

# NEWSLETTER

## Community Chronicle



Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

December, 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

### “Do all the

good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.”

-John Wesley-

### Letter From the Pastor

Greetings and praise the Lord our God,

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6). The Advent season is a celebration of **Christ's coming, but even** more a celebration of the expectation of his return in all his glory. This is my favorite time of the year, as we focus on the glory of Christmas, and as Advent becomes a greater grace year after year. The wonder of the Christ Child is the cornerstone of Christmas.

I am thankful to God for so many things. This has been a prosperous year and I am especially thankful for the English Congregation, for all of your love, your service, your support and all your

gifts to me and the ministries. You are a great congregation and I am so happy to be your pastor and minister and I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year and pray that we will build and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

*“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?”*

I am thankful for Joanna Hofmann and the service she gave for the cause of mission. As her pastor, I would like to congratulate her on being honored by the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home, at a dinner on November 13, 2013.

I am so thankful for all your prayers for me as I went before the Board of Ordained Ministry. God not only heard, but answered, and I will be ordained in

**June, 2014 as an “elder”** in full connection. Let us continue to work together so that we can be the eyes, hands, feet and mouth piece of Jesus doing what He has called us to do. For I was hungry and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, **“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go visit you?”**

**The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** (Matthew 25: 37-40)

Pastor Davis



### Cambodia VIM Trip

A new ministry is emerging. We have received the call to help start new churches and congregations in Mondulkiri and Ratanakiri areas of Cambodia where there are no churches.

This is a blessed opportunity to:

- Begin a new spiritual journey with Rev. Chan and the congregation
- Step out into the unknown
- Share your blessings, talents and skills
- Put love in action

The VIM (Volunteers in Mission) trip to Cambodia is from January 2-11, 2014

What to expect on the trip:

- Long distant road travel in Cambodia
- Biblical stories telling to children



- Construction work
- Listening, learning, and fellowshiping

The first Methodist Church was planted in Cambodia by Joseph Chan and his

wife Marilyn, in 1993 and in the last 20 years, over 140 congregations have formed.

Who can Go?

Everyone is invited and the total cost is \$2300, which includes airfare, local transport, lodging, meals and a one day excursion (Place & cost will be decided later)

Make your reservation now with a deposit of \$1,200 payable to New York Annual Conference/ Cambodia Mission.

Final Payment is due on November 15 and deposit is refundable till such time.

Mail to: Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606



### 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.



### Honoring Joanna Hofmann

**Russo's on The Bay in Howard Beach** was the setting for the annual Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home Dinner on November 13th. Every year the Home honors people of outstanding achievement and this year Joanna Hofmann was honored with the Com-

munity Service Award for being the founder and treasurer of the organization Promoting Health in Haiti, Inc. It was a well deserved honor and several members of our congregation were present to see her be presented with, and accept, the award. Those at-

tending included Valerie Katz, Erika Sanchez, Lilliam Diaz, Vijay Kolhatkar, Maurice Clayton and Linda Abbas. The food and company was awesome, as always and we are so proud of Joanna.



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November 4, 2013

Dear Delois Davis:

I am writing to introduce Lilliam Diaz as an agent with New York Life Insurance Company, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious companies. As a mutual insurance company, New York Life is committed to being the strongest, soundest and most stable company in the industry. Every decision we make and every action we take has one purpose – to be here when you need us.

As a new agent, Lilliam has participated in New York Life's rigorous training program – NYLIC University. This training prepares our agents to become valuable community resources, and to draw upon New York Life's many resources to effectively help meet each person's distinct insurance and financial needs.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a brochure to help acquaint you with our company and products. **Please take a moment to read it over, then call (212) 261-0200 to discuss any financial or insurance questions or needs you may have.**

Thank you for your consideration. Lilliam appreciates your support, and is looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

*Rick Madan*

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**P.S.** Find out how helpful it can be to have such a valuable resource at your fingertips. Call Lilliam directly at (212) 261-0200.

12/14/2013  
Community Christmas Party  
7PM-9PM

12/21/2013  
Christmas Concert  
4PM

12/22/2013  
Service at the Flushing  
House  
3PM

12/24/2013  
Candlelight Service

CUMC CHOIR PRESENTS:  
**Christmas  
CONCERT**

**December 21st | 4:00pm**  
**Community United Methodist Church**  
81-10 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jackson Heights, NY 11372  
1 (718) 446-0690/ [www.onechurchnyc.com](http://www.onechurchnyc.com)

**Join the CUMC Choir and guest Choir, Grace United Methodist Church in singing and praising the life and birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

**Admission Price: \$15.00**

Lay Servant Ministries

The Long Island West Lay Servant Ministries team is glad to announce dates and locations for the 2014 School. Classes will be held on Saturdays, January 11th and 25th, February 1st and 15th and March 1st, 15th and 29th from 9AM to 2PM with a 30 minute lunch break for each class. The Closing Ceremony and Luncheon will be held on **March 29th at St Mark's UMC** in Brooklyn for both

campuses.

The campuses include St. **Mark's UMC, 2017 Beverly Rd.** in Brooklyn (718) 282-6304 as well as UMC of Floral Park, 35 Verbena Ave. in Floral Park (516) 354-4969.

Also the basic classes in **Spanish** are being held at the Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida de Corona under the direction of Rev. Magaly Beltre and classes

for our Ghana community **will be held at St Mark's** under Rev. Samuel Arhin.

See the enclosed flyer for more information and a Registration Application form. There are courses for Youth, Beginner, Certified, and Advanced.

Why not consider this this opportunity to serve and grow in the work of our Lord.

