



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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May- Child's Month



WHAT'S ON THE MENU? - *Feed My Sheep*

Do you remember learning that song by the name of "Watch Your Eyes" in Sunday school? It tells us to watch our eyes, ears, lips, hands, feet "for there is a Father up above looking down in tender love."

The duty of the adult child does not stop when the little ones memorize the lyrics of this song, for the same instruments that they will remember to watch are fixed on the teacher, even before then.

The home is the first place of socialization and parents are the first teachers whether they choose to be or not. With that we consider what's on the menu. What are you serving? The early stages of development are of utmost importance. Ever stopped to wonder how a child is so compelled to try to learn how to walk or even how they know what to do in their attempt to? What about talking, or using a fork, or a phone? They saw or heard someone and they eventually got it and remembered with practice. That is, them repeatedly attempting and you repeatedly doing, saying, going etc.

As innocent infants, it is the duty of the parent or guardian to love, lead, guide and protect. It is their duty to feed. So, adult child, adult children, watch your eyes, ears, lips, hands, feet, for there is a Father up above looking down in tender love. And, this father is

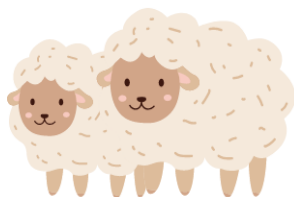
checking the nutritional facts and front of label packaging on what is being given to his children. This reference surpasses children in years of age to encapsulate spiritual children and holistic maturity.

Adult child?

I use this reference, to remind us of two things:

Firstly, there are so many adults who are a reflection of their younger selves- never truly moving on from direct or indirect childhood experiences-good or bad, or never healing from childhood trauma. Admittedly, that is one of the main reasons why we witness such chaos and violence in our society.

I have heard in too many of our church settings, leaders dismissing children and youths with comments that state, for example, that "it is a waste of time to call them to the altar for prayer... There is no hope". Yes, that was said while the call for prayer was being made. The church falls among the organizations that serve as the second place of socialization. If the home does not get it right, let it be that the church is the space to correct and teach, in love, both the little one and adult child. Secondly, as grown and adult as we are, we have a father up above. Imagine what it would be like for you, if he did not love, did not care, did not forgive, did not provide, did not nurture, if he did not lead by example in love, obedience and faithfulness.



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DID YOU KNOW?

As a part of the mission of the United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands 102 schools have been established:

- 42 Primary and Junior High,
- 40 Early Childhood Development Centres,
- 10 High Schools
- 8 Preparatory School
- 2 Tertiary institutions

Our Ministers serves as chaplains within these institutions.



Rev. Ranford Hewitt, Minister at ?? And the chaplain for Oberlin High School shared in their devotion at the beginning of April.

Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

Congratulations!



On Good Friday Rev. Euthman Wray, assisted by Elder Dale Ebanks, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to three adults and one child at Spots Beach. Those baptized (from left to right) were Ms. Janet Dixon, Miranda Miller (child), Mrs. Naidelys Henry from the Savannah United Church and Mrs. Olsie Dixon from the Webster Memorial United Church.

Bellevue United Church

-Rededication of the Sanctuary

The Bellevue United Church, established over 150 years ago in the small, rural, farming community of Pert Town, Trelawny, celebrated the Re-dedication of the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday), during the morning worship; under the theme: "The Things of God for the People of God."

The 'spirited' worship was led by the vibrant liturgist, Lay Pastor Meggan Brown Henry, matched only by the contagious Nigerian influence of Rev. Jane Kaluba in dance and at times, an interactive sermon, where she carefully taught the congregants the real implications of 2nd Chronicles 7:14 and Matthew 28:18.

The Act of Re-dedication was conducted by Pastor Merton Jones, Chair of the WRMC. In her greetings and remarks, Mrs. Mauleen Henry, Regional Deputy General Secretary for the Western Regional Mission Council, lauded the dedication of the former Ordained Minister for the Charge; (now retired), Rev. Novlyn Hanson and the small band of workers of the

Congregation who laboured assiduously during the periods of 2010, 2017-2019 to effect a jaw dropping renovation. The Re-dedication Service was first planned for March 2020, but the Covid -19 Pandemic delayed any such possibility.

before...



after renovations...





Prayer Requests

- Rev. Laddia Young and her family. A shooting incident resulted in the death of her step mother and the wounding of her father and one of her brothers
- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- Alando Meredith who lost his sister and mom
 - Dericca Ellis who lost her father
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong, who had to return to the hospital after being released owing to respiratory challenges
- Rev. Delroy Harris whose niece passed recently
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica



Prayer

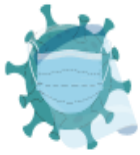
Dear Lord,

Thank you for being good to us. Remind us that you are present every step of our journey, holding our hands and directing our lives with good guidance and good will as the good father that you are.

Let us believe and trust you in a child like way. Remind us of the power of childlike vision being unafraid and daring with our faith. In that same manner help us boldly and faithfully being the desires of our hearts to you and too our bumps and bruises.

Remind us, Abba, that you will hold our hands, dry our tears, lift us up and bring us healing.

Amen.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Affecting Congregational Life

Cayman Islands

ACTIVE CASES

983

DEATHS

27

NEW CASES

80

*COVID-19 statistics as of Sunday, April 27, 2022.

The Cayman Government has responded with regulations aimed at controlling the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings, including church services, are now restricted to 100 persons while outdoor gatherings are restricted to 250 persons.

Jamaica

ACTIVE CASES

453

*In the last 2 weeks

DEATHS

5

NEW CASES

66

*COVID-19 statistics as of April 27, 2022.

Effective April 15, 2022, the Government of Jamaica has expired further Covid-19 protocols including mandatory mask wearing. In light of this, mask wearing is no longer mandatory for staff and visitors within the UCJCI's offices effective Tuesday, April 19, 2022. It is a blessing that the restrictions are lifted however, we need to consider the health and well-being of those around us. For meetings/gatherings involving five (5) or more persons, it is recommend that for personnel safety masks be worn as well as consideration be given to individual personal space.

AT HOME LITURGY FOR WORSHIP



May 1, 2022
3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9: 1-6, (7-20)

RR: Psalm 30

2nd Reading: St. John 21: 1-19

Resilient: Feed my Lamb

The call to feed my lamb is to ensure that those who are most vulnerable are fed and nourished.



Tune in to United in Faith Sundays on RJR 94 F.M at 6:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday

*Pastor Emeralla Forde,
April 27*



Anchor FM

<https://bit.ly/2YjtPnv>

You can listen to United In Faith episodes at your convenience on our Anchor F.M. Platform.

Click the link either in our Instagram bio or when it is circulated via WhatsApp on a Monday.

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NOTICES

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SEMINARS

MARCH - MAY 2022



- DATA COLLECTION & MANAGEMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
- LIVE STREAMING & PRODUCTION

First Saturdays are theoretical sessions via Zoom.
On the second Saturdays, the practical sessions for Live Streaming and Production will be done at the locations below:


 NEW DATE Webinars Memorial Mar 12/19	WRMC & CIRM St. Paul's (St. James) Apr 23/30	SRMC Ridgemount May 14/21
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REGISTER NOW

<https://training.ucjci.com>

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End Violence Against Women and Children



Share your *Thursdays in Black* photos on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and tag us @ucjci

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"IGNITE" FOR CHRIST

LOOK OUT FOR VIRTUAL TRAINING SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

GET READY FOR FACE TO FACE VBS 2022




The United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands
North Eastern Regional Mission Council

LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2022

30TH APR. 8:45 A.M.



Kingsgate United Church

Are you within the age group of 13 and 25 years?
Are you passionate about youth ministry?

We invite you to a special Leadership Training for youths within the region

For more information, please contact
The North Eastern Regional Mission Council Office at (876) 906-1394

In Honour of

The Pringle Home for Children

100th Anniversary



Congregations are requested to do a *walk-up offering* every Sunday during May 2022.

Proceeds are for the centenary celebration.