

# 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

2547 East Tremont Ave, Bronx ,New York 10461



**Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 (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)***

***Cora Doram - Lay Leader***

***Deaconess. Linda - Douglas Smith***

***(Lay Minister Small Groups Ministries & Attendance Building)***

***Min. Ivy Dawson( Lay Minister Stewardship Related Ministries)***

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

***Min. Joshua Olabisi ( Lay Minister Care Ministries)***

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

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

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## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **The Prelude**

**Pat Savage**

### **\*The Call to Worship**

L: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

**P: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**

L: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

**ALL: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. So let it be.**

### **Opening Hymn "Stand up Stand up for Jesus"**

*1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory  
his army shall he lead,  
till every foe is vanquished,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.*

*2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict,  
in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.*

*3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,  
each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.*

*4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil  
a crown of life shall be;  
they with the King of Glory  
shall reign eternally.*

### **Opening Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (sang)**

**Children at Worship**

**"I Need You to Survive"**

**Ministry of Music**

**Roy Gomes on Steel Pan**

## **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**.

**The Offertory Music by Minister of Music**

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND RESPONSE**

**Gospel Lesson**

**John 4:1-30**

**Ministry of Music**

**The Sermon: "The A B Cs of Mission" Rev. Bishop Kofia Nials**

**Call to Discipleship Then Pastoral Prayer/Intercessory Prayer**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**The Extinguishing of the Candles**

**Benediction followed by the Threefold Amen**

**Closing Hymn "We've a story to tell to the Nations"**

*1) We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.*

*Refrain:  
For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on  
earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

*2) We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,*

*a song that shall conquer evil,  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]*

*3) We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
has sent us His Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]*

*4) We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow has trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
may come to the truth of God,  
may come to the truth of God! [Refrain]*

### **John 4:1-30**

Now when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”<sup>2</sup> —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—<sup>3</sup> he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But he had to go through Samaria.

4:5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

4:7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

4:8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

4:9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of

me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

4:10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

4:11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

4:12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

4:13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

4:14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

4:15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

4:17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

4:18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

4:19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

4:20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will

worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

4:22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

4:25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

4:26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

4:27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

4:28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,

4:29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

4:30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

**\*\*Remember our Ministry Focus: Everyone a disciple demonstrated through the seven imperatives - As Disciples we engage readily and (1) Regularly in Worship (2) Faithfully in at least weekly Bible Study (3) Cheerfully in Stewardship (4) Unrelentingly in Mission (5) Daily in Personal Devotions (6) Unapologetically in Building Community (7) Steadfastly caring for the Environment.**

**\*\*Meetings Schedule:**

**Mondays @7.00-9.00pm Bible Study    2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays – Seniors Meeting@12noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays Finance Committee**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Staff Pastor Parish Relations**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays Board of Trustees**

**Wednesdays: Morning Prayer Fellowship (6-8am) Midday Bible Study (12noon)**

**Friday: Youth Fellowship 7PM-9PM, Sister to Sister Bible Study 7-9pm**

**Saturdays: Man to Man Bible Study (4pm-5.30pm)**

**\*\* Donations: mail-in: 2547 E Tremont Avenue, BX NY 10461**

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**\*\*Sick: Leisette Dawson, Rev. Dr Vera Yvonne Jermin**

**Annum, Tommie Douglas, the Buntins, Dwayne Williams, Brother Paul, Bro. Bligen**

**Sister Phyllis Watson, Sister Audrey Draisin, the Lettsome Family, Sister Shaw,**

**Sister Rita Richards;**

**\*\*Ms. Doram would like to meet for a quick 2 minutes after the worship service to**

**dot some I's with Brothers- Telfer, Peets, Wright, Myer, Skelton, Saunders,**

**Emmanuel Quainoo and Benjamin.**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Sun Jul 25<sup>th</sup> Karleen Brown**

The Bronx Parish Lay Leaders  
in the Bronx Cooperative Parish

are hosting a

# PAJAMA DRIVE

to benefit Foster Kids

Pajama Program



**Starting NOW and ending November 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**

*We are undertaking a Pajama drive to support a comforting bedtime routine and healthy sleep for*

*Children who are facing adversity. Please help by donating a pair or pairs of NEW pajamas 2pc sets ONLY. NO nightgowns. Sizes babies to older kids 18 years old. (Older kids- boys especially). A drop off box labelled PAJAMA DRIVE is in the church lobby awaiting your kind donation.*



**Thank you for your support!!**

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- Call Sister Gibson  
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Minister Ivy Dawson  
at 917-459-8771



## Mental Health Series

### *Emotional Impact of Traumatic Stress: Covid-19 and You*

**With Rev. Dr. Gordon AR Edwards**

*Licensed Psychotherapist, Certified Spiritual Director,*



*Ordained UMC Pastor, Certified Life Coach Mediator*

#### **Session Dates and Topics**

- September 08<sup>th</sup> - The Church & Family: Understanding the Emotional Impact of Covid-19
- September 15<sup>th</sup> - Understanding our Emotions in a time of Crisis and Trauma
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Impact of Covid-19: attending to the losses and grief
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Healing from a Traumatic Season: Individual and church self-care together
- October 06<sup>th</sup> - Strategizing for the next phase of life.



**JOIN US ON ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 840 2118 1980  
Passcode: 066071

## Church Activity Calendar 2021

### Suspended 'til September- Monday Nights Bible Study

Tuesday Nights-2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>-Finance Mtg, SPPRC,

Trustees

Friday Nights – Sister to Sister Bible Study

August

No Activity

September 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Pastors Welcome Back Celebration  
8<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Mental Health Seminar conducted by Rev. Edwards  
14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Finance Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Mental Health Seminar conducted by Rev. Edwards  
21<sup>st</sup> (Tues) SPPRC Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed) Mental Health Seminar conducted by Rev. Edwards  
25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Evangelism Event (convener) Min. Dawson  
26<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Ushers Day  
29<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Mental health Seminar conducted by Rev. Edwards

October 12<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Finance Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Laity Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> (Tues) SPPRC Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Trustees Meeting

November 9<sup>th</sup> (Tues) Finance Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Seniors Day  
16<sup>th</sup>(Tues) SPPRC Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> (Sun) Harvest Thanksgiving  
23<sup>rd</sup> (Tues) Trustees Meeting

December TBD (to be decided)

# WELCOME BACK!

Save the Date!!!!!!

The SPPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) invite our entire church family and friends to join us in the welcome back celebration for our Pastor and Family on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, starting with the worship service @ 10am in the playground on the church's lot (weather permitting) followed with a light brunch.

We plan to do our best to be a blessing to our Pastor, who has been a blessing to our congregation in so many ways.

We are also hoping that by then, all who are attending, would have been fully vaccinated.

Blessings!

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:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Passages:**

OT: \_\_\_\_\_ Epistle: \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTRODUCTION:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Transitional Statement:**

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**MAIN POINTS**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSION:**

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What is the main idea?

\_\_\_\_\_  
What is God asking me to do right now?

\_\_\_\_\_  
What am I going to do about it?