



The Parish News

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A Message from the Pastor's Desk

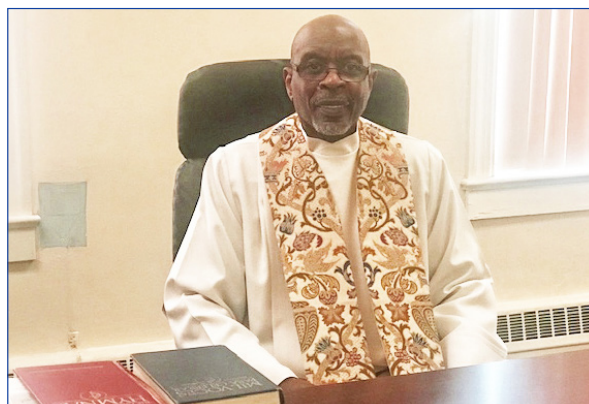


Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This past June, during the reading of appointments at the New York Annual Conference (NYAC) of the United Methodist Church's Session at Hofstra University, pastors were made aware that their churches were assigned to particular areas known as Cooperative Parishes. These parishes replaced what used to be called Clusters. The element of surprise was the announcement of some pastors as Coordinators of these newly-formed Cooperative Parishes. Recently, I received a memo from Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop of the New York Area. In the memo, Bishop Bickerton expressed gratitude to pastors (including myself) for agreeing to become one of the new Cooperative Parishes Coordinators in the NYAC and shared his "excitement about providing this new framework for leadership development, strategic thinking, peer-to-peer learning, and potential cooperative ministry development with our Annual Conference." More information about the above would be made available to you in the next issue of the *Parish News*.

Summer has unofficially ended. For the most part, schools, colleges, and other institutions of learning are getting back in full swing. Also, churches have resumed or are on the verge of resuming their various ministries from which they had taken a break. I pray that this would be a productive year for everyone.



As I write this article, Hurricane Dorian is leaving a path of destruction through the islands of the Bahamas, and it is posing a threat to parts of mainland USA. This is only the midpoint of the season for these violent storms; they will continue through the end of November. Many people struggle with their faith during these times of calamity, while others feel that their faith is the only thing they have to hold on to in this uncertain world. Surely we need to pray for those who will be involved in rescue and recovery missions and the rebuilding of the lives of those who have lost loved ones and/or their possessions. Pray, too, that they will see the power of God at work and sense God's abiding presence in their lives.

Yours in Christ,

St. Clair A. Samuel



In the Spotlight



Sunday School Moving Up Day

A moving up ceremony was held during Worship Service on Father's Day, **June 16, 2019**, a fitting day to honor both the students who graduated to the next level, and the fathers of the congregation. Congratulations to all the youngsters who received accolades, as well as certificates from their Sunday School teacher, Shari Bailey.



The following students graduated from their respective grades (Kindergarten through 12th):

Nathan Black, Kyla Paige Bullock, Hailey George, Kelisia Rose, Jason McKenzie, Alijah Morgan, Kylie Prince, Jeremy Andall, Keliana Rose, Lacie Phillips, Oniel Rose, Daniel D'Aguilar, Kayden Andall, Chloe Hughes, Jeremy McKenzie, Keniela Rose, Hakeira George, Leilani Martinez, Kashaye Prince, Jonathan McCullers, Nicole Dwyer, Dylan Donaldson, Kyle Pierre-Louis, Alex Benjamin, Ryan Dwyer, and Jordan McCullers.

Congratulations to the 2019 Scholarship Recipients



Pictured above (L-R): Alex Benjamin, Jordan McCullers, and Ryan Dwyer.

Photos, courtesy of Linda Gomes and Grace Brammer.



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 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.

2019 Mission u

"Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"



Photo, courtesy of Royston Bailey.

This year, Mission u was held July 26-28, 2019 at the Hilton Stamford Hotel in Stamford, CT. **Royston Bailey** and **Brenda Samuel**, members of our congregation, attended the event, mingling with many attendees from the New York Annual Conference. It was an uplifting, spiritual, and excellent learning experience. Mission u is "an opportunity to study current issues impacting society based on current mission study topics, with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to members and non-members of the United Methodist Women."



Baptisms Celebrated On Father's Day



The congregation celebrated three baptisms on Father's Day, June 16th: **Jamie Licon**, **Natalia Portillo**, and **Camilla Portillo** were welcomed into God's family by Rev. Samuel and all in attendance. The memorable occasion was accompanied by music selections from the Choir, and a musical presentation by Peter Goering, guest violinist, to honor all fathers on their special day.





Congregation Welcomes Newly Baptized Members in July



Ishmael Gooding and Noah Brown were baptized by Rev. St. Clair Samuel on July 21, 2019.

The congregation came together to welcome them during a lovely Worship Service, followed by a special coffee hour.

Photos, courtesy of Kevin Gray and Grace Brammer.





Annual Church Picnic

This year's annual Church Picnic was held July 13th on a beautiful, sun-drenched day at Hempstead Lake State Park in West Hempstead. Congregants enjoyed camaraderie, as well as an array of barbequed food, and fun-filled games.



Pictured above, left (L-R): Bibi Boucicaut and Joseph Angus.

Pictured above, right: Patrick and Christine Thomson.

Photos, courtesy of Royston Bailey.

Pictured above (L-R): Brenda Samuel, Mary Johnson, and Patricia Fleming-Jackson.

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 the end of August. The next *Parish News* will be distributed in October 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



September Calendar

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

The Good Samaritan Parable

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CHRIST	JESUS	STORY
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GOOD	LEVITE	
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JERICHO	ROAD	

Find the words listed below in "The Good Samaritan Parable" word search.

You can read the story of the Good Samaritan Parable in Luke: 10:25-37.

God calls on all of us to be "good Samaritans" so we can help those who are in need.



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Welcome back! Hope everyone enjoyed the summer and their vacations. Now it is time to get back into the work of the church. To begin with, start bringing a can, box, or bag of food every time you come to church. Place it in the food box in the Social Hall on the way to service; the food is given at our door and forwarded to Long Island Council of Church's food bank. If you forget to bring food, there is a "hunger kettle" in the Narthex by the Chapel door. Put a dollar or two (or more) into the kettle and it is forwarded to the I.N.N. (Interfaith Nutrition Network) and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). As Christians, Jesus taught us to feed the hungry. The work of the church takes many hands. Have you done your share? Some jobs are small, such as tending the plants around the building or helping with coffee hour/fellowship brunch (small but important). Do you have an interest in ushering, being a communion steward, delivering altar flowers? Or getting involved in finance, missions, carpentry, communications, music, youth, Sunday School, health committee – or any other area you see a need? Speak to the Pastor.

Bible Studies are back from summer vacation. Come and join the fun: Sundays, 8:30am - 9:30am. The scripture readings of the day are discussed. They are listed in the previous Sunday's bulletin. Bible studies begin again on Sunday, Sept. 8th and on Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm. This group is working its way through the Bible. So far, Genesis through Deuteronomy have been discussed. On September 4th, we begin Joshua—read the first five chapters for the evening. Plan to join one or both of these studies and enjoy the fellowship, knowledge and fun.

Church's **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** is Saturday, October 5th: All help is needed. Now is the time to clean your closets, basement, wherever, and bring your unwanted items to church. All can be put on the stage under the curtain. On Tuesday, 8 pm, men are needed to set up tables. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, hands are needed to fold, place, and price items. If you can give an hour or two, great—more, even better. On Saturday, we cannot have too much help. People are needed to man the tables and door, and to help our customers. It is a wonderful time of fellowship.

UMW is back from summer vacation—time to get back into the swing of things. The first meeting is Saturday, September 21st, 10:30 am, business meeting; noon, bring a sandwich lunch (dessert & coffee/tea provided) followed by a program by Brenda Samuel about Missionu, which she attended in July.

Poetic Reflections

GRACE

*We all use the word "Grace" freely, but what does it mean to us?
Here's my take on it!*

G - Giving to others what they don't deserve.

I am come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

R - Receiving responsibility for others.

*Other sheep I have which are not of this fold.
Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice - and shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
(John 10:16)*

A - Accepting forgiveness and passing it on to others.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judge, condemn not and ye shall not be condemned, forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. (Luke 6:37)

C - Casting all your cares on Jesus - He cares for you! Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden I will give you rest. (Matt.11:28)

E - Experiencing and extending God's love.

*If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat.
If he is thirsty, give him water to drink. For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee. (Proverbs 25:21-22)*

But unto everyone of us is given GRACE according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (Ephesians 4:7)

Janice W. Sept.-2019