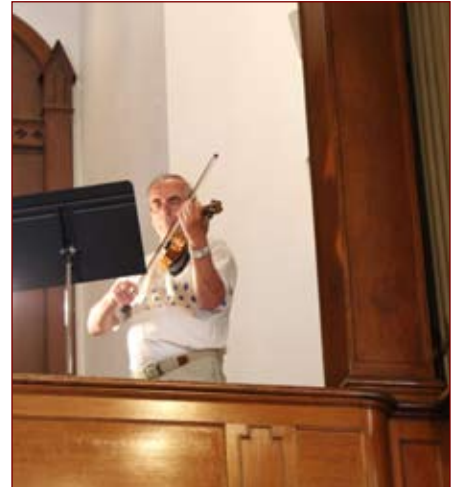




A WARM WELCOME TO PASTOR ST. CLAIR A. SAMUEL



The entire congregation joined together on Sunday, September 11th for a welcome/installation celebration in tribute to Rev. St. Clair A. Samuel, appointed the new Pastor of UMC of Hempstead in July. Marked by a lovely worship service with 172 people attending, it was followed by a luncheon organized jointly by SPPRC, the Worship Committee, and the Hispanic group.





PASTOR SAMUEL'S INSTALLATION SERVICE



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

Thank you!





**Welcome - from
Your Congregation!**



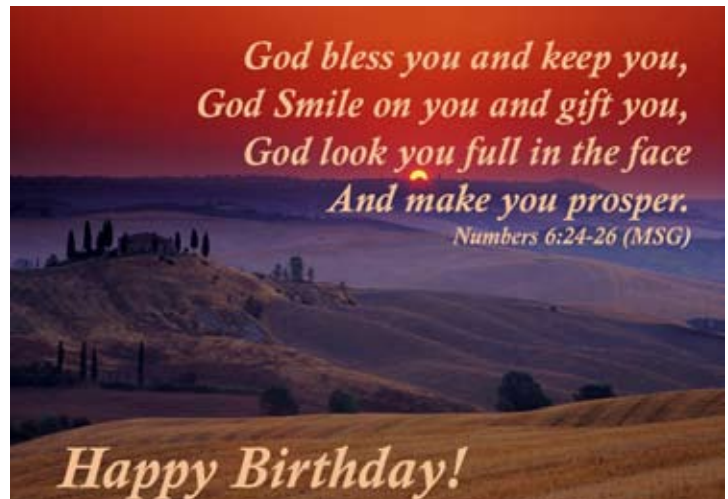


Sunshine Column



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LIST – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Ross	October 3rd
Gloria Howard	October 6th
Miriam Richards	October 8th
Marsha Powell-Williams	October 11th
Gladys Parker	October 14th
Michelle McCullers	October 14th
Royston Bailey	October 15th
Nicole Boucicaut	October 16th
Joshua Boucicaut	October 16th
Jade Valeris	October 16th
Phyllis Harper	October 17th
Ashia Thomson	October 24th
Damali Bernadotte	October 25th
Alexandrine Bucknor	October 27th
Nicole Bucknor	October 29th
Maurice Bailey	October 31st



If your name is not on the list, please contact Mary Johnson, Karen Bonnet, or Lavern Thompson 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 October 19th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in the first week of November. 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)
After service, Sounds of Praise Choir Rehearsal
(5-11 years old)

Sunday: Service in Spanish, 12:30 PM
Thursday: 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday: 8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
(Alternate Fridays)

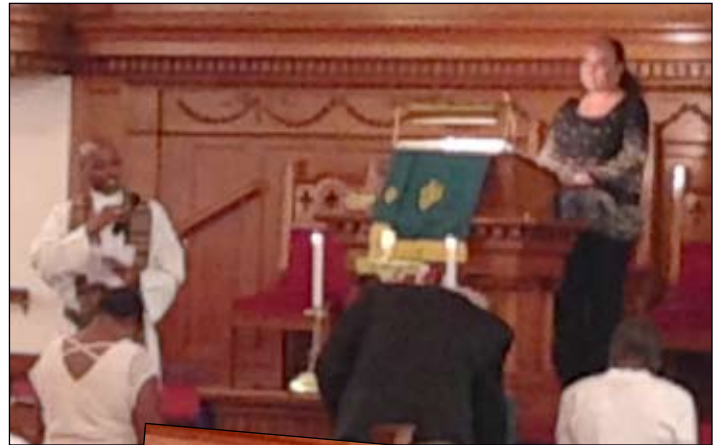


FRIENDS AND FAMILY GATHER IN CELEBRATION ON SEPT. 18, 2016

September 18th was a special day of celebration, fellowship, faith, and sharing. More than 140 people attended a lovely and thought-provoking worship service in the morning, presided by Pastor Samuel. Linda Gomes provided the Liturgy, and the Gospel lessons were read by Jackie Morgan (in English), Sarian Parker, (in Krio) and Hazel Gooding (in French).

The congregation delighted in beautiful music orchestrated by Kevin Gray and the Chancel Choir, Vocalists, Janice Wellington and Royston Bailey, and a serenade of violin pieces by Violinist, Peter Goering.

After the service, members of the congregation, along with family and friends, joined together to enjoy a delicious luncheon, organized by ladies of the congregation. The luncheon was brimming with delicious food, donated by members of the UMC of Hempstead and their families.





FRIENDS AND FAMILY: FOND MEMORIES, FELLOWSHIP, AND SHARING



*Music is an
outburst
of the soul*





Poetic Reflections

WELCOME

{For Pastor St. Clair A. Samuel}

ONCE AGAIN WE'VE COME TO A CROSSROAD OF CHANGE
IN SPITE OF THAT, SOME THINGS WILL STAY THE SAME
YOUR PREACHING IS POWERFUL, BUT GOD'S WORDS WILL REMAIN
YOU HAVE AND MAY CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR WORSHIP CHANGE
WITH SOME NEW THINGS, AND OTHERS YOU'LL RE-ARRANGE

PASTOR SAMUEL! WE WELCOME YOU AND YOUR WIFE
TO BE AMONG US, AS GOD OUR FATHER ALLOWS
MAY WE ACCEPT THE MESSAGES YOU'LL BRING
IN THE HOPE THEY'LL MAKE OUR HEARTS REJOICE

LISTENING IS NECESSARY AS WE OPEN UP AND COMMUNICATE
SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION TO US IS DEFINED AS WE MEDITATE
PRAYERS OFFERED AND RECEIVED ARE FELT TO BE COMFORTING
LYRICS OF SONGS STIRS OUR HEARTS TO CELEBRATING
AS GOD FILLS YOUR LIFE, MAY YOU HELP TO FILL OURS -
WITH A PASSION TO LOVE, SERVE AND LIVE
HAVING GOD AS OUR GUIDE, TOGETHER WE'LL STAND
TO OVERCOME ALL MANNER OF WRONG DOINGS ... AND FORGIVE

AS DAYS TURN INTO WEEKS, AND THEN INTO YEARS
TOGETHER WE'LL WALK ALONG THE 'NARROW ROAD'
TRUSTING AND LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER
REACHING OUT, TO HELP BEAR EACH OTHER'S LOAD

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR CHURCH FAMILY
AND FILL YOU WITH THE COURAGE TO STAND -
TO PREACH WHATEVER HE (GOD) SAYS IS BEST
TO MOVE US FORWARD WITH A FAITH THAT'S GRAND

LET US THEN -
ARISE! SHINE! FOR THE LIGHT HAS COME
MAY THE GLORY OF THE LORD BE UPON US

WELCOME!
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HEMPSTEAD

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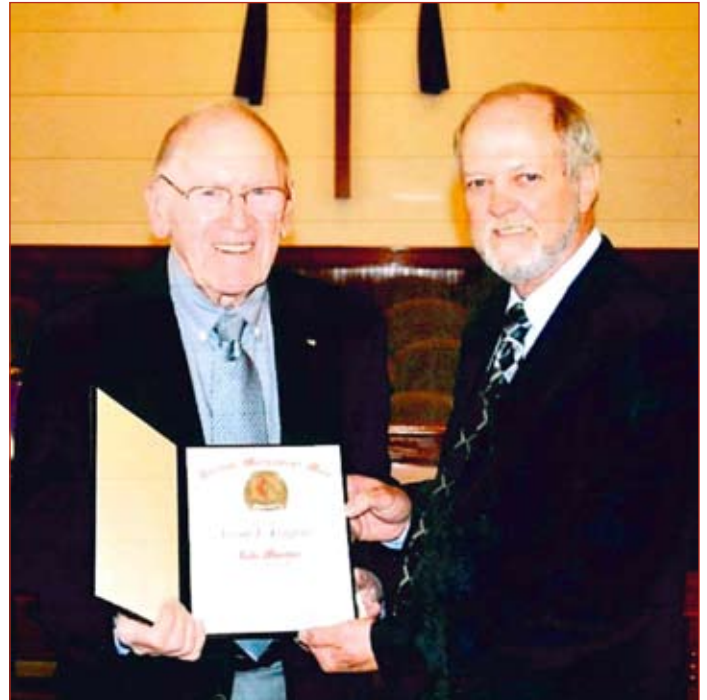


FORMER UMC OF HEMPSTEAD MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

Frank Feggeler, formerly a resident of East Meadow, and a member of the UMC of Hempstead for many years, was recently awarded a Life Membership Award from the United Methodist Men. When he was a member of the UMC of Hempstead, Mr. Feggeler served on the Usher and Trustees Committees.

As a member of the West End UMC in NC, he served as chairman of the food pantry for more than 20 years. Currently, he organizes trips to local farms to gather vegetables and fruit for the pantry, and helps with fundraising events for the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Feggeler was recently featured in the *United Methodist Men Magazine*. He now lives in West End, NC, and is an active member of the West End UMC.



Pictured, right: (L-R) Frank Feggeler and Bill Seldomridge, president of the West End United Methodist Men, as he presents the Life Membership award to Mr. Feggeler.



UPCOMING CONFERENCE NEWS

The **Annual Conference** of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead will take place on **Wed., December 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm.** The Committee on Finance needs to present the Church's 2017 budget at this Conference.

All groups, ministries, and/or organizations are required to submit their line items for this budget to the church office by **Wed., October 12, 2016.** The Finance Committee is to present their budget to the Church Council at the **Oct. 24th** meeting for approval. Also, all reports to be compiled for the Church Conference journal are due in the church office no later than **Monday, November 21, 2016.**

In order to begin preparing the report of officers, leaders and members of different ministries within the church, Pastor Samuel would like to meet with the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development on **Wed., Oct. 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

The current members of this committee are:

Beth Davidson	Christine Thomson	Shari Bailey
Margaret Foo	Janice Wellington	Bill Fullard
Doreen Redman	Hugh Brown	Michelle Samuel
	(Lay Leader)	

Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.

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BLANKET SUNDAY is on October 30th:

Blankets are so much more than a spread for your bed. When victims of disasters or those in need get a blanket, it can be used as a tent or lean-to, a coat, a ground cloth, a cover-up, a carry all, etc. For those with nothing, a blanket means so much.

On the 30th, we will be taking a collection for

Church World Service to provide light or heavy

blankets (depending on climate) at \$10.00 each. How many blankets can you sponsor?

IT'S EASY TO CONSERVE:

- Carry a fabric bag. It takes the same amount of petroleum to make 14 plastic bags as it does to drive a car one mile.
- Unplug electronic devices when you don't need them and save up to 10 percent of your annual energy consumption. Use a surge protector for multiple appliances, and turn it off at the end of the day to cut off power completely.
- Drink from a reusable container. An estimated 2.7 million tons of plastic are used every year for bottled water, worldwide.

IN SEPTEMBER, we collected and sent \$657.00 to UMCOR for relief to the victims of the earthquake in Italy. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers on the **Hempstead Fellowship Brunch** Committee. This month we were able to provide a delicious meal to 48 people. Your compassion and dedication to this cause is heartwarming! - Ruth Robinson