



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Weekly Update

October 12, 2022

Meadowbrook United 63rd Anniversary

Meadowbrook United Church celebrated its 63rd Anniversary with a special Service on Sunday, September 18, 2022, under the theme: **Resilient and Energized for the Journey**. The message was delivered by one of our past Ministers, Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan.

This service was well attended by many of our members included several people who were in the sanctuary for the first time since the advent of COVID-19 in 2020.

Specially invited guests included Rev. Raymond Coke and Mrs. Ruth Coke, Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson and Mrs. Hermena Davidson. Other specially invited guests, some of whom were physically in attendance, included the Principals, Staff and Students of Meadowbrook High School, Meadowbrook Preparatory School, Stratton Early Childhood Development Centre and Reg Keizs Early Childhood Development Centre.



Tofane Buchsaecab, Saxophonist.

The service was further enriched by offerings from the MUC Dancers and the Hands of Praise Ministry. We continue to give God the Glory as we continue to shine His beacon in the community.



Meadowbrook United Church Dancers.



Hands of Praise Ministry of Meadowbrook United

A Vision: The Charles Small Miracle Rock Garden at Mannings Hill United Church

Contributed by Jennifer & Paul Martin



Presentation to Elder Charles Small. Photo by Gary McNamee.

History was revealed in its glory on Sunday, October 9, with the formal dedication of a spectacularly beautiful rock garden at the Manning's Hill United Church in the cool and verdant hills of semi-rural St. Andrew.

The 'Charles Small Miracle Rock Garden', named after its visionary as the title indicates, blossomed and came to fruition on a rocky hillside at the rear of the church and the adjoining basic school via the dedicated labour and other inputs under the inspired leadership of Elder Charles Small (or 'Brother Frank', as he is familiarly called). Contributions came from far and wide.

Blessings were offered by Rev. Ranford Hewitt of the Mannings Hill United Church who dedicated the garden and Rev. Sylvan Hinds of the Shortwood United Church who dedicated the Prayer Mountain (a special feature of the garden). Brother Ferron Hunter, a United Church member, contributed brief reflections.

The audience, through MC Elder Karen-Ann Harris McLean – a member at Manning's Hill and a Vice-Chair, UCJCI North Eastern Regional Mission Council – also heard greetings from Mrs. Rose Wedderburn, Regional Deputy General Secretary (NERMC), Pastor Philip John Smith, and Dr. Polly Bowes-Howell, a community stalwart and past student of Mannings Hill Primary School.

Mrs. Jennifer Martin, chair of the UCJCI's North Eastern Regional Mission Council and a member at Manning's Hill, outlined the history of the rock garden and presented the relevant plaque to 'Brother Frank'. The audience at the late afternoon/early evening event enjoyed musical offerings by the church choir and band, soloists and an instrumentalist, as well as, the spoken word.

As the weather 'held' and the glare of the setting sun dipped beyond the horizon, members of the enthusiastic gathering, comprising persons from surrounding districts and a few from afar, were summoned to stand and take a 360-degree turn to savour and embrace the wondrous panoramic view offered by the garden.

In his vote of thanks Brother Frank expressed gratitude to his work team and the many persons who contributed to the realisation of his vision, the Lord's assignment. He also issued an invitation to 'singles', for example, to remember the opportunity that the garden offers as a venue for their celebrations when they decide to 'tie the knot'.



The audience participating in the dedication of the garden.
Photo by Gary McNamee.



Saxophonist Raheem Vassell was among the musical offerings for the evening.
Photo by Gary McNamee.

Liturgy For Worship At Home

October 16, 2022

Pentecost 19 || Heroes Sunday (Jamaica)
Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121
Luke 18:1-8
Persistent Hope
(Peace)

Biblical Peace (Shalom) speaks to wholeness - total health and total welfare - for the total person who is a child of God. What do we do when our peace is disturbed? All three of our readings today invite reflection on God (Jesus Christ) as the Source of our Peace. What is the message of Hope shared with the House Church when the world grapples with the effects of wars and rumours of war?

[As Jamaicans celebrate heroes past and present tomorrow, we find that among them are persons who persevered in the face of adversity, carving Peace for others through their struggles, building Hope, rather than focusing on the problems. Perhaps link to what Jesus does for each of us]

Possible theme song *'I Will Lift Up My Eyes'*

Davyton United Church
Convention 2022

THEME:
We Need Jesus Now More Than Ever!



Rev. Anthony
Wallace



Pastor Delmond
White



Rev. Rohan Kong

October 16-17, 2022
Time: 11:00 am & 6:30 pm

COME FOR:
-Healing & Restoration
-Worship & Salvation
-Miracles & Prayer



ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis whose mother, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, passed on
- The family of the late Karl Bright who passed recently
- Lay Pastor John Macmillan and Mrs. Itza Bodden, Youth Worker, in Cayman who both face health related challenges
- The family of Ms. Rose Spalding, who passed recently
- Rev. Dr. James Gibbs, who is recovering from illness and who lost his brother, Winston George Gibbs
- All who have experienced weather related to the passage of Hurricane Ian
- Rev. Ranford Hewitt
- The Bulgin Family
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond

Prayer

Psalm 20

May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;

may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the Lord grant all your requests.

Now this I know:

The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

Lord, give victory to the king!

Answer us when we call!



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY
CHILD OF GOD

"Living The Word, Changing Lives ..."

TRAINING SESSIONS

INTRODUCTION:

Purpose of the Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..." Campaign/Ministry The intent of the **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."** Campaign/Ministry is to engender a lifestyle that physically brings to life the action/activities of the Spiritual teachings of Jesus Christ among the believer. **That is to empower** the believer to demonstrate the **"Fruit of the Spirit"** which are Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance. (Galatians 5 : 22 & 23KJV) through **The Development of "Active Spiritual Discipline"**.

Phase 2 – of the Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..." Campaign developed by the **Discipleship Ministry of Webster Memorial United Church** has been assigned to **Public Educational/Training Sessions** aimed at **Members and Adherents** of the Church.

Following on a successful initiation of the **Discipleship 'Child of God' Training Sessions** earlier this year at Webster on **"The Development of Active Spiritual Discipline"**; we are encouraged by the level of interest and thirst for knowledge demonstrated not only by the members and adherents of our Church Webster, but also by interested persons from other denominations locally and globally spanning participants from the **USA, Canada, and the Caribbean**. This has endorsed our contention that Training is not only needed but desperately wanted. Therefore, the Discipleship Ministry have responded to offering another series of Training Sessions under the theme **"The Fundamentals of Our Faith"**.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME PURPOSE:

The Fundamentals of Our Faith is another response to the question: Who is a **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."**? As presented by the Ministry; a Definition of a **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."** is defined follows:
A Child of God is "someone who believes in God, dedicated to service, demonstrating a willingness to serve others through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, has faith in God, and is grounded in the Word of God through Prayer."

Training Sessions will be coordinated by **Mrs. Elaine Commissiong** under the guidance of Webster Senior Minister **Rev. Astor Carlyle**. Guest Presenters for these sessions are : **Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Rev. Norbert Stephens, Rev Henley Bernard, Rev. Lembe Sivile , Rev Dr. Collin Cowan** and **Rev. Dr Burchell Taylor**.

Presentations will begin on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**.

Sessions will be held weekly thereafter on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. These Training Sessions will be in the Webster Sanctuary and on Zoom.

Vision: Instituting a Spiritual Lifestyle of Active Service among all Believers

Mission: Empowering a Physical Lifestyle of Actions/Activities, that is based on the Spiritual Teachings of Jesus Christ within all Believers.

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**LAY LEADERS
 GRADUATION 2022**

**SUNDAY
 NOVEMBER 13,
 2022**

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED
 CHURCH, MANDEVILLE
 3:00 P.M.

**GUEST SPEAKER
 - REV. DR. COLLIN COWAN
 MINISTER, IMMANUEL/BOSCOBEL CHARGE**

**COVID 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES WILL BE OBSERVED.
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The Pringle Home for Children



"Pringle at 100: preserving a legacy of service"

Church Service

July 31

Open Day

August 24

Panel Discussion:
Child Care and
Protection in Jamaica

November 17

Gospel Concert

December



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH

GATHERING AT 1PM START TIME 1:30PM

Come worship, sing and dance for Christ

Refreshments on sale

eDARE 2022: re(l)ease liberation theology

October 24, 26 & 28 2022 via Zoom



Registration for CWM's eDARE 2022 is now open!

We invite you to register using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/iWjf9BmB2FWLArw39>

We look forward to seeing you DARE!

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Children



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Happy Birthday



Rev Novlyn Hanson
October 13



Rev Noel Murray
October 13



Ms. Monique Lofters
October 13



Rev. Dr. Marjorie
Lewis
October 16

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