



# NEWSLETTER

## Community Chronicle

Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

March, 2014

### 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,  
Blessings in the New Year 2014.

This is our year to encounter **God's source as never before.** In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus proclaims the gospel: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to bring release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Jesus' proclamation is in the midst of struggle. Jesus' good news frees us to share generously with those struggles without expectation of return.** In order to be a disciple and make disciples for transformation of the world stewardship is the way to go.

### News & Events

#### Leader Training

Lay Leadership training on February 15th was well represented. Thanks to all in attendance that day, Maurice Clayton, Vivianne Barretto, Marcia Dixon, Dylis Smith, Claudia Veldez, Gwen Lindberg, Blake Lindberg, Linda Abbas, Boris Drew, Eddie Vega, Anoop Yadiki and Pastor Davis.

Womens Fellowship Ministry  
Women coming together growing in Love with God and one

Stewardship is our response to the abundance that God has entrusted to our care. Stewardship is about abundance, not scarcity. Stewardship is a way



of life, not a program. It is about living the vision—not paying the bills for the church. Stewardship is about transforming the lives of people. Stewardship

challenges us to realize the abundance God has entrusted to our care, and we are to live our lives with an attitude of gratitude. Stewardship challenges us to live our faith rather than just believing it. Stewardship is not just about commitments or pledge-cards. It is about living a life of generosity and **gratitude. It's about a life** changed; stewardship is to share our time, talent, treasure and so much more. We are not to be afraid of money or the lack thereof, for our heavenly Father is more than enough. As we move forward in the New Year, we must remember that stewardship has the power to transform lives for the kingdom.

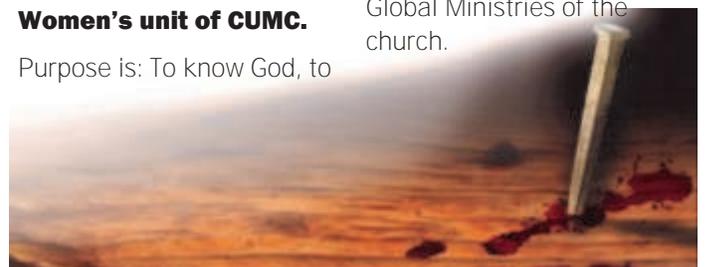
### Pastor Davis

**another... Featuring a Book Club, Women of the Bible, Tea and outings. More info to come...**

Re-gathering of the United Methodist **Women's unit of CUMC.**

Purpose is: To know God, to

experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the church.



- 3/4/2014  
English as Second Language Orientation  
7PM-9PM
- 3/5/2014  
Ash Wednesday Service  
7PM-8PM
- 3/6/2014  
English as Second Language Classes begin  
7PM
- 3/7/2014  
1 hour prayer in Sanctuary  
6PM-7PM
- 3/9/2014  
Worship Meeting  
11:30AM-12:30PM
- 3/12/2014  
Centering Prayer  
6PM-7:30PM
- 3/15/2014  
Call To Action mtg.  
9AM-12Pm
- 3/16/2014  
Sunday School Moment
- 3/16/2014  
Women Fellowship Ministry  
11:30AM-12:30PM
- 3/19/2014  
Centering Prayer  
6:30PM-7:30PM
- 3/22/2014  
Sunday School Teachers mtg. 9AM-11AM
- 3/23/2014  
Family & Friends Sunday International Luncheon
- 3/26/2014  
Centering Prayer  
6PM-7:30PM
- 4/2/2014  
Centering Prayer  
6PM-7:30PM
- 4/8/2014  
**Trustee's Meeting**  
7:30PM
- 4/9/2014  
Centering Prayer  
6PM-7:30PM
- 4/12/2014  
Call To Action mtg.  
9AM-12Pm

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Church Administrator, Linda Abbas

I have been acting as Church Administrator, since last July when Mary Pelletieri moved over to work for the school exclusively, along with doing my regular **job as Pastor Davis' administrative assistant**. In January, I was hired to be the Church Administrator on a permanent basis and turned over the job as **Pastor Davis' assistant to the** very capable hands of Maurice Clayton.

The administrator's job is part time and as such, my



hours at the church are Monday, Wednesday and

Friday, from 10am to 3 or 4pm as needed. I can be reached at 718 446 0690, ext 101. While I was very **happy to serve as Pastor's assistant**, it also pleases me greatly to perform the work of the administrator. Pastor Davis, Maurice and I are a good team and know that we are doing the **Lord's work for the benefit** of the church. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance to you.

Lenten Centering Prayer

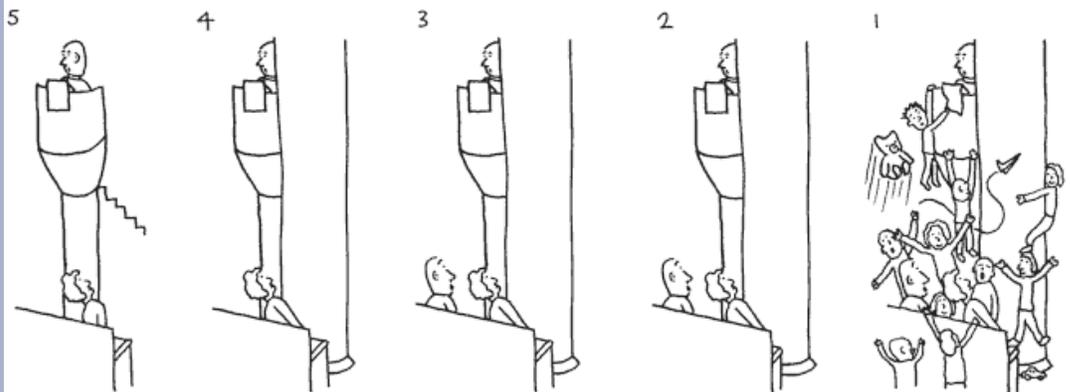
If you want to deepen your relationship with God come join us during the Lenten season for centering prayer. **Psalm 46:10 says: "Be still and know that I am God"**

Centering Prayer is: for those called to deeper communication with God for those who have a sense of yearning or searching for God.

You can expect to receive: A deeper awareness of God, an inner peace and openness to God and others

# PEWS

THE FIVE WORST PLACES TO SIT. IN REVERSE ORDER:



5 UNDER THE PULPIT

4 UNDER THE PULPIT BEHIND A PILLAR

3 UNDER THE PULPIT BEHIND A PILLAR NEXT TO THE OUT-OF-TUNE SINGER

2 UNDER THE PULPIT BEHIND A PILLAR NEXT TO THE OUT-OF-TUNE SINGER ON THE NARROW PEW

1 UNDER THE PULPIT BEHIND A PILLAR NEXT TO THE OUT-OF-TUNE SINGER ON THE NARROW PEW NEAR THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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#### Receptionist/Rental Coordinator/Administrative Assistant – Maurice R. Clayton

Before moving to Jackson Heights, I hadn't made the wisest choices as far as people with whom to hang out, places to hang out and things to do. When I moved here, however, I had a witness in my spirit that The Lord was giving a new beginning. I found myself leaving those people, places and things behind and even burnt a few bridges - believe me, it was necessary.

When I came to Community United Methodist Church, as a visitor, I felt so welcomed. I stood up and said I came out to hear the word of The Lord. I've been coming back ever since. God used Jennifer Escobosa to encourage me to join the choir and God has been

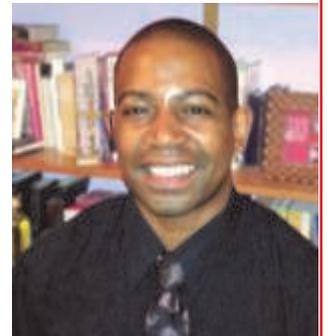
using me to sing with them ever since. During that time, I had also been looking for gainful employment. The Lord, in the facet of Jehovah-Jireh, our Provider, even opened up a door for me, here at Community, as the Receptionist/Rental Coordinator. **April will make a year I've been working here in that capacity.** As far as being the God of increase and promotion, as well, He recently opened up another door for me. Not only will I be working as Pastor Davis' Administrative Assistant, but I still get to wear those previous hats I mentioned, in which I supervise the church's hard-working custodians. What a mighty God we serve!

He has given me an excellent

team of people to work with and has been faithful to me, **even when I hadn't been faithful** to Him. He is very forgiving, just, merciful and awesome! I was glad when they said unto me; let us go to The House of The Lord!

I can be reached at 718.446.0690 Extension 104, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as **Pastor Davis' Assistant and at** the same number above but at extension 100 or 0, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., as the Receptionist/Rental Coordinator.

Thank you and God Bless!



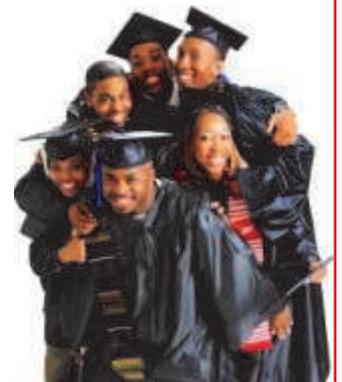
#### Black College Fund Annual Luncheon

New York Annual Conference Black College Fund Annual Luncheon will be on March 8th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Its at the Crowne Plaza White Plains, 68 Hale

Avenue.

Ticket price \$100 - payable to NYAC Black College Fund. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Kevin Jones, Esq.. For

more information please call Veronica Darby at (718) 455-7784. Please consider this opportunity to benefit 11 Black Colleges.



4/13/2014

Easter Cantata  
9AM-12PM

4/17/2014

Foot Washing Service  
7PM

4/18/2014

Good Friday Service  
7PM

4/20/2014

Easter Joint Service with  
Breakfast 8AM

4/30/2014

**Women’s Ministry**  
Fellowship 3PM-4:30PM

5/2/2014

1 hour prayer in Sanctuary  
6PM-7PM

5/10/2014

**Mother’s Day Jazz Brunch**  
12PM-3PM

5/17/2014

L.I.W. District Evangelism  
Prayer Day

5/18/2014

Sunday School Moment



5/25/2014

**Women’s Fellowship**  
3PM-4:30PM

5/31/2014

Feeding Program



### Anchor House Women’s Facility

I would like to introduce the expansion a reorganization of the Anchor House

**Women’s Facility. We are a** twenty eight bed OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) licensed intensive residential treatment program.

As a full service treatment provider we offer a comprehensive array of services. Some of our services include Individual and Group Counseling, Trauma, Women’s Health, Family and Parenting, Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, Academic Tutoring and Vocation? Education Counseling. Some of the newer

service include and on-site Registered Nurse, Licensed Psychotherapist, Family Counseling and support groups.

In addition to our expansion OASAS has selected our program to act as a Recovery Care Management site under a federal grant through SAMAHA ( Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). This grant has allowed our facility to offer off-site recovery support services. Some of the grant serviced include Psychotherapy, Spiritual Guidance, Civic Restoration/Rap sheet, Optometry, Domestic

Violence and transportation assistance. Intake counselors are available 7 days a week.

Screening process is strictly confidential according to New York State Confidentiality laws.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve and coach women through their healing process and self-sufficiency.

Yours in service  
Alison King MSW, CASAC  
Program Director

### Women’s Facility

976 Park Place  
Brooklyn, New York 11213  
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### Coming Soon! Creative Elements Dance & Wellness Center

Which will include-

- Lecture Series
- Group Programs
- Junior Chef Program
- Detoxification Cleansing
- Personalized Health Counseling & Assessment

- Physical Fitness & so much more

Conducted by a board certified fitness professional:

Valerie McLeod-Katz, Executive Director

Gwen Green-Lindberg, Wellness Director

Christine McLeod, Yoga Fit/Pilates Director

Alycia Perrin, Artistic Director

### Who We Are?

I wonder how many of you know that the Community United Methodist Church has **changed it’s name. Well... not really,** You see, one hundred years ago the United Methodist Church went by the name Methodist Episcopal Church and so it was when we were incorporated in 1920. As we all know nothing stays the same and over the years Methodism evolved and with mergers so

changed its name. We’ve actually gone by our present name of United Methodist Church since the 1968 merger of the United Evangelical Brethren Church and the then Methodist Church.

The presence of two statutes on the New York State law explaining these name changes is all we needed, for the last century, to be in compliance so we left

our certificate of incorporation **alone with it’s now outdated** name.

In the present age banks have gotten tighter in their rules for maintaining accounts and so early this year we had to amend our certificate of incorporation **to show our name... as we’ve all** known it these last 45 years.

Treasurer  
Malcolm McTaggart