



# The Parish News

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## A Message from the Pastor's Desk



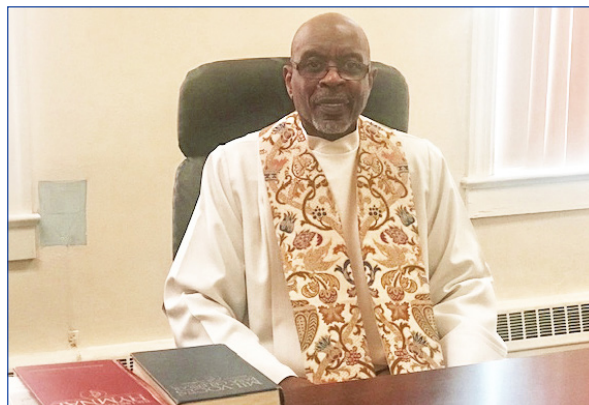
*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

As promised in the September issue of the *Parish News*, I embrace this opportunity to share with you a little more information regarding Bishop Thomas Bickerton's organization of the New York Annual Conference (NYAC) churches into cooperative parishes.

According to Bishop Bickerton, one of the realities of this format is that it provides a more intimate setting for conversation and discovery. With this in mind, Bishop Bickerton has committed himself to a day of conversation with each pastor and local church/charge throughout the NYAC.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, the United Methodist Church of Hempstead (UMCH) will be hosting two cooperative parish gatherings. The pastors of the Western End Parish which consists of 11 congregations (UMCH included) will meet with the Bishop or a NYAC leadership team in the morning from 9:00 to 12:00.

The pastors of the County Line Parish which consists of 6 congregations will meet with the Bishop or a NYAC leadership team in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30. In the evening, from 6:30 to 9:00, Bishop Bickerton will meet with key leaders of the laity from the Western End and County Line Parishes. This will be a session where our Bishop will share information pertaining to growing concerns for the future of the United Methodist denomination. Also, our Bishop will seek feedback and input from each church/charge and their leadership.



For many years the United Methodist Church has been dealing with conflict over theological differences regarding homosexuality. By a slim majority, delegates at the General Conference session held this past February in St. Louis, voted to maintain the restrictions in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. This has resulted in protests and resistance by many churches.

I have begun the process of recruiting a few of the key leaders of the UMCH who can be present with Bishop Bickerton to hear information, discuss possible outcomes, and to share thoughts and feelings. Let us be in prayer for one another as we seek to come together to address those critical matters that affect the body of Christ called the United Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*



# In the Spotlight



Quddus Mohammed, an active member of the Rotary Club of Hicksville South, and generous volunteer/supporter of the UMC Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, has authored a new book, ***Home Cooking: Recipes for Multicultural Gatherings***. As a humanitarian and a passionate foodie, Quddus Mohammed wanted to aim for a lofty goal of building a world of compassion and kindness. So he embraced a novel approach to promote his voice and the ethos of Global Interfaith; the enjoyment of food as a medium to promote compassion, cultivate harmony and bring societal change. He perfectly embodied and illustrated his generosity of spirit through this stunning 180-page hard-cover full-color book with a collection of time-honored culinary traditions from around the world.



*Home Cooking: Recipes for Multicultural Gatherings* is a collection of delightful and diverse recipes to include in your culinary library, or give as a gift to someone special. The recipes are easy to follow, with step-by-step directions for preparing classic dishes from around the world. In this book, you will find time-honored Persian delicacies, hearty Moroccan Tajine, Incan inspired cuisine from Latin America, signature dishes from East Asia, as well as more light and delicate bistro-style meals for the modern foodie. Quddus will donate 100% proceeds from the book to food and hunger-relief charity. "I find it easier to ask somebody to buy the book that benefits a charity instead of a purchase that lines my own pockets. I also love being able to promote my book and a cause I am passionate about."

The book has no price tag. The minimum suggested donation is \$25.00.

Purchase online: [www.rotaryofhicksvillesouth.com](http://www.rotaryofhicksvillesouth.com). Also available on Amazon.



Pictured above: (L-R) Quddus Mohammed and members of the Rotary Club of Hicksville South at the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch.





# Sunshine Column

## Birthday List - Happy Birthday!



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.*



**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**



# 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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# Hempstead Fellowship Brunch







# September 2019 - HFB



## 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 November 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



# October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Rummage Sale, 9-2 pm
6 Bible Study, 8:30 am	7	8	9 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Bible Study, 8:30 am	14	15	16 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Bible Study, 8:30 am	21	22 Finance Committee, 7:30 pm	23 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	24	25	26 Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-1 pm
27 Bible Study, 8:30 am	28 Church Council, 7:30 pm	29	30 Bible Study, 7:30 pm	31		

## A Worship Moment

*“Be still and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10*

Finding a quiet time and place to be still and be with God is difficult in today’s noisy world, but it is important for us to do so, for only in silence can we hear Him speak to us. He is there waiting for us to come. We read in James, “come near to God and He will come near to you.” Even as you and I long to spend time with those we love, our God yearns for us, His beloved children, to “visit” Him often and to both speak and listen. My quiet time is in the morning because we are to seek Him in the morning if we would have Him through the day and I need Him all day! However, each of you find the time that is best for you and then ask Him to show you His will on your daily journey of faith. Ask Him to empower you with His Holy Spirit to follow in His way and to enfold you with His love. Then you can leave this time of fellowship knowing the peace and joy of His presence with you throughout the day.

*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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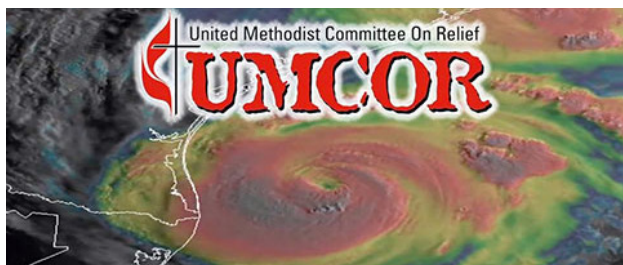


**Pajama Drive:** Once again, the UMW is sponsoring a pajama drive for the Safe Center. Safe Center is the haven for abused women who take comfort in finding shelter in the facility. Sometimes these women (and children) must leave with only the clothes on their backs. Pajamas are not only sleepwear but can also be used during the day. All women's sizes are needed, small through 3X. A container will be in the Narthex to collect your donations through Thanksgiving.

**Church Fair:** The annual Church Fair is on November 9th, 9 am - 2 pm. There is something for everyone: fresh farm vegetables, pecans, cheese, baked goods/food, crafts, jewelry, crystal/household gifts, knives, and Christmas items. Come and support the UMW whose purpose is missions. Help is needed. We need men to help set up tables on Tuesday evening, November 5th at 8 pm, and to break down the tables on November 9th after 2 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up the table items on Wed - Friday, and to work at the Fair on Saturday, Nov. 9th.



**UMCOR:** Congratulations congregation! Over \$2,000 was collected to aid UMCOR for relief to the victims of Hurricane Dorian. The cleanup will take a long time, and we hear of new disasters every week. If you want to continue supporting UMCOR, there are envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Just complete and put in the offering plate. As previously stated, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is totally supported by the United Methodist Church; therefore, every dollar donated goes to those in need.



*"Building Men Who Resemble Jesus"*

## **MEN'S DAY SERVICE & BRUNCH OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**Worship: 10:00 am**

**Theme: "Men Striving to be Right with God"**

**Speaker**

**Lawrence Mitchell, Associate Pastor  
Church of the Nazarene, Queens, NY**

**Suggested Brunch Donation: \$10.00  
Performance by the Men's Choir**



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*"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

- Isaiah 40:29-31