



The Parish News

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A Message From The Pastor's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once more, I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready to resume your activities in your respective ministry settings.

Everyone has a struggle going on. It might be an internal battle with thoughts and feelings that are tearing us apart inside. Or it might be an external struggle with forces that seem to be working against us and are beyond our control.

The apostle Paul exhorts us: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, we are challenged "to put on the whole armor of God" so that we would be able to combat those forces and be protected in the battles that we must face (Ephesians 6:10-18).

The belt of truth will hold our lives together with a sense of direction and purpose. The breastplate of righteousness will guard our hearts as we seek to do what is good and right. The shoes of readiness will enable us to stand as we bear the good news of peace to others. The shield of faith will assist us in our efforts to please God. The helmet of salvation will give us hope and will protect our minds against things like despair and fear. The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, will keep us on the offensive. We need to keep it close to us, hide it in hearts, and meditate on it daily.



We are encouraged to put on each piece of the armor with prayer. This is the means by which we remain alert. Jesus' words to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane are very fitting for us also: "Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial" (Matthew 26:41a).

As we begin a new season, I trust that we would commit ourselves to engaging in the Lord's work together, planting our feet firmly on Christ Jesus our Solid Rock. Also, may we be grounded in his love as we take seriously the tasks of making disciples and building his stronghold among us.

Yours in His service,

St. Clair A. Samuel



In the Spotlight



The UMC of Hempstead Sunday School held a moving up ceremony this past June, 2018 during a special Worship Service. Pictured, along with Teacher, Michelle Samuel (far left) and School Superintendent, Shari Bailey (middle) are the graduating students: **Kyle Pierre Louis, Jeremy McKenzie, Ryan Dwyer, Jeremy Andall, Kayden Andall, Lacie Madison Phillips, Leilani Martinez, Nicole Dwyer, Jonathan McCullers and Jordan McCullers.**

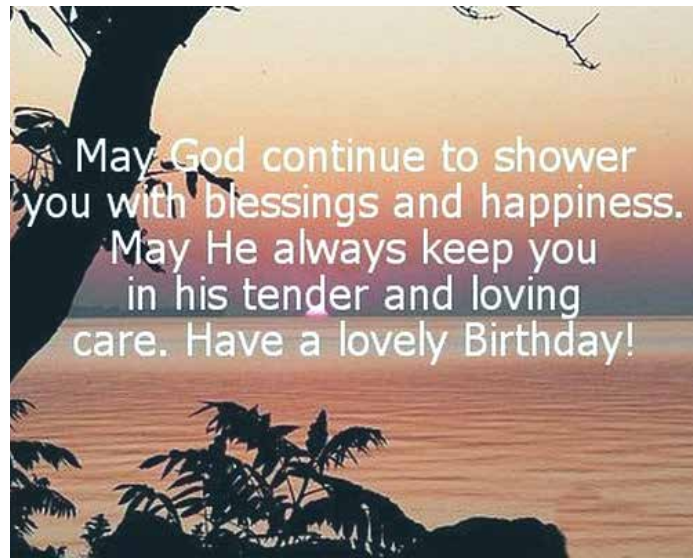


Sunshine Column



Birthday List - Sept. 2018

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 Hancock	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



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, or drop them off in the church office by September 16th. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in October 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.

Have a wonderful summer!

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

Friday: 8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
(Alternate Fridays)



2018 UMW Spring Luncheon



The annual spring luncheon, hosted by the UMW of the UMC of Hempstead, was held in June at the Orchid Restaurant in Garden City. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon of camaraderie, delicious food, and fellowship.

Photos, courtesy of Grace Brammer





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Family'n Friends



Day

September 23, 2018 - 10:00 am

Sponsored by the
Evangelism Committee

Guest Speaker



Pastor Janine Guilford
JGS Living Word Ministries

**Sumptuous Brunch
to
Follow!**

Theme
Sanctification Is Still Right

Soloist
Nadia Bucknor



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SEPTEMBER REVIVAL!

Date: Friday, September 21, 2018
7:30 pm at UMC of Hempstead
Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee

Theme: Reviving the Spirit



***Thomas Pollock,
Speaker***



Poetic Reflections

A HUG FROM GOD



WHEN THE STORMS OF YOUR LIFE AS-SAIL
WHEN EVERYTHING YOU ATTEMPT SEEMS TO FAIL
THE WINDS DIE DOWN, YOUR WAY NOW IS CLEAR
THAT IS A HUG FROM GOD!

WHEN PAIN WITHIN YOUR BODY IS INTENSE
ALL MEDICATION NO LONGER IS A DEFENSE
STRENGTH SLOWLY CREEPS IN – MOVING YOU ALONG
THAT IS A HUG FROM GOD!

WHEN YOUR FINANCIAL RESERVE HAS DWINDLED LOW
YOUR CREDITORS STATE – ‘YOU OWE ME MUCH MORE’
THERE’S BEEN AN ERROR! RESULT’S IN YOUR FAVOR!
THAT IS A HUG FROM GOD!

PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED, CAUSING YOU FRUSTRATION
YOU’VE EXHAUSTED ALL YOUR HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS
THE PHONE RINGS, A DEAR FRIEND’S VOICE IS HEARD
A DISTRACTION! - YES! – BUT A HUG FROM GOD!

STORMS WILL CEASE, PAIN WILL SUBSIDE
PROBLEMS WILL BE ERASED, FINANCES WILL RISE
THROUGH IT ALL – ONE THING IS CONSTANT
A HUG FROM GOD **** EMBRACE IT!

J. WELLINGTON
Written - JUNE 2018



Dear God,
Thank you for the
valleys, for without
them I would not
recognize the
blessings of the
mountains.



Hempstead Fellowship Brunch



The June Hempstead Fellowship Brunch, (HFB) organized by Ruth Robinson and her dedicated committee, prepared, cooked, and served many guests from the local community who shared a hearty, homemade meal, and good conversation. Deputy Mayor Charles E. Renfroe of the Village of Hempstead, and Hicksville Rotary Club members joined hands to help serve those who attended.

Photos, courtesy of Judy Quinn



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller



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NY Annual Conference: 2018



The 2018 NY Annual Conference was held for three days in June at Hofstra University. Along with Rev. Samuel, a handful of congregation members from the UMC of Hempstead attended the interesting and informative event. Additional information about this year's Conference can be found at: www.nyac.com.

Photos, courtesy of Royston Bailey





Welcome to Our Newly Baptized Children at HUMC



Congratulations to the families of
Elijah Abijah Bodden, and
Isaiah Manasseh Bodden
who recently celebrated their children's
baptisms, along with the congregation, at
the UMC of Hempstead.
May God's blessings
follow you always.





September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Trustees, 10 am
16	17 Finance Committee, 7:30 pm	18	19	20	21 September Revival, 7:30 pm	22 HFB, 11-2 pm
23 Friends & Family, 10 am	24 Church Council, 7:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	 <h2>A Fellowship Opportunity</h2> <p>Sponsored by the UMW of United Methodist Church of Hempstead</p>					

Join us for a day of fellowship and fun in Lancaster, PA! It's a day trip to the beautiful Sight and Sound Theater on **April 13, 2019** to see the show, **JESUS**. The roundtrip event includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation.
- Ticket to the show:
\$175.00, Adults
\$165.00, Children, ages 3-11.
- A Pennsylvania Dutch lunch at Millers famous Smorgasbord buffet restaurant.
- A chance to shop at the PA Outlet with a free discount booklet.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Deposit payment due by December 16, 2018.
Third and final payment due by Sunday, March, 3, 2019.
Reservations can be made after Worship during Social Hour in the month of August, 2018.

JESUS

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CHURCH NEWS

One of the church's assets is the Parsonage, which we provide for the Pastor and his family to live in while they are with us. On **Saturday, September 29th, 12 - 3pm**, there will be an open house at the parsonage. Come out and see the beautiful home at 112 Long Drive; there will be light refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Fall Rummage Sale:
Saturday, October 6th,
9am - 2pm. Now is

the time to do your fall cleaning and put aside items and clothing you no longer need (treasures to others). Your donations can be brought in at any time, and placed behind the curtains on the stage. Along with your donations, much **NEEDED** is your time. Set-up starts on Wednesday, 10/3 through Friday, 10/5, with sorting, pricing, and folding clothing. Everyone's help is needed on Saturday, October 6th. People are needed at tables to help customers and make sales. Especially needed are men to be present for security. The Rummage Sale is a church project to raise money, as well as a ministry to the community. The whole church needs to be involved.



Bible Study:
Wednesday at
7:30, beginning
September 5th.
Read Exodus
chapters 1 - 3 for
the first night.

If you know the

Bible well, we can use your interpretation. If you have never read the Bible, come and follow the exciting story of Moses. A good time is had by all who attend. There is song, prayer, readings, and also laughter.



Dorothy Mowatt supports a ministry we can all help with. The Alliance Stamp Ministry collects canceled stamps – all kinds: common, commemorative, love, Christmas, nonprofit, high value, airmail, computer generated. They are sorted and sold to wholesalers. The funds received supports preparation, publication, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. This ministry began in 1972 and in 2017, \$29,000 was raised. Every stamp helps. As you open your mail cut off the stamp leaving a ¼ inch margin; save in an envelope/baggie and bring in to Dorothy or place it in the container in the Narthex. Thank you.