

Westchester United Methodist

"A Friendly Family Church"

Celebrating over 200 years of Building up the Kingdom of God by Growing Disciples and extending our Ministries



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22nd 2023 (10a.m Service) - Liturgical Color – Green

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton (Resident Bishop)

Rev. Simeon C. Law, (District Superintendent)

Rev. Beverly Hodges-Fairweather (Assistant to the Pastor)

Rev. Sonia Jermin (Ministries with Seniors & Spirituality)

Rev. Ivy Dawson(Evangelism Related Ministries)

Cora Doram - Lay Leader

Deaconess. Linda - Douglas Smith (Lay Minister Small Groups Ministries & Attendance Building)

Min. Earlwyn Benjamin(Lay Minister Prayer & Healing Ministries)

Min. Joshua Olabisi (Lay Minister Care Ministries)

Min. Jaslyn Challenger-Singleton (Family Life Ministries)

Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards, Ph.D., Psy.D, Pastor

Pat Savage(Minister of Music) - Roland Samuels(Percussionist)

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Pat Savage (Minister of Music)

Call to Worship

Leader: The light of Christ shines brightly in the darkened places of our lives, bringing healing and hope.

People: The light of Christ shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors.

ALL: Let us look for that light as we share Christ's peace.

Opening Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory"

*1) God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days..*

*3) Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*4) Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed –a be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed-a be thy name
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed-a be thy name

Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed-a be thy name
And—forgive all our debts, hallowed-a be thy name
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed-a be thy name
Lead us not, into temptation, hallowed-a be thy name
But deliver us from evil, hallowed-a be thy name
Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed-a be thy name
For-ever and ever, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name

Children's Moment

Sister Denise Wright Hamilton

I need you, you need me
We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me
We're all a part of God's body
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me,
I need you to survive
You are important to me,
I need you to survive

I pray for you, You pray for me
I love you, I need you to survive
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive
You are important to me
I need you to survive

Ministry of Music:

Brother Gomes

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

The **two buckets** located in the front and back are for our **Tithes/Offering** to cover our current expenses, Scholarship Fund, and the **Apportionment**.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

9:1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

9:3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

9:4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles

4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen.

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Ministry of Music

The Sermon: "The Kingdom is Near"

Hezekiah Bedminster

Rev Gordon AR Edwards

Opportunities for Ministry

Closing Hymn

"It Only Takes a Spark"

1) It only takes a spark, to get a fire going

And soon all those around, can warm up in the glowing

That's how it is with God's love

Once you've experienced it

You'll spread His love, to everyone

You'll want to pass it on

*2) What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it
You'll want to sing, it's fresh like spring
You'll want to pass it on*

*3) I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him, It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want the world to know
The Lord of Love, Has come to me,
I want to pass it on*

SENDING FORTH

Benediction followed by the Threefold Amen



****Prayers for: Marie Dunn, Mr. Sydney Stevens(Brother of Mrs. Karen James) Derix & Delvin Skelton(Brothers of Donald Skelton) Desmond Williams(brother of Francis Wright), Dwayne Williams, Francine Brown & family ,The Shaws, Eldra Petrus, Ms. Anglin (Kings Harbor - Room E216A Tel#718-944-3051**

**** Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Today Jan 22nd Deann Leonard
Wed Jan 25th Javiene Edwards,

Wed Jan 25th Happy Anniversary Mr. Joseph Myer Sr. & Mrs. Comfort Myer



* There will be a **Brief Anniversary/Awards Celebration Meeting on Sunday January 29th** after worship service.



* Next Seniors Meeting & Valentine Tea Event – Monday Feb 6th 2023

* Interested in Liturgical Dancing? -

see Min. Singleton / Rev. Fairweather.

WUMC 2023 Events Calendar

February (Black History Month)

Program & date TBD

Saturday- Feb. 11th Ministry Workshop#1

March (Women's Month)

Saturday-March 4th Prayer Breakfast

Sunday-March 12th United Women of Faith Day

Saturday -March 11th thru Monday 20th Mission Journey to Antigua

April

Saturday -April 1st Fashion Show

May

Sunday-May 7th Celebrate Nurses

Monday-May 8th Seniors Day Apart – A day celebrating body, mind and spirit.

Sunday-May 14th Mother's Day

Saturday-May 27th Awards Ceremony

June (Men's Month)

Saturday-June 10th Ministry Workshop #2

Sunday-June 18th Men's Day

Sunday-June 25th Church Picnic

July

July 9th thru 15th Vacation Bible School (via ZOOM)

Sunday-July 16th Gloster B. Current Scholarship promotion Sunday

Saturday-July 22nd Food Fair (11am -4 pm)

August (Stay tuned)

September

Sunday-Sept. 3rd Pastors Welcome Back Celebration

Saturday-Sept 16th Ministry Workshop #3

Saturday-Sept 30th GBC Scholarship Ministry sponsored PLAY

October (Church Anniversary Month)

Saturday-October 7th Prayer Breakfast

Saturday-October 21st Auction

Sunday-October 22nd Anniversary Closeout

Saturday-October 28th thru Nov 6th Mission Journey to Antigua

Another Anniversary Activity to come (STAY TUNED)

November

Saturday-Nov. 11th Ministry Workshop #4

Sunday –Nov 12th –Senior Day

Sunday-Nov. 19th Harvest Celebration

December

(Steelband Concert) Date &Time TBD

Seniors Advent Workshop Stay Tuned

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir Ministry of Music Sundays

February 4th

February 18th

March 4th

March 18th

April 1st

April 15th

April 29th

May 13th



February 5th

February 19th

March 5th

March 19th

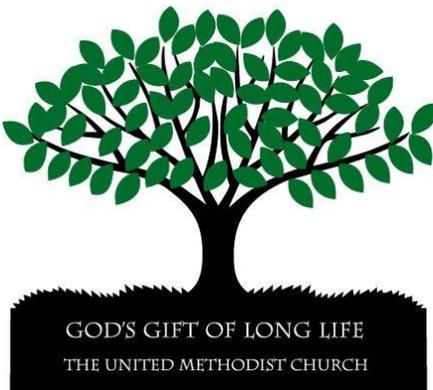
April 2nd

April 16th

April 30th

May 14th

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY



2023 Upcoming Events

- Seniors Day Apart – May 8th 2023
- Seniors Retreat – Spring or Fall 2023. The theme is “Sabbath”. Facilitator: Rev Tisha M. Branch

All Seniors are invited to participate in our meetings & activities. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Shalom, Rev Sonia A Jermin.

GOD'S SAVING WORD

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

2023

*Hear what God says:
"When the time came
for me to show you favor,
I heard you;
when the day arrived
for me to save you,
I helped you."*

*Listen! This is the hour
to receive God's favor;
today is the day to be saved!*

2 Corinthians 6:2 (Good News Translation)

JANUARY

God's Saving Word:
Unity in Christ Jesus

- 1 Hebrews 1:1-14
- 2 Hebrews 2:1-18
- 3 Hebrews 3:1-19
- 4 Hebrews 4:1-13
- 5 Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Epiphany

- 6 Matthew 2:1-12
- 7 Matthew 2:13-23

- 8 Matthew 3:1-17
- 9 Matthew 8:1-17
- 10 Matthew 8:18-34
- 11 Matthew 9:1-17
- 12 Matthew 9:18-38
- 13 Matthew 10:1-15
- 14 Matthew 10:16-31

- 15 Matthew 10:32-42
- 16 Matthew 11:1-19
- 17 Matthew 11:20-30

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

- 18 Matthew 16:1-12
- 19 Matthew 16:13-28
- 20 Matthew 17:1-23
- 21 Matthew 18:1-14

Ecumenical Sunday

- 22 Matthew 19:13-30
- 23 Acts 3:1-26
- 24 Acts 4:1-22
- 25 Acts 4:23-37
- 26 Acts 5:1-16
- 27 Acts 5:17-42
- 28 Acts 6:1-15

- 29 Acts 7:1-22
- 30 Acts 7:23-43
- 31 Acts 7:44—8:3

FEBRUARY

God's Saving Word:
Love

- 1 Leviticus 19:1-18
- 2 Deuteronomy 5:1-22
- 3 Deuteronomy 6:1-25
- 4 Deuteronomy 7:1-11

- 5 Deuteronomy 7:12-26
- 6 Colossians 1:1-23
- 7 Colossians 1:24—2:5
- 8 Colossians 2:6-19
- 9 Colossians 2:20—3:17
- 10 Colossians 3:18—4:6
- 11 Colossians 4:7-18

- 12 John 3:1-21
- 13 John 3:22-36
- 14 1 John 1:1—2:6
- 15 1 John 2:7-29
- 16 1 John 3:1-24
- 17 1 John 4:1-21
- 18 1 John 5:1-21

- 19 2 John
- 20 3 John
- 21 Jude 1-25

Ash Wednesday

- 22 Matthew 4:1-11
- 23 Matthew 4:12-25
- 24 Psalm 23
- 25 Psalm 33

First Sunday in Lent

- 26 Psalm 50

Great Lent (Orthodox)

- 27 Psalm 51
- 28 Psalm 52

Worship Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we quickly forget 90% of what we hear; it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of our take-home knowledge. I encourage you to try and see.

Theme: _____

Scripture Passages: OT: _____ Gospel: _____

INTRODUCTION:

Transitional Statement:

MAIN POINTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CONCLUSION:

What is the main idea?

What is God asking me to do right now?

What am I going to do about it?

MEMBERS ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER & EMAIL UPDATE FORM

Name:

Envelope Number(s):

OLD Address:

NEW Address:

NEW Phone Number(s):

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Email Address:

Ministries you are interested in being apart _____

Ministries/Program you wish existed at Westchester _____