



NEWSLETTER

Community Chronicle

Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

September 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 in the Name of The Resurrected King,

Again, we enter a day of New Beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone. This is truly the day of new beginnings, but it appears by all natural phenomena that our society is becoming increasingly vile. There is a sneering and scorning of everything that is Godly. Constantly being reminded of these lawless act can begin to drive the love for the work of God, which is the redemption of the lost out of our hearts.

In such a time as this, God calls us to be coworkers in the mission of making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transforma-

tion of the world. Jesus calls plain ordinary women and men to follow Him, and to tell His glorious story. We cannot do that as long as we are preoccupied with our own story and or



the world's story. He did not call us to walk alone, for He walks with us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

There is a clarion call from God for the church to wake-up, get-up, and go places we don't want to go, like Jonah, whose journey

to Nineveh is more about calling people to discipleship and less about surviving in the belly of a large fish. Our Nineveh may be somewhere near, like right outside our doors in the community, our neighbor, or within our own homes. Ultimately, God calls us to make disciples-to invite people to become part of God's story.

"Let's tell God's story." Winkler urged. Let's invite people to be part of the story. We have the place, we have the story and we have God's promise to be here with us. So, my sisters and brothers I ask you what do hinder us from telling the Story? Have a blessed summer.

Blessings, always,

Pastor Davis

Flushing House by Pastor Davis

During this past year, we have been going to Flushing House to minister to one of our long standing members, Ms. Joan Chevalier, and her neighbors at Flushing House, located here in Queens. There are a few members of the church who have become my team, which include members of our choir and other members of our church. I

t is always a blessing to be able

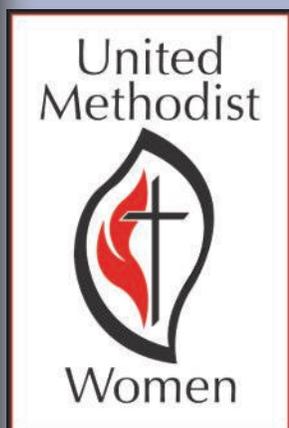
to minister to our aged brothers and sisters who have paved the way for us in society, but most importantly in The Lord, leading by example as mentors in faithfulness and giving of their time and resources.

We praise, worship and fellowship together - usually once a month and receive offering for them to meet whatever additional needs they may have.

The number of members of Flushing House has been slowly and steadily growing in number and it is truly a blessing to be able to minister and give back to members of The Body of Christ's community.

Thank you to all who come with us and those of you who feel led to come with us, going forward. Blessings, always!





Community United Women's Group by Marcia Dixon

Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Community United Methodist Church Women's Group started officially in March 2014. This came as a result of my awareness of God calling me to "Feed His Sheep", so a Women's Group was placed on my heart and I began praying for God's guidance in bringing this into being. Thanks to the encouragement and guidance of Pastor Delois Davis and all the others who I had told about my desire.

This vision of the group is "To share the love of Christ, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Fruits of

the Holy Spirit with each other; while lifting up our Pastor, Church, leaders, community and nation in prayer. Thus we are committed to work together in unity in building disciples for Jesus Christ.

The group meets on the last Sunday of every month at 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M., where we have lunch, meditate on a passage from the Bible; we also learn about those women who were instrumental and did ministry in the Bible. As we study about these women, we try to identify with their character and aspire to walk in the way of Christ and His goodness.

In May, we had our first event which was the presentation of flowers to all mothers present in church on Mother's Day.

Another imminent event in which will be a Tea Party in September, so ladies plan to attend on that day.

As I close, I extend an open invitation to all women of our church to "Come join and help us to work in building up our congregation and church so we can fellowship and be one in the Lord.

God bless you all!

Administrative Assistant /Receptionist/Rental Coordinator/Custodial Supervisor- Maurice R. Clayton

We have had some transition in our custodial staff since the last newsletter. We have three new team members, while Luis Molano has stuck with us through the long haul and has trained the new custodians. Ramon

Plaza continues his duties on Saturdays and Sundays, and has also been a great blessing in being back-up for the new custodians, when in a pinch.

I emphasize to them, what Pastor

Davis has been driving home for some time, now: "There is

no 'I' in team". Although I am the custodian's team leader, I rely on God for guidance and to bless me with wisdom to lead the team he has put me in charge of. If there are issues I am challenged in and cannot come to conclusions on my own, I have the freedom to draw on Pastor Davis' wisdom, which is always appreciated and always turns out to be God's best.

Robert Ramirez has also proven to be an asset and also a team player, as our weekend Receptionist/Rental Coordinator. He's been my back-up, if I cannot make it in during the week, and

he is well known among the congregations.

We all submit to a higher authority here – God. He will direct us, if we continually acknowledge Him, He is faithful to direct us in all our endeavors. I've come to the recollection that although it has been said I wear many hats around here, I prefer to think of it as one "multi-purpose hat" – just like the helmet of Salvation in God's armor we have to put on daily. God's blessings upon you and yours, as we begin this fall season!



Luis Molano Maurice Clayton

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Trustees News Corner by Blake Lindberg

**Trustees Accomplishments
2014**

Painted and carpeted upper east - replaced air conditioner
Painted-Carpeted-Fixed Ceiling and patched leak on wall in Church Office.
Painted Ceiling going down steps in education building.
Replaced a few ceiling light fixtures in social room.
Fixed leaking radiator in social room.

(Stage 1) - Patched roof in multiple areas on top of sanctuary where there is known water damage stains inside building.
Fix Roof Valley - left side of Church on Rear (leaking)
Church Bell tower- re-furbish the roof.
New leaders for rain gutters on the 81st street side.

Cleared drains where water was backing up.

(Stage 2) - Taking place now: Problems with rain causing erosion of inside plaster wall in back of sanctuary. Copper diverters put in, pointing to be done and holes fixed in brick/stone wall so water does not penetrate in and leak down. 6 copper diverters put in on top of A-frame where water runs down side of building. Library Window frame reconstructed after cracks were plugged outside of pointing. Repaint around window and frame.

(Stage 3) - Emergency Work: An emergency to re-cement the ramp where rodents were starting to congregate.

A plastic mesh was put inside the tower to alleviate the pigeons who had started nesting inside. Very large area to cover all vents where birds were crawling in to sleep at night.

(Stage 4) - Future: Re-mortar steps so water does not get in and freeze in winter. This cause stone steps to loosen from their position. Patch multiple areas of the Tower pointing (outer wall area) where water has penetrated the wall which has deteriorated inside wall plaster over time.

Stage 1: \$7500
Stage 2: \$2975
Stage 3: (emergency work) \$1250
Stage 4: ?



9/13/2014

Meditative Prayer
8-9 AM
Call-to-Action Meeting
9 AM—12 PM

9/14/2014

Disciple Bible Study
Recognition Sunday
Church Council
Meeting

9/16/2014

Disciple Bible Study
Orientation

9/18/2014

Church/School Meeting
7 PM

9/21/2014

P.P.R. Meeting
12 PM
Flushing House—Pastor,
Choir and Congregation

9/26/2014

Lay Leadership/
Nomination Meeting

9/27/2014

Feeding Program

9/28/2014

Family & Friends Sunday
Followed by luncheon
in Social Room

10/4/2014

Flea Market

10/10/2014

Revival/Healing Service

10/12/2014

Flushing House—Pastor,
Choir and Congregation

10/19/2014

Sunday School Moment

10/25/2014

Feeding Ministry

10/26/2014

Harvest Celebration
-in worship service

11/2/2014

Charge Conference
3 PM

11/16/2014

Celebration of Church
Anniversary

11/22/2014

Thanksgiving Food
Distribution

11/23/2014

Thanksgiving Luncheon
& Fellowship

**Far Rockaway Mission/Feeding Ministry/Regal Heights Outreach
by Eddie Vega**

It's been a very productive summer here at CUMC. Our Rockaway food ministry was a success we feed around 400 visitors . We also made some nu friends like always . We hope to do it again next year.

Our community feeding here at the church started off strong but due to summer vacations has some what dropped off a

bit . We hope that it will pick up again for the fall session . We average about 50 visitors a month on the assigned Saturdays . We hope that we can get more of our members involved this fall season.

Our Regal heights mission is going strong as well . All of this could have been possible without all of the volunteers who

help us during the year. I can't forget Pastor Davis guidance , which had kept us always moving forward . We have a few projects still.

In the works this fall stay tuned . Remember our community feeding is the last Saturday of the month hope to see ya'll soon.

Caribbean Mission Partnership

I am glad to inform you that the preparation for our first Mission work in Antigua with the Youth Ambassadors is going very well. We have received 12 applicants so far. Our goals is to recruit about 25 young people. Will you be able to help in recruiting more Youth?

At our initial meeting we agreed to establish a relationship with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas and the benefits of establishing such a relationship. Those benefits would include but not be limited to:

- ◆Remembering Zion (the places from which we come)
- ◆Conscientization of our people
- ◆Reconnecting families
- ◆Involvement of more Caribbean members in overseas mission
- ◆Respect for the heritage of Caribbean peoples
- ◆Opportunities for Caribbean peoples

It is with this goal in mind that I am now requesting your help in recruiting youth from your respective churches to participate in the 2015 Youth Ambassador in Mission trip to Antigua.

I have therefore extended the application deadline from August 30, 2014 to September 30, 2014 in order to give you adequate time to recruit more youth. Attached are the application forms and a flyer. I hope to hear from you soon.

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Pantry, Pantry, Pantry

As we begin the fall season we should never forget those out in our community who are less fortunate than us. God has blessed us and provides for us and commands the same from us, to those whom we can help.

One big way is through our pantry ministry. We've been feeding more and more families recently and keeping the pantry restocked has become a big priority for the fall. So get your canned and dried goods to-

gether and bring them out with you on Sundays and help your church be a light in this community for someone who needs a caring hand in these hard times.