

# NEWSLETTER

## Community Chronicle



Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

October, 2013

### Mission Statement

*We at COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called by God*

*-to deepen our faith through inspiring worship and challenging small group study*

*-to build our fellowship through hospitality and acceptance and*

*-to transform the world through active service and faithful witness.*



Rev. Delois Davis

### Letter From the Pastor

Greetings in the Name of The Resurrected King,

Paul writes some challenging words to us about sharing our faith: "As the scripture says, everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved. But how can they call to him for help if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?" (Romans 10: 13-14). The Apostle Paul helps us to look at the all-too-common barrier of fear in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. You and I are living in a time that we must speak for God. Because of our diversity, the proclamation may differ, however, the end result will be the same. Jesus promises power to be a witness of His death and

resurrection, not only power, but also passion and courage that can come only from the indwelling presence of God.

***God is willing to give us the power we need to be bold...***

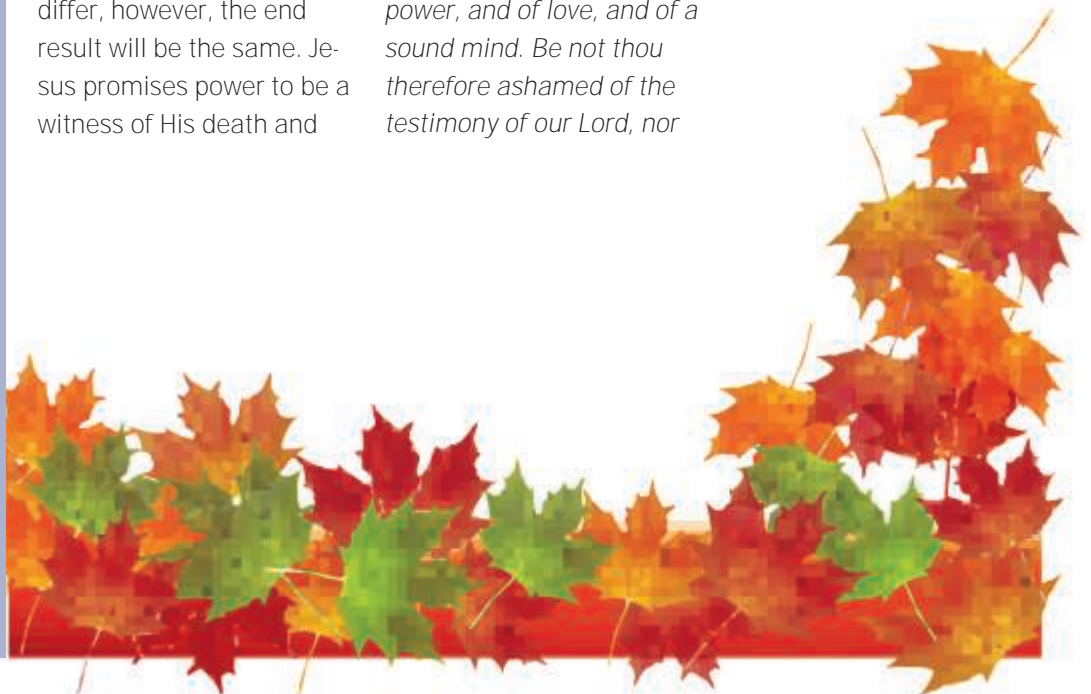
In this perilous time, we cannot afford to be silent, we cannot afford to sit back for fear of rejection and/or failure, but we must start now. Our communities are waiting on us (the Church). The root of our problem: "For God hath not given us the spirit of Fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor

*of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." (2 Timothy 1: 7-8). Paul identifies the root of the problem of keeping silent, but Paul warned Timothy not to keep silent in the face of difficulty. For God is willing to give us the power we need to be bold in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

### So, let's go Community

U.M.C., for we have good news to share and the love of Christ, which will not allow us to remain silent.

Blessings Always,  
Pastor Davis



### Media Worship Team

As some of you may already know the media team took a large loss this past year with the departure of Kevin and Yenny Eng who moved out of Jackson Heights area last January. They contributed a positive and integral part to our Sunday worship experience. and brought unique gifts to their positions that complimented our mission. We miss you.

Along with Bonnie and myself I feel God is answering my prayers for this ministry as we continue to reach out

for those drawn to the technical side of worship.

In the spring God brought us Donieke Webster. He started in service to the media team on camera number 1 exclusively, and has recently branched out and worked parts of the Worship service on the PowerPoint computer and is familiarizing himself on the video switcher.

Speaking of the Videonics switcher, we lost the use of it, on the balcony, this past month after 15 years of service. It was purchased in

1998 to provide graceful transitions between either camera or the PowerPoint **computer, and I can't ever** remember, in the last fifteen years, a time where **we didn't have at least one** projector functioning for the Sunday worship. My apologies to the congregation for this inconvenience but this piece equipment is **so expensive that we can't** really afford to keep one **"on hand" just for a day** like last Sept 15th.

Your servant,  
Malcolm McTaggart

### Maurice Clayton

I very much enjoy being a part of the Food/Feeding Ministry at Community. **It's** a humbling experience to serve those in need and less fortunate. I also get to fellowship with other members of the body of Christ who help serve and see

Sandra pray for those who request it.

Working at the church as the Receptionist/Rental Coordinator is not as simple as it may seem or sound. There are a number of items I am responsible

for, but it is a growth process. I have learned and am learning to lean on The Lord to get my job done on a daily basis. He is so reliable! I am so grateful for Him in my life.

### UJIMA Community Working Together, Inc.

Open registration for GED Prep Coaching & Tutoring classes.

Fall classes begin Tuesday evening 6:30—8:30PM October 15th at the New Jerusalem United Methodist

Church at 484 Knickerbocker Ave. Brooklyn, NY, Corner of Menahan and Knickerbocker.

**Seating is limited so it's** first come first serve. For more information please

contact UJIMA staff at 347-743-3604. New GED test and procedures begin January 1, 2014 and will include exam fees.

### Rev Alfredo Cotto-Thorner

We were saddened to learn of the passing of the Rev. Alfredo Cotto-Thorner on October 3rd. Pastor Cotto was the indefatigable leader of our Hispanic Congregation

here at Community Church for over 18 years... and that **was after his "retirement"**. His wisdom and experience were always appreciated as we embarked on the three

and then four language **ministry of the 1990's and** beyond. Many prayers go out to the family and friends at this time of mourning.



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### Coat Drive

During the months of October and November, Community Church will be conducting a coat drive for children and adults. New and gently used items will be accepted

and the coats will be dispersed at the monthly feeding on Saturday, November 23rd. The Farmers Almanac is predicting an unusually harsh Winter, so the need

for coats will be especially **strong. Let's all dig into our closets** for little worn coats and search the neighborhood stores for some good deals.



### Harvest Celebration

Since we live in an urban setting, we probably do not think about the Fall as the time when the final crops of the year are harvested and provisions are laid in for the Winter. This was the premise that the original Thanksgiving celebration was based on and here at Community Church, we will have our own celebration on No-

vember 17th. We are all asked to join the Sunday School children in bringing in non-perishable food items (a list of suggestions will be made available shortly). During our morning worship service the food gifts will be on the altar so that Pastor Davis may bless them. After the service, the donations will be moved

down to the kitchen where people are asked to take a little time from their day to help bag them in preparation for distributing the bags at our monthly feeding on Saturday, November 23rd.

Many hands will make short work, so please step up and join others to make this a successful mission.



### Toy Drive

On Saturday, December 14th, a Christmas party will be held from 12:00-3:00pm for children of the church and the community. Please

donate toys that will be appropriate for children between the ages of three and twelve so that every child can be included. Toy sales

will start in earnest right about now, so we all need to remember to shop for the church party.





- 10/19/2013  
Sunday School Teachers  
Mtg. 10AM
- 10/20/2013  
Service by Pastor Davis at  
Flushing House  
3PM
- 11/1/2013  
Monthly Prayer Mtg.  
Resumes  
6-7PM
- 11/16/2013  
Thanksgiving in Park  
11AM-5PM
- 11/17/2013  
Harvest Celebration  
10AM
- 12/14/2013  
Community Christmas Party  
7PM-9PM
- 12/21/2013  
Christmas Concert  
10AM
- 12/22/2013  
Service at the Flushing  
House  
3PM
- 12/24/2013  
Candlelight Service

**Join the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home  
in celebrating 130 years of service to God & the Community**



**Richard B. Becker MD**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Brooklyn Hospital



**Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie**  
Mission/Disaster Relief Coordinator  
on behalf of the  
Sandy Disaster Relief Coordinators  
New York Annual Conference, UMC



**Joanna F. Hofmann**  
EdD, RN, ANP/GNP-BC  
Founder and Treasurer,  
Promoting Health in Haiti, Inc.  
Retired faculty, Hunter College,  
School of Nursing



**Winston Watson**  
Food Service Director, Retired  
Brooklyn UMC Home

at the  
**26th Annual Awards Dinner Dance**  
on Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
6:00 p.m. Reception & Silent Auction - 7:30 p.m. Dinner  
at Russo's On The Bay  
162-45 Crossbay Boulevard, Howard Beach, New York

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**B U M C H 26th Annual Awards Dinner Dance**

Join the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home in celebrating 130 years of service to God & the Community at the 26th Annual Awards Dinner Dance on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at Russo's On The Bay. This

years honorees are Richard B. Becker M.D., Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie, our own Joanna Hofmann, and Winston Watson. Reception and Silent Auction start at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:30pm.

**Russo's is located at 162-45 Crossbay Boulevard, Howard Beach, New York.** Deadline for Journal entries is October 14, so as to allow print preparation to begin.