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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

**G**reetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Summer is ending and we are preparing for our fall and winter activities at the United Methodist Church of Hempstead (UMCH). However, we cannot ignore the devastation that Hurricane Harvey and its after effects have unleashed and continue to wreak havoc in the state of Texas and elsewhere. Entire neighborhoods, cities, and towns are literally being inundated and lives are negatively impacted by this storm of “biblical proportion.”

We pray for all those who are involved in rescue efforts and for others who are working together to improve the conditions and situations of all those who are affected by this storm.

As a church, we, too, need to do our part. More than ever, we need to pray that relief would come to all those who are in need, and that those who are making provision for the victims would make wise decisions that would result in the situation improving for everyone in the flood and other zones. Lives, families, and homes need rebuilding.



Also, we need to contribute financially and in other tangible ways that would assist in alleviating the sufferings of our sisters and brothers at a most vulnerable time in their lives.

Members and Friends of the UMCH, soon an announcement will be made as to when we will receive another offering which will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)—our church’s agency which responds whenever there is a disaster locally, nationally, regionally, and internationally.

Let us continue to “do good and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” (Hebrews 13:16).

Yours in His Service,

*St. Clair A. Samuel*



# In the Spotlight

Janice Wellington



Janice Wellington has been a member of the UMC of Hempstead for over thirty years. An integral part of the church, she serves as a choir member, and plays an active part in the Hempstead Fellowship Brunch ministry, and other church committees.

She enjoys the weekly worship and Bible classes, as well as helping people and church community whenever needed.

Janice celebrated her 70th birthday in July, and was excited to share her day with family and friends at UMC of Hempstead. Bountiful food, refresh-

ments, and fellowship were enjoyed among family and friends.

She writes mostly inspirational poetry, and shares it with her church family and neighboring friends.

Janice became a published author of poetry in 2005; the title of her book is *Faith's Simplicity*, a collection of thought-provoking poems for teens and adults. However, she has written poetry for many years prior to the publication of her book.

Janice is a wife, mother of two sons, and a grandmother to a beautiful granddaughter. She wishes blessings to all who share in and benefit from her work.







# A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT UMC OF HEMPSTEAD







# September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Trustees, 10 am
17 Friends and Family Day, 10 am	18	19	20	21	22	23 Finance, 10 am Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, 11-2 pm
24 Reception of members, 10 am	25 Church Council, 7:30 pm	26	27	28	29	30

## 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 Sept. 17th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed in October. 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)



# Celebrating 195 Years

195<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017  
SOUVENIR JOURNAL CONTRACT

Your contributions will enable us to make this a keepsake for years to come.

I (We) \_\_\_\_\_, agree to take \_\_\_\_\_ page advertisement to be printed in the Souvenir Journal of the 195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Methodist Church of Hempstead, and hereby agree to abide by the terms as set forth in this contract. Ad rates are as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Front Cover (Inside)	\$275.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover (Inside)	\$275.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Cover (Outside)	\$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Page	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Page	\$175.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Card	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Booster (Single Name)	\$5.00

Separate photographs require an additional charge of \$20.00 each  
All ads submitted must be camera ready.

**Please Print Legibly**

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit contract with ads and appropriate payments on or before Wednesday, October 4, 2017. Make all checks payable to: **United Methodist Church of Hempstead**

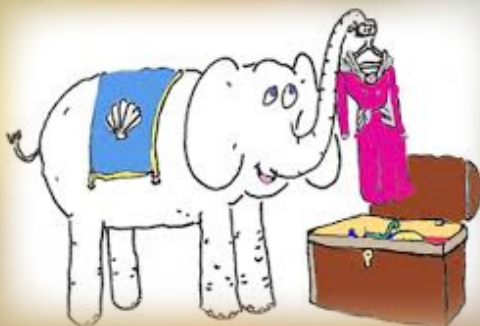
**Please mail to: The United Methodist Church of Hempstead**  
**Attn: 195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir Journal**  
**40 Washington Street**  
**Hempstead, New York 11550**



# FALL RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday, October 7th  
9 to 2 pm**

**United Methodist Church of Hempstead  
40 Washington Street  
Hempstead ~ NY 11550  
516-485-6363**



- White Elephant Sale
- Baked Goods
- Clothing
- Furniture
- Toys
- Linens
- Jewelry
- And much more!

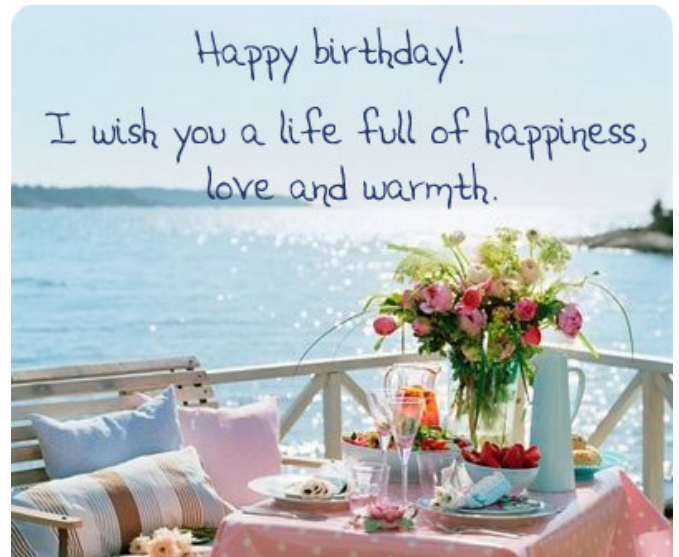
*Fall is a good time to clean out your closets.  
Your junk is someone else's gems!  
We are in need of volunteers to help out during the event.  
Please contact Catherine Bahr at 516-798-2103.*



# Sunshine Column

## BIRTHDAY LIST – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Geraldine Watson	September 1st
Pearl Miles-Lee	September 2nd
Alex Benjamin	September 3rd
Lucille Eichelberger	September 3rd
Pauline Lewis	September 3rd
Karen Wright	September 3rd
Daniella Koplitz	September 7th
Faye Angus	September 11th
Vance Bailey	September 15th
Jamel Leacock	September 20th
Quintin Isaacs-Smith	September 22nd
Simone Foo	September 24th
Emeric T. Cole	September 25th
Cindy Clarke	September 26th
Cherise Daley	September 28th



## POETIC REFLECTIONS

### **TRANSFORMED! - A LIVING SACRIFICE!** (Based on Romans chap. 12: vs. 1-8 }

Let thanks be given again to God  
For the sacrifice He made for all  
Not of 'ANIMALS' – as in the Bible days  
His body – 'ALIVE' – a true father's call

Forget the wickedness of this world  
Allow your mind to be transformed  
Do GOOD, seek PERFECTION, it's a  
command

Feel God's AMAZING LOVE – just like a  
Newborn

Though many, - yet one – we are DIVERSE  
We become SERVANTS, God's VESSELS to fill  
We COME ALIVE in Christ, we HUMBLE  
ourselves

As we share our FAITH and TALENT – It's  
God's will

Do not be CONFORMED to this world  
Be HUMBLE, PLEASING and ACCEPTING  
For we are saved by GRACE through FAITH  
A LIVING SACRIFICE! - A Gift - just for the  
Giving

GOD IS THE POTTER – WE ARE THE CLAY  
CHRIST IN US – OUR HOPE! OUR GLORY!

*Janice Wellington*  
*Pastor Samuel's Sermon [Aug. 27th, 2017]*

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## JULY AND AUGUST HEMPSTEAD FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH



## A WORSHIP MOMENT

By Jean Howell

*"Call to me and I will answer you." Jeremiah 33:3*  
Oh, how great our God, and how reassuring His promises! Isn't it wonderful to know that when we come to Him in quiet prayer each morning, seeking His will and guidance, bringing our needs before Him, and humbly offering ourselves to His service, we can face the problems and challenges of the new day unafraid? He will direct our decisions, give us the strength we need to meet the challenges of the day, allay our fears, ease our pains, comfort us in any sorrows, and use us in His service.

The above scripture continues, *"and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know!"* Surely with this in mind, we can live each new day confidently, filled with hope and peace. So, call to Him, be filled with joy at knowing Him, take delight in serving Him, and enjoy the abundant life He has promised as you and He walk together through the day. What new and wonderful things will He show you today?

*Note: Jean Howell was a beloved and long-time member of the UMC of Hempstead, who contributed her thoughtful anecdotes regularly, and was also active in the church. Her written work is timeless and remembered by many in the church community.*

