

NEWSLETTER

Community Chronicle

Newsletter of the Community United Methodist Church

December 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 our King,

We are in the season of Advent expectedly awaiting the second coming of our King. As we wait once again for the celebration of His first Advent it is a time of great excitement the decoration, shopping, and Christmas music, watching the excitement of the children, and everything that makes this season the most wonderful season of the year. In all the excitement we do not want to lose our focus of the real reason we celebrate this season, (Isaiah 9:6) reminds us **“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. 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 party year after year. The wonder of the Christ Child is the cornerstone of Christmas. I am so thankful to God for so many things. This has been a prosper-



ous year. I am especially thankful for the English Congregation, for all 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, I look forward to serving you in the up-coming year and praying that we will build

and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

This is the season for “sharing”. First the story of our savior and second Advent. It is also the season to be generous to those who are in need, for the scripture says: **“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty 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 to 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 25:35-40)**

Blessings, always,
Pastor Davis



CHRIST IS BORN!





Hospitality Ministry – Claudia Valdes

I was asked to say a word about the Hospitality ministry, **so I'll say that I find it a privilege**

and I have helpers like Susan Anthony and Annmarie Gannon as well, who make it fun and a

pleasure. God Bless us, and thank you!



Youth Ministry – Claudia Valdes

Now a word for our youth. We have a great group, consisting of Anoop Yadiki, Donieke Webster, George Worotikan, Deepika Korani, Boris Drew, Kevin Russi and Freddy, of

whom I will have to learn his last name. They serve on the Usher Board and in Media Ministry, doing wonderful jobs. They are respectful and dedicated to their studies and their

service to God and our church. The light they shine is beautiful! **I'm proud to know them and** do not doubt their success in this life. God bless them.

Yours in Christ!



Sight and Sound—Moses

Get ready; get ready for our trip to Sight and Sound to experience a great production – **“Moses” on** 12/26/14. The parting of the Red Sea ... the Burning Bush ... the Plagues ... the Ten Commandments ... finally ... the greatest Biblical epic of the Old Testament comes to life on the Sight & Sound stage in Lancaster County, PA - Moses! Journey back through time and re-

live the golden splendor and pride of ancient Egypt, the poverty and oppression of the Hebrew slaves and

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the humble, broken man that God raised up to become their deliverer. Not only will you be completely immersed in the spectacular, epic events of the story,

but you will experience the humanity of Moses and the children of Israel as they struggle for faith, freedom and belonging. Start paying now. Price is \$140 for adults and for children 12 and under, the price is \$90.00. Buses will leave promptly at 8:00 A.M. at **the church. Don't miss this** opportunity to journey and fellowship with your church family.



Receptionist/Rental Coordinator/Custodial, Handyman and Reception Supervisor – Maurice Clayton

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we close out this quarter and enter into the Christmas Season and prepare for a new year, I thank the Triune God for having brought us this far as the journey continues. Monday, December 1st, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of **Ramon Plaza's employment at** CUMC. I am honored to serve with a man as dedicated as he is! He, as well all the members

of our team, have proven themselves to be priceless assets to our church. The duties assigned to our Custodians, Handyman and Reception staff range from what some may describe as menial/simple tasks to what **other's may define as challenging.** Just the same, we show up faithfully and remain consistent in bringing each task to completion to the best our ability, a constant testament of our dedication. Whether simple, chal-

lenging or anywhere between or beyond, we can be counted on to adjust as needed for planned and unplanned events. I am honored to be their team leader, humbled by the fact that we teach and learn from each other constantly, like iron sharpening iron. We are honored to have served you thus far and look forward to what our God has for us, this Christmas season and coming year. Thank you. Our God truly reigns!



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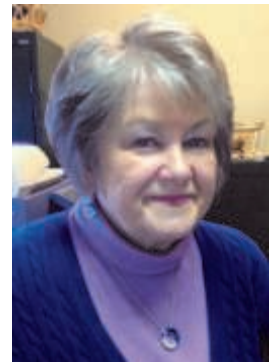
Hard to believe that another year has passed, but it has, and we are getting prepared for 2015, praise God.

The offertory envelopes are here and ready to be disbursed. I will be giving them out before service on a couple of Sundays and I ask that you let me hand them out so that I can mark off names as they are disbursed.

Please check that I give you the proper box of envelopes, as the names are written on the flap of the box. Please note that your number will be different from last year because there have been a couple of people removed from the list, because of various reasons. We ask that you use your personalized envelopes during the year and avoid using the pew envelopes, as

both the offertory and pew envelopes cost the church money and using your personalized envelopes insure that you will be given proper credit for your contributions when I enter the weekly giving into our computer.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and New Year.



Women's Ministry – Marcia Dixon

Grace and peace to you all in this Advent season. May all the joy of the season fill your hearts with the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to bring love to all, so let us welcome Him in our hearts and lives. As Christ fills us with His

grace and glory, let us bring hope and joy to others around us. **The Women's Ministry** wishes you all the joy for the Advent season. We invite others to join us in 2015 as we strive to be energized for the

Gospel of Christ. God bless you all! Have a good holiday and a New Year, filled with hope and prosperity!



“Looking Ahead”

12/13/2014

Jews for Jesus Hanukkah celebration
1:00PM

12/14/2014

Joint Christmas Service
10:30 AM

12/14/2014

Flushing House Christmas Service
3:00 PM

12/20/2014

Christmas Concert - Music, Food & Fellowship
4:00 PM

12/21/2014

Christmas Celebration Service & Luncheon
10:00 AM

12/24/2014

Candle Light Service
6:30 P.M.

1/18/2014

Family and Friends Celebration, including MLK Observance
10:00A.M.

1/19/2014

Mitzvah Day in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
11:00A.M.

1/25/2014

Flushing House
3:00P.M.

1/31/2014

Prophetic Prayer Breakfast
10:00AM-2:00P.M.

1/18—1/25/2014

New Year's Prayer Week
Sat & Sun 8AM– 9AM
Tues—Fri 6PM—7PM



Merry Christmas:

Community United Methodist Church
Invites You to Our
2014 Christmas Concert

Tickets are \$15.00
Saturday, December 20th, 2014
4:00 P.M.
Sanctuary
8110 35th Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
(between 81st and 82nd Streets)

Refreshments will be served

Mitzvah Day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A Mitzvah is a good deed and a way to reach out to others to help them in their hour of need and /or to help enrich their lives. Jewish communities have used Mitzvah days for the task of **tikkun olam**, repairing the world.

The Jackson Heights ecumenical committee has designated January 19th, the day we celebrate **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday**, as a Mitzvah Day for our **community. It's being held at** The Renaissance Charter School

on 81st Street & 37th Ave. from the hours of 11AM till 3PM. A successful Mitzvah Day will strengthen our congregations'/community's commitment to social action and our identity as a caring community.

