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## REFLECTIONS: A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



### CHURCH NEWS and Notes

#### Did you know?

The church has assorted medical items for use by anyone that needs them. This includes crutches, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, commodes, etc. If you find yourself in need, please contact the church office.

#### *A reminder, a very*

**important reminder:** Many years ago the church voted to become a "Green Church," to be consciously aware of the environment around us. To work together to help keep the earth healthy for generations to come. What we, as a church, are looking for within the church, and hopefully within your homes: no Styrofoam used, all plastic put in the recycle bin, lights turned off when not needed, water used sparingly. Let's all aim to achieve these goals.

- Jean Bearak



*Dear members and friends of our Hempstead Church, I thought it was important to share with you an important petition that was accepted at 2015 New York Annual Conference this past June. Even though this legislation passed overwhelmingly, our NYAC still has a lot of room to cover to make sure our conference is a place of safety, equality and welcome for LGBTQI lay persons, clergy, candidates for ministry, and their families. Something similar to what our country has witnessed lately with the issue of racism. We as a society still have a long way to go before we can say we are an inclusive and open democracy that accepts everyone equally. Nonetheless, those of us committed to believe, to love, to dream, know the struggle for justice and peace is a life-long journey.*

*The Rev. Rafael Garcia  
Grace and peace.*

#### **Bringing to Reality Our Vision of a Beloved and Just Community**

WHEREAS despite institutionalized discrimination in The United Methodist Church against LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and intersex) persons and despite punitive actions and threats of further

punitive actions by individuals and groups opposed to the full rights of LGBTQI persons in The United Methodist Church, LGBTQI people are finding welcoming communities in The United Methodist Church and in the New York Annual Conference; they are finding clergy, laity and congregations embracing them joyfully as members of the body of Christ, as United Methodists in good standing, and as gifted children of God entitled equally to all the ministries, ceremonies and sacraments of the church, and WHEREAS this welcoming spirit brings to life our conference's decades-long commitment to inclusive ministry and also represents the future of The United Methodist Church, providing signs of repentance and welcome to younger generations, Including LGBTQI individuals, who are questioning their place in a church that practices discrimination while proclaiming its doors to be open, and WHEREAS despite recent dramatic gains in LGBTQI civil rights, LGBTQI people continue to face unconscionable discrimination and violence. In many places around the world, LGBTQI persons face horrifying legal and social persecution, often encour-



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### Kudos to This Year's College Graduates!

**Jordan Boucicaut** - Carnegie Mellon University (Magna Cum Laude)  
**William Watson** - SUNY Old Westbury  
**Andre Donaldson** - Binghamton University  
**Jackie Koroma** - Adelphi University (M.S. in Social Work)

## Understanding Men's Ministry



**New York Annual Conference**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Retreat**  
**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at**  
**Olmsted Center**  
114 Bayview Avenue, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520

This one day training event is offered in conjunction with the General Commission on UMM and Man in the Mirror. 'No Man Left Behind'

The course objective is to generate interest and enhance capacity in local churches for effective men's ministry. Congregational leadership teams are coached to develop a plan and process to reach more men, and enable men's spiritual growth to maturity as disciples of Christ.

Sessions will begins sharply at 8:00 , lasting until approx. 5:00 PM

Cost \$65 per person; which include Training materials, breakfast, lunch & ice-cream social.

Open to all Pastors, Lay Leaders, UMM members, or any man in your church.

For more information, contact Royston Bailey at 516-485-3723. E-mail: [roystonbailey27@gmail.com](mailto:roystonbailey27@gmail.com) or Ernie Searle at [UMC\\_NYAC\\_UMM@yahoo.com](mailto:UMC_NYAC_UMM@yahoo.com)

**Message**  
**UNITED METHODIST**  
**MEN**

"How and Where to Catch Fish for Jesus"

Each church should have at least one representative attending to get this worthwhile training.

Jim Boesch, recognized Men's Ministry Specialist, will be the presenter.

**Suggested Donation, \$65.00. Make check payable to NYAC-UMM and mail to Jon Lemon, Financial Secretary, 645 West Chester Ave., Apt. 17C, Bronx, NY 10455.**

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference declares itself to be in solidarity with and in support of LGBTQI lay persons, clergy, candidates for ministry and their families, and regards as its sacred duty the protection of their full and equal participation in the life of the church, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New York Annual Conference calls upon all of its constituent organizations, committees and leaders to carry out their ministries in ways that reflect the self-understanding of the annual conference as a place of safety, equality and welcome for LGBTQI lay persons, clergy, candidates for ministry and their families. \* "GLBTQ" was used in the 2014 petition and is updated here.

*Submitted by Methodists in New Directions, Methodist Federation for Social Action, NYAC Board of Church and Society and Stephen Allen, Rev. Susumu Ando, Rev. Jessica Anschutz, Rev. Dale Ashby, Rev. Lynda Bates-Stepe, Rev. Stephen Bauman, Sharon Belcher-Folkes, Rev. Brian Bodt,*

*Fred Brewington, Rev. Kun Sam Cho, Rev. Doug Cunningham, Michael Cobb, Mark Davies, Jayson Dobney, Rev. Karen Eiler, Carolyn Hardin Engelhardt, Rev. Paul Fleck, Rev. Vicky Fleming , Rev. Vicki Flippin, Rev. Rafael Garcia, Rev. Cathy Gilliard, Rev. Roy Grubbs, Rev. Kristina Hansen, Rev. Bryan Hooper, Rev. Wongee Joh, Rev. Lucy Jones, Rev. James Karpen, Susan Kim, Bruce Lamb, Rev. Lydia Lebron-Rivera, Rev. Bridgette LeConey, Roena Littlejohn, Ms. Kit Mace, Henry McCarter, Rev. Clayton Miller, Elyse Ambrose Minson, Rev. Jennifer Morrow, Rev. Gene Ott, Charlotte Patton, Karen Prudente, Rev. William Shillady, Rev. John Simmons, Rev. Eldon Simpson, Rev. Heather Sinclair, Claris Skerritt, Rev. Denise Smartt-Sears, Rev. Alex Souto, Rev. Althea Spencer-Miller, Barbara Stinson, Rev. Louise Stowe-Johns, Rev. Scott Summerville, Rev. John Thomason, Rev. Sara Thompson Tweedy, Rev. Javier Viera, Rev. Bob Walker, Rev. Jeff Wells, Rev. Dennis Winkleblack.*

### 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 August 14th.

The next *Parish News* will be distributed by the first week of September. Thank you!

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)





# LUNCH PROGRAM AT UMC OF HEMPSTEAD

## JUNE 20, 2015



Many thanks to all the volunteers who donated time for the new monthly lunch program at UMC of Hempstead. This is the third month we have provided hot lunch foods to people in the community. **Your help is a gift - and is greatly appreciated!**

# September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Board of Trustees, 9:00 a.m.
20	21 Committee on Finance, 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Church Council, 7:30 p.m.	29	30			

## Save the Date

The F.S.S.G. Annual Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 10 a.m. Please join us and bring a friend with you. Refreshments will be served immediately after the service.



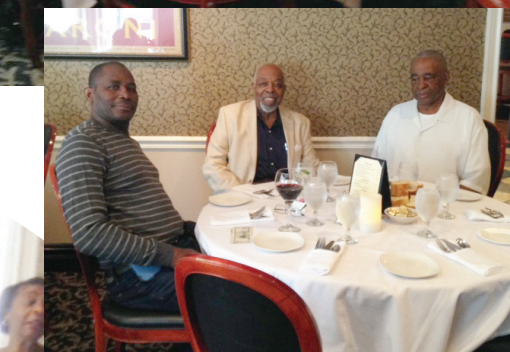




## UMW ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

The United Methodist Women's luncheon has been an annual event for over twenty years. I have helped to coordinate it for the past five years when I became president. This year's event was held on Tuesday, June 9 at the Davenport Press restaurant in Mineola, New York. There were 27 of us sharing in good food, fellowship, and socializing, as well as having a fun time.

- Jackie Morgan



## Sunshine Column



### JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### July

July 1 - Sarian Parker  
 July 2 - Ralph Mueckenheim  
 July 4 - Leonora Williams Valeris  
 July 8 - Jill Gunzel  
 Janice Wellington  
 Linda Guggino  
 Nalani Mason  
 July 13 - Dwayne Foo  
 July 15 - Jason Wellington  
 Johnnell P. Demery  
 July 16 - Jacquelyn Koroma  
 July 17 - Nadia Bucknor  
 July 18 - Leon Bodden  
 Dionne Angus  
 July 24 - Clovine Leacock  
 July 25 - Gilmore Forbes  
 July 27 - Elsie Nickoloff  
 July 28 - Stevenson Scantlebury  
 July 30 - Nicole Dwyer  
 Karen Bonnet  
 July 31 - William Smith

#### August

August 7 - Leon Williams  
 August 14 - Jordan Boucicaut  
 Geoffrey Wellington  
 August 15 - Mary Mueckenheim  
 August 16 - Pat Scholz  
 August 17 - Nadia Bucknor  
 August 18 - Rashaad Harcum  
 August 19 - Ashley Ford  
 August 23 - Gabrielle Bernadotte  
 August 25 - Donald Woolnough  
 Amanda Scantlebury  
 August 27 - Hamilton Bowen  
 August 28 - Gabrielle Lewis  
 Willie Brown  
 Emmanuel Nwatu  
 August 31 - Emily A. Brew



#### September

September 1 - Geraldine Watson  
 September 2 - Pearl Miles-Lee  
 September 3 - Alex Benjamin  
 Lucille Eichelberger  
 Pauline Lewis  
 Karen Wright  
 September 7 - Daniel Koplitz  
 September 11 - Faye Angus  
 September 13 - Keon Rose  
 September 15 - Vance Bailey  
 September 19 - Mary Demery  
 September 20 - Jamel Leacock

September 22 - Quintin Isaacs-Smith  
 September 24 - Simone Foo  
 September 25 - Emeric T. Cole  
 September 26 - Cindy Clarke  
 September 28 - Cherise Daley





## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS, SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATES, AND ACOLYTES!

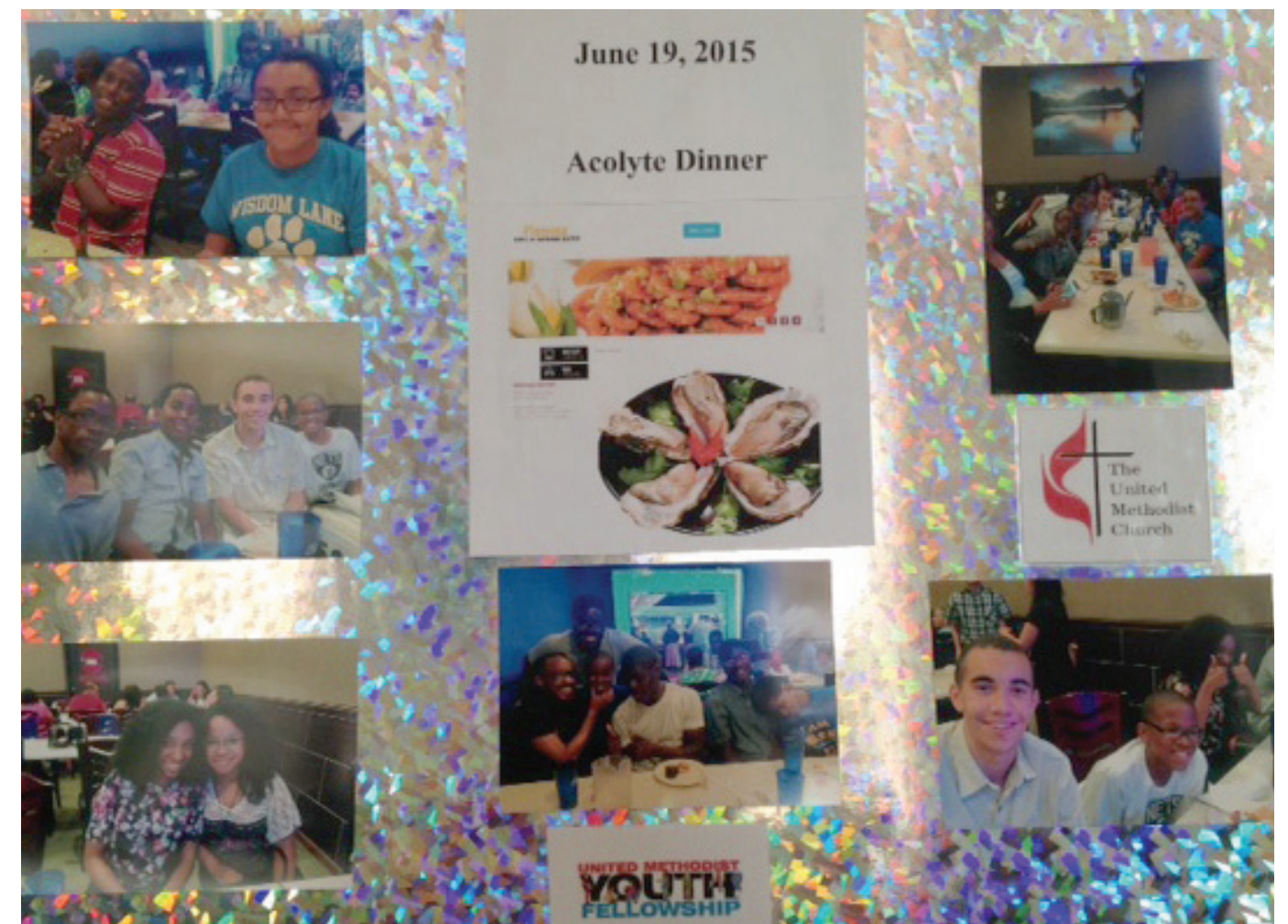
Four graduating high school seniors from the United Methodist Church of Hempstead were honored at the June 14th Worship Service for their accomplishments in their respective high schools, and in the church community.

**Joshua Boucicaut** (Uniondale H.S.), **Charlene Brew** (The Waldorf School of Garden City), **Kobe Donaldson** (Uniondale H.S.), and **John Onanuga** (Uniondale H.S.) were awarded with certificates, and \$500.00 each in scholarships.

*Congratulations to all!*



*Pictured right:  
Kudos to all the  
2015 Sunday School  
students from UMC  
of Hempstead who  
finished a successful  
year and moved on  
to the next level in  
their classes!*



*The 2015 Acolytes were invited to a delicious dinner in their honor for exemplary service to the church. The dinner was held at a local restaurant and arranged by Christine Thomson.*





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aged by and sanctioned by Christian leaders in the United States. Furthermore, LGBTQI youth continue to be at high risk for bullying, violence, homelessness, family ostracism, sexual abuse, suicide and poverty. Finally, these dimensions of oppression disproportionately affect LGBTQI people of color, who are positioned at the dangerous intersection of racial prejudice and prejudice against LGBTQI people, and WHEREAS since Jesus Christ, whom we claim as Lord and whose way we seek to follow, calls us to stand with those marginalized by society, we must actively and passionately oppose the grave and continuing harm done to LGBTQI people, and WHEREAS the continued formal discrimination against LGBTQI persons inscribed in the Book of Discipline contradicts the otherwise inclusive message of our beloved church, places The United Methodist Church at odds with the growing consensus in the United States that rejects discrimination based upon sexual orientation or gender identity, and deeply threatens the perception of The United Methodist Church as a people of love and justice, and WHEREAS LGBTQI clergy and candidates for ministry bring to our church an array of extraordinary gifts. Embracing the gifts of all who are called to ministry and who seek to exercise their ministries in The United Methodist Church is essential for providing the best possible leadership for our congregations. Failing to do so causes spiritual harm to gifted and called LGBTQI clergy and candidates, impoverishes the ministry of the church, and is leading gifted and called clergy candidates (both LGBTQI and non-LGBTQI) to pursue ministry elsewhere, and Page 46 - 2015 Pre-Conference Reports/Petitions/Resolutions

DADS SAY

“USE GOOD MANNERS ALWAYS!”

Words to bring you to your knees  
Knock before you enter a room  
Close the door after you leave

Be respectful of your elders  
They're older and wiser than you  
Be helpful! Be honest! Show kindness!  
Add a smile to anything you do


Look into the face of who's speaking  
It says you're attentive and hears  
Answer Yes, No, Maybe--- not 'uh huh'  
Stand straight, it makes you look brave

Clasp your hands in thankful prayers--  
For the food that's set before you  
Elbows off the table, don't speak with your mouth full  
Slowly, not Noisily; this is how you should chew

Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze  
You can do this within your sleeve  
Never ever forget to use the words

EXCUSE ME! THANK YOU!  
AND PLEASE!

Janice Wellington June 2015



to the New York Annual Conference WHEREAS the 2014 New York Annual Conference declared itself to be a “place where LGBTQI\* persons can find safe space, an arena for the expression of and celebration of their individual gifts in service and ministry, enjoy the blessings of family and marriage, and participate fully, openly, and equally in the full life of the church,” and WHEREAS this declaration invites and challenges the annual conference to manifest this spirit of celebration and equality across the spectrum of its ministries.

## St. Francis Hospital Community Outreach Program St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus



### Free Health Screenings

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals. No registration or appointment is required.

Christ First Presbyterian Church  
41 Washington St.

Hempstead, N. Y. 11550

September 2, 2015 ~ 10 am to 2 pm

### St. Francis Hospital – Autobús de Alcance Comunitario GRATIS Exámenes de Salud

Los exámenes incluyen:

Una breve historia cardiaca, presión arterial, análisis de sangre para el colesterol y la diabetes. Educación para el paciente y referencias apropiadas según sean necesarias para los adultos que tienen 18 años de edad o más.

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