



NEWSLETTER

Community Chronicle

Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

March 2015

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 our Soon Coming King,

This is the beginning of a brand New Year, and God has been graciously merciful toward us as His body. We are now in the season of Lent, which is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays,

which began on "Ash Wednesday". Lent is

a time for fasting, prayer, penitence, bringing our flesh into subjection with the Word of God, searching ourselves, not giving in to things that may have caused us to side track from the journey.

The first Sunday of Lent described **Jesus' temptation by Satan**; and the sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), **Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem** and His subsequent

Evangelism Team

We will be continuing our Far Rockaway Outreach Ministry in coming months.

We will keep you abreast of specific dates and times.

The Feeding Ministry, usually

held on the last Saturday of every month, will resume on the last Saturday in April 2015.

passion and death. Sundays are not included in the forty days, because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with the joyful expectation of The Resurrection.

As a servant and fellow laborer with you, I pray for our Church, asking God how are we to move forward in this New Year? I **heard : "When God's People Pray". Church, this is to be a year of prayer.**

Why are we to pray? God's Word commands us to pray (Luke 18:1) "Then Jesus told

them a parable about their need to pray always and not to **lose heart."** When should we **pray? God's Word commands** us to pray continually (1st Thesalonians 5:17) **"Pray without ceasing"** And what should we include in our prayers? Certain elements should always be included in our prayers: (ACTS) Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.

Therefore, as the body of Christ, let us follow the mandate for our congregation and be about our **Father's business, that we might be faithful in His service.**

Blessings, always,
Pastor Davis

Please also keep our Chair, Eddie Vega and his family in your prayers.

Please contribute meals and/or recipes. Thank you for all your

past, present and future contributions.



Trustees—Blake Lindberg

Worked and care continually working on outdoor steps and pointing on back of sanctuary. We still have problems with water coming in on the 81st

Street Narthex. Other plans are to rectify the tower area where leaks have been a problem. This building is complex and

becomes difficult to find exact points where water enters. It becomes a trial/error procedural, so it takes time.

Finance—Blake Lindberg

Continued work on monetary procedurals and an au-

dit is planned this year. Another goal is working on

a plan to create a scholarship program for outstanding young adults.

Media – Malcolm McTaggart

Pastor Davis has creatively imparted a worship idea that will be implemented soon that should give us a little more freedom in our worship experience.

You'll hardly notice it, but we'll be able to isolate the front screens from the choir monitor screen in the back balcony and therefore be able to feed the choir praise lyrics separately from the congregation.

Updating or changing our system **doesn't have to cost a lot**

as the above mentioned idea is only as expensive as the cable we run (maybe \$30.00) to one projector. If we need to place a screen on the back wall of the balcony for this idea to really **"shine" that'll cost a little more but if we're creative about our** ideas and God is with us there is a way.

The church has had some issues with the lights in the sanctuary this winter and we thank you for your patience as we

solve the great light bulb mystery. **They're expensive and a true "pain" to crawl up and replace so pray that it's been** solved. When all the lights are functioning fully this area of worship can be creatively used to enhance the worship and I **personally feel it's under appreciated.**

Thanks to our custodian/handyman Jonathan for helping in the bulb replacement.

Administrative Assistant to Pastor Davis/Website Maintenance/Receptionist/Rental Coordinator/Custodial/Handymen and Reception Supervisor/ – Maurice

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, I am in the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

I am still in the process of learning the ins and outs of maintaining **our church's website. Having** been blessed by feedback given from Pastor Davis on an original piece of artwork I created that ended up on our **website last year, I was told "More pieces like this are needed to make our website 'Pop!' " Are** there any other artists reading this? How about creative

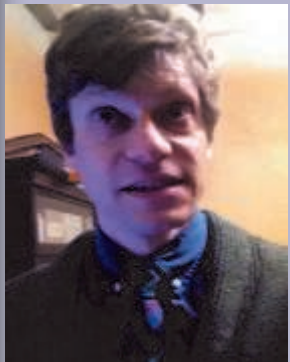
minds? Do you have ideas or phrases that would stand out to a visitor to our website – something in addition to the fact that a popular board game based on a love for cross-word puzzles was founded here?

I am at the front desk Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

As Custodian and Handymen Supervisor, I have the honor of **leading our church's team, who** set-up and break down the rooms as required. Our team is

also directly responsible for security, cleaning the inside and outside of the building as well as its maintenance.

We recently had a full staff meeting with Pastor Davis, in which we learned from and shared with each other a number of ways to improve our team as a whole. I am continuously amazed by what God has done and continues to do—not only for us, but through us!



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Sunday School Superintendent—Norka DelRios

Our Sunday School is aimed to teach the children the Word of God. Our curriculum gives you the tools to teach kids the Bible. It

gives them hands on activities to learn about God. They easily learn through games while memorizing

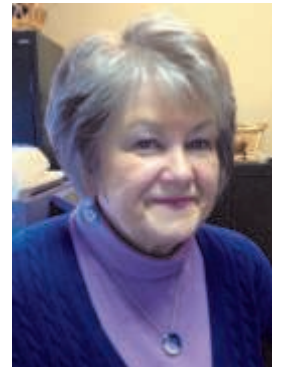
scriptures as they play and **have fun. It's a safe place** to learn and grow and have fun.

Linda Abbas Church Administrator

Happy almost Spring to every one! It has been a challenging Winter, and thus, many of us have not been able to make it to church every Sunday. However, bills arrive every month

and must be paid, regardless of the weather. So please remember to pay your tithes and offerings for the weeks that you are not here, because it has been a real struggle to stay timely with

our bill payments for January, February and the beginning of March due to low attendance. Thanks and enjoy the Spring weather, which is just around the corner.



Women's Ministry – Marcia Dixon

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus **Christ. The Women's Ministry** of Jackson Heights UMC meets every fourth Sunday from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

All women of the church are invited to join and help us build our church so we can glorify God together. This group serves

to build a close relationship among the women of our church so we can work together in unity to strengthen the body of Christ.

This year, we are embarking on a number of projects to help beautify our sanctuary, our garden, our pantry and the **room next to the library. Don't**

miss our Health Fair, Auction, Tea Party and other activities—yet to be announced for the year. We hope you will make time to fellowship with us as we strive to partner with God in building His Kingdom with the leading of The Holy Spirit until He comes.

3/11/2015
Lenten Prayer Service/Bible Study
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

3/14 - 3/28 2015
Calling for All Confirmation Students (Age 12 +)
Library
10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

3/18/2015
Lenten Prayer Service/Bible Study
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

3/11/2015
Lenten Prayer Service/Bible Study
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

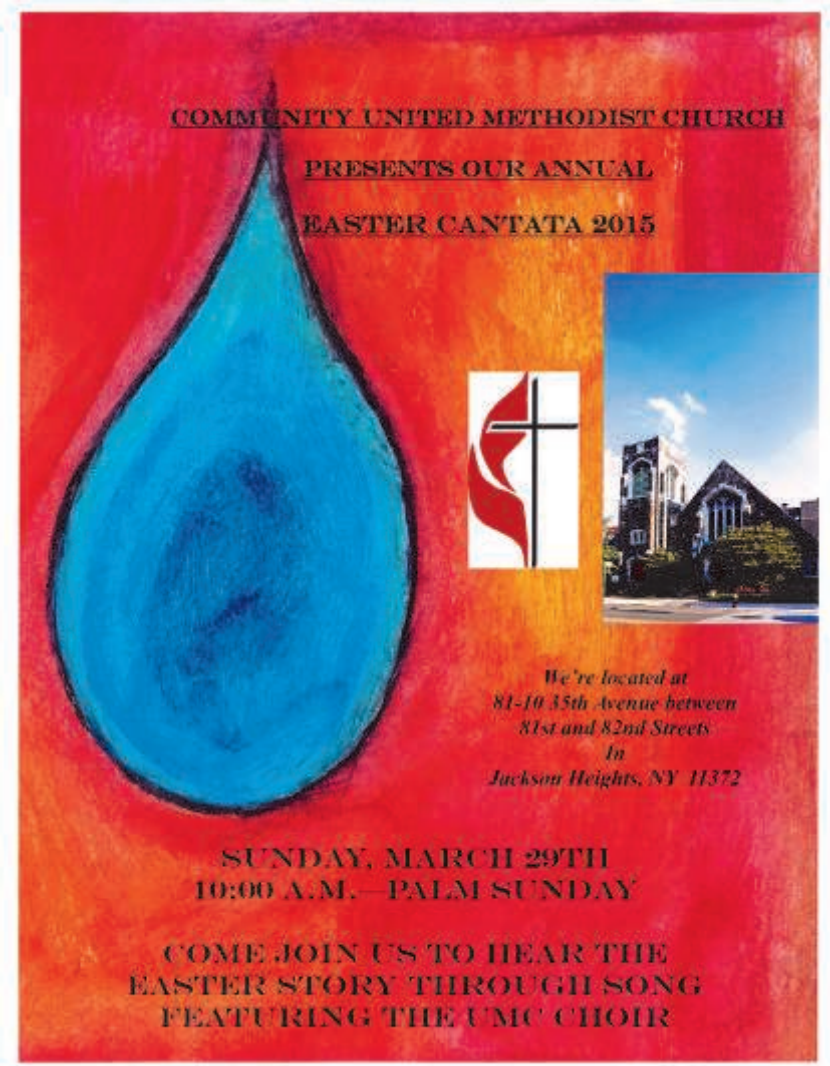
3/29/2015
Palm Sunday
Easter Cantata 10:00 AM

4/1/2015
Lenten Prayer Service/Bible Study
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

4/2/2015
Holy Thursday Foot Washing Service—Sanctuary
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

4/3/2015
Good Friday Service—Sanctuary
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

4/5/2015
Easter Service—Sanctuary
10:00 A.M.



Sunday School Poetry Corner

Jesus Everywhere

You are the Jesus that is real
And you are everywhere

Jesus, Jesus...yes you are
Everywhere in the world.

Jesus...Jesus...Jesus..Yes
You are everywhere.

Jesus, Jesus...

We praise him in the morning
We praise him in the noon time
We praise him in the night

By Raveena Gadapaka 2014

In my heart...you are...

The one I love the most

I Love You Lord

Oh my great Lord
I love you so
I love you so much
You are better than our future Ford (car brand)

You help me all the time
Everywhere
So I should do something for you
So I will never do a crime

Oh No! I am in a punishing trouble

What should I do?
Pray to God for courage
If I didn't pray, I would be rubble.

Holy Mackerel I am afraid

What should I do again?

Don't worry God said
Thanks God for the confidence you made.

I love you Lord

By Alex Santos 2014