



# The Parish News

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## A Message From The Pastor's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

*"Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received."*  
(1 Peter 4:9-10)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

The word grace is mentioned 170 times in the Bible. Throughout the history of the Church, people have sought to define the grace of God, the unmerited favor of God, the kindness and love of God. Grace is God's sufficiency or God's fullness in the life of a believer.

The grace of God in a Christian is God's method of dealing with that individual and working in and through that individual to make her or him Christ-like.

The Bible teaches, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..." (Ephesians 2:8). After we are saved by grace, God exhorts us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Not only are we saved by grace and grow in grace, we also serve the Lord and live the Christian life by the grace of God. We make use of opportunities to pass along to others what we have received from the Lord.



2 Corinthians 8:9 says, "For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." Again, in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

What more can anyone want when God said that always, in everything, you will have enough to share abundantly? God has promised to supply all of our needs according to God's riches in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May we be good stewards of the grace that God has entrusted to us so that God would be pleased with our actions and that the name of God would be glorified in everything we do.

Yours in His service,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*



# *In the Spotlight*

Ryan Dwyer

This past July, I went on an incredible community service trip to Udon Thami, Thailand. I stayed for two weeks with a group of high school students from across North America and Europe, and worked on various projects that both supported the people of the region and helped me better understand Thai culture. Three were construction-based projects; one in which we built a house for a woman with epilepsy and her children; in a second, we helped build a playground outside a pre-school, and the last, in which we helped construct an organic garden outside an elementary school. There were also teaching-based projects. In the first, we taught English to grade school students; the second, we taught children how to swim. This was important because drowning in flooded rice paddies is a leading cause of death among rural Thai children. The third was a group of high school Thai students who worked on projects with us and learned English along the way. The last project group we worked on involved economic support. In the first, we assisted a middle-aged woman and her son in planting rice in an enormous field. In another, we delivered freshly cooked meals to village people and family members of people who were sick in a local hospital. On the last, we cleaned a Buddhist temple and talked with the monks about their lifestyle. Although the people of the region live poor and simple lives, they were some of the friendliest and happiest people I've ever met, and I'm happy I was able to make a small improvement to their conditions. The trip was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. I grew to have a great appreciation of Thailand and its culture, while learning some of the language and customs during my stay. I'm glad I was able to make connections with local people, even if it meant smiling at them.



I'm also happy with the friendships I made with all the students that were on the trip with me. I hope to stay connected with them and meet them again in the future.

What was also exciting was that I was able to experience a bonus trip one weekend where I visited the neighboring country of Laos, learning more about a new culture and making unforgettable memories.

Overall, the trip gave me a better understanding of the world and how good it is to help others.





# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List - October 2018



James Ross	October 3rd
Gloria Howard	October 6th
Miriam Richards	October 8th
Gladys Parker	October 14th
Michelle McCullers	October 14th
Royston Bailey	October 15th
Nicole Boucicaut	October 16th
Joshua Boucicaut	October 16th
Jade Valeris	October 16th
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 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 October 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in November 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

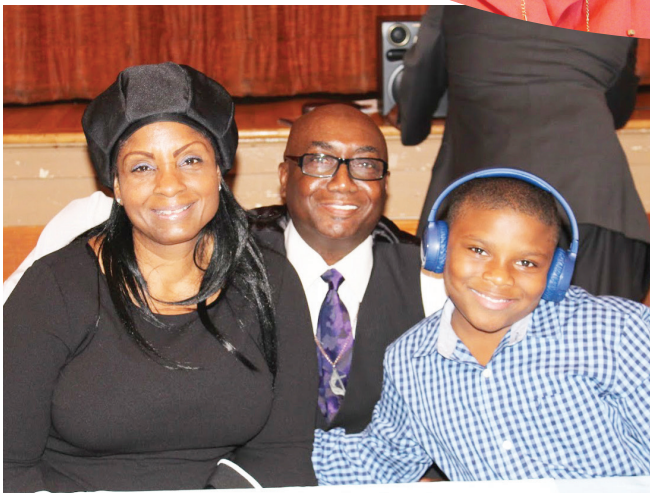


# Family & Friends Sunday

September 23, 2018

Family and Friends Sunday, held on Sept. 23, 2018, was a delightful occasion that included an inspirational sermon by guest speaker, Pastor Janine Guilford of JGS Living Word Ministries. Her thought-provoking message was enjoyed by 161 congregation members and guests. Worship

Service featured beautiful songs performed by Janice Wellington and Nadia Bucknor, and a special rendition of "Holy is He" by the Chancel Choir. Following the service, a delicious luncheon was cooked and served by the Evangelism Committee. All enjoyed the meal and the camaraderie.



Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes and Grace Brammer.





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# October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Nominations & Leadership Development, 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Trustees, 10:00 am  Finance, 9 am
21	22 Church Council, 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26	27 HFB, 11-1 pm
28	29	30	31			

**Sunday 10/7**

**World Wide Communion**

**Monday, 10/8**

**Nominations & Leadership  
Development, 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday 10/9**

**Budget meeting, 7:30pm**

**Saturday 10/20**

**Finance Meeting, 9am**

**Saturday 10/20**

**UMW "Bring a sandwich meeting," 11:30am**

**Sunday 10/21**

**UMM breakfast meeting, 8:30am**

**Saturday 10/27**

**Church Charge Conference, 3pm**

**Sunday 10/28**

**Blanket Sunday**

**Monday 10/29**

**Judith Circle, Noon**





## United Methodist Men of Hempstead MISSION STATEMENT

*“Creating the right Conditions for an Attitude of Spiritual Growth”*

### 2018 Calendar of Events (Remaining Dates)

**Meetings: 10/21 ~ 11/18 ~ 12/13 @: 8.30**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MINISTRIES</b>	<b>COORDINATORS</b>
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.







# Hempstead Fellowship Brunch

## September 2018



### A Worship Moment by Jean Howell

*"Hear my cry, O God, and attend to my prayer...I call to you when my heart is faint." Psalm 61:1-2*

At various times during our lives, all of us, I am sure, experience periods when our faith is tested. These moments can be due to the loss of a dear one, to our own illness or that of a loved one, to broken relationships, or financial difficulties, to name a few. Perhaps our God brings us to this point so that we will realize that without Him we can do nothing, and that our own strength is insufficient. Then it is that we cry out for help. And we know exactly where to turn. We turn, of course, to Him, our God, who is all strength, peace, and hope. Then, hopefully, we place all of our needs, fears and sorrows in His capable and loving hands. We may not get the answer to our "why" or an immediate cure, but we can be assured that He is with us and will strengthen us and see us safely through. We will feel His presence within us, holding us in His loving arms and sustaining us. At such times, we may also feel the presence of His angels keeping watch over us and bearing us up as He promised. If we trust in Him, we will come through these trials with our faith not only renewed, but strengthened as well, and we will enjoy an even closer walk with Him thereafter. - 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.*

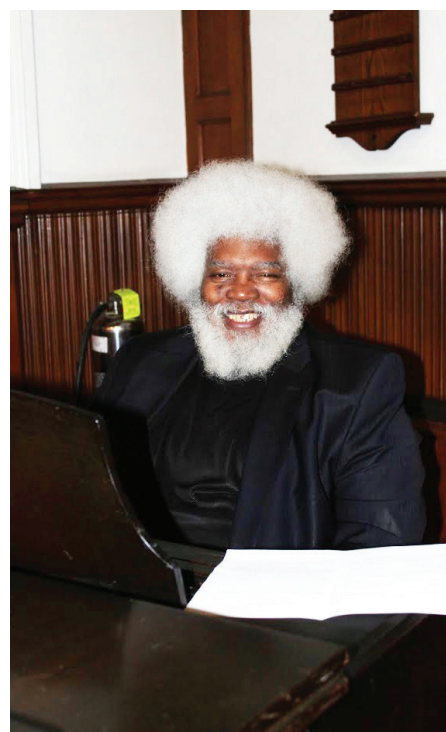




# Church Revival Raises Spirits



The September "REVIVAL," held on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 was a joyous occasion, hosted by the Evangelism Committee. The speaker for the evening was Thomas Pollock, a member of the UMC of Hempstead. Mr. Charles Carrington, pianist, entertained all who attended. Hats off to the Evangelism Committee for doing a great job in organizing the event!





# COMING SOON!



## umw Annual Church Fair

Saturday, November 10, 2018

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

UMC of Hempstead ~ 40 Washington Street



### 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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## CHURCH NEWS

**Blanket Sunday is October 28th:** A blanket can mean so much to those who have lost everything. A blanket can be used many ways: warmth, ground cloth, carry all, tent, privacy, etc. For only \$10 a blanket, you can be a blessing to one or more people.



**All Women Welcome:** United Methodist Women "bring a sandwich meeting," is Saturday, October 20th, 11:30. The program will include a report from Liz Williams who attended 'missionU' this summer.

**On 9/23, \$510 was collected for UMCOR** for relief to victims of Hurricane Florence. The need will be ongoing so if you have not yet contributed or you want to do more, it is never too late. Just indicate on a pew envelope "UMCOR" or "Hurricane Florence" and place in the collection plate.

**October 7th, World Communication Sunday,** calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

**The Finance Committee** will begin working on the 2019 budget. All commissions and committee or any other group which will need financing during 2019

are asked to submit their budget to the Finance Committee so that their needs can be included.

**The UMW is collecting pajamas,** once again, for the Safe House. The Safe House is where women and women with children go when they need to leave an abusive situation, sometimes only with the clothes on their backs. Not only do they have something to sleep in, new pajamas can also be used as loungewear. There will be a collection box in the Narthex from now until Thanksgiving. If you see a sale while shopping, please think of these women; all sizes are needed.

**"The Power of Bold"** Annual Meeting/Learning Fair of the NYAC United Methodist Women, Saturday, October 27th, 9am to 4pm, St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl Street, Kingston, NY 12401. Sign in and continental breakfast begin at 7:30am, luncheon will be served. \$30 registration fee.

**Church Conference** is October 27th, 3 pm. This is the official annual meeting for our church. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers for 2019. This is a good place to see how the church works, and is open to all. Please mark your calendar and plan to be part of this important meeting.