



# The United Church in Jamaica and the

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*Women's fellowship Week January 22– 28, 2023*

## “It's More Than A Home, It's a Ministry”

THE YULETIDE Ministry to the United Church Senior Citizens' Home (UCSCH) brought many hands together on the Mandeville premises last December two days before Christmas.

For the second consecutive year, Ms. Janice Bailey, Director of the UCSCH, with much help, executed a successful luncheon for the joy of residents and staff. The event commenced with hearty meals which made way for the singing of carols with family members who joined on zoom and a performance from Yashi Williams, Evangelism and Discipleship Coordinator of the United Church Young Adults' Action Movement, for the Southern Regional Mission Council. Rev. Chung was also present at the Luncheon.

Ms. Bailey shared that all 18 residents welcomed the Christmas event. “They especially enjoyed the all-you-can-eat menu as they enjoyed foods they do not eat throughout the year,” she said.

The family members were very appreciative of the consideration and expressed that they enjoyed the caroling.

The Board, chaired by the recently appointed Dorothy Miller, held a potluck and lyme for the staff. Majority of the board members were present. Rev. J. Oliver Daley was also present.

### *Partners in Service*

It would be remiss not to mention the continuous support from The Mount Olivet Boys' Home. Like the year before, Ms. Kimberly Elliot, Assistant Director of the Boys' Home led the boys in preparing the food. They also assisted in renovating the infrastructure in December 2021. The UCSCH also expresses thank you to the Women's Fellowship of Andrews Memorial United Church in Mandeville for being so consistent in their care and consideration toward the home and the residents.

“The Church and the Women's Fellowship, especially from Andrews Memorial, have not left them out. In times when family members cannot turn up or they are late in coming we are able to assist because of the donations and support from them,” Ms. Bailey said.

Because of this, she said, “it's more than a home, it's a ministry.”

They also spent quality time with residents leading them in caroling, worship, prayer, and storytelling, sharing an interpretation of the nativity story.

The kindness of families, and various individuals continue to assist in relieving the plight.

Special mention must be made of the ecumenical support. The Seventh Day Adventist Church in the community has made donations, and The Church of God has made worship and prayer with the residents a routine. Though Rev. Chung, Minister of Ridgemount United church often visits and does communion with them regularly, and Mrs. Geraldine Robertson have provided counseling in the past, the residents have asked for the United Church to implement a programme that includes weekly fellowship and prayer.

*Images were not shared to protect the identity of the residents of the Senior Citizens' Home and the wards of State at Mount Olivet Boy's Home.*

# The Season of Epiphany

-CIRMC



According to the Church's Liturgical Calendar, on January 6, 2022, we enter into the Season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a special day as well as a season between Christmas and Lent.

The word 'epiphany' means manifestation revelation. It also means a sudden, profound understanding or realization of something. It refers to that assurance of our Christian faith that Jesus is God's self-revelation to the world in human form.

In Western Christianity, Epiphany commemorates the visits of the Magi (Three Kings), who followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet Jesus. Their encounter with Jesus symbolizes the physical manifestation of the Savior of the World to the Gentiles.

In Eastern Christianity, Epiphany is associated with the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. This event is seen as His manifestation to the world as the Son of God.

Like the Magi, may we, too, be open to being surprised as we continue on our journey. Like those at the river Jordan, may we have an 'eye' to see Jesus in the common and ordinary. May we also be rooted and resilient as we (Return, Reconnect, Realign, Re-ignite) respond to the many challenges we face in our personal lives and collectively as a Church.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 17, 2023

Spalding, Clarendon— We recently discovered certain irregularities involving the falsification of a number of cheques issued by the College. The discovery was prompted by a recent call from our bankers seeking to verify three cheques presented to them on the day; three cheques with numbers coinciding with ones issued by the College but apparently altered to reflect greater amounts. Subsequent internal checks revealed that other cheque items had in fact been paid previously. The matter has been reported to our Board of Management, our auditors, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime and Security portfolio, the Ministry of Education and Youth, the General Secretary of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and, as well as our banker's (NCB) Fraud Prevention Unit. The matter is now under full investigation by the relevant authorities, and, in the meantime, several staff of the accounts department have been placed on administrative leave.

Contingency measures have been put in place to ensure business continuity.

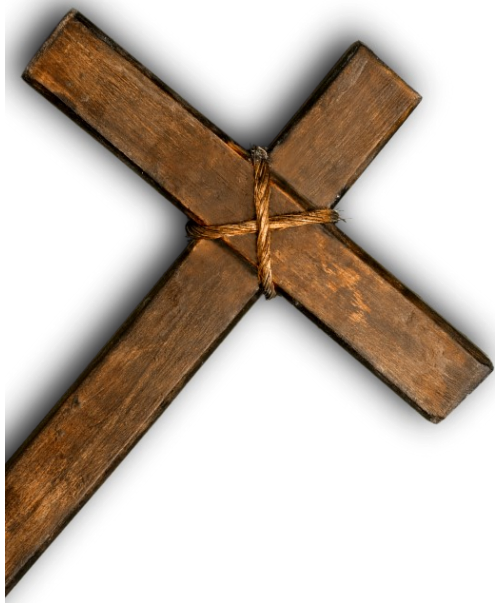
- Dr. Davia Ramgeet, Principal.

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# PRAYER Corner



- Rev. Tamara Smith Coleman who lost her father
- The son of Mrs. Sheila Arscott Smith, Jerome, who is recovering from injuries from car crash
- Ms. Joy Williams who lost her brother
- Students, staff, parents and other members of the Oberlin High School community
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian
- Crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond



Dear God,

Words cannot describe the wonderment that You sent Your only begotten Son to come to earth as a Man - and to live a life of rejection and sorrow, and to suffer and die for me on the cross of Calvary - so that I might be forgiven of all my sins and live with You eternally in heaven.

Thank You Father that although I was unworthy to approach Your glorious throne, and enslaved in the kingdom of darkness, yet in Your mercy and grace You stooped down to me and lifted me out of the Satan's bondage and from the cesspit of sin, and seated me together with Christ in heavenly places and showered me with Your undeserved grace and favor. Thank You that I am now one of Your redeemed children, in Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.



# Liturgy for Worship at Home

**JANUARY 22, 2023**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

**RETURN FOR REVIVAL  
(RECEIVING HEALING AND  
CLEANSING GRACE)**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

- **Isaiah 9:1-4**
- **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**
- **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**
- **Matthew 4:12-23**

**Andrews Memorial Young Adults  
Presents A Evening of Praise**

**Guest Speaker:  
Rev Khereen Wilson Bailey**

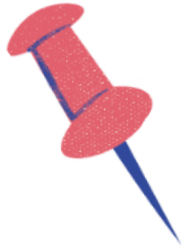
**Liberty  
Gospel Music Band**

**The Reason  
FOR YOUR  
PRAISE**

**Time : 5pm-8pm**

**Date : January 29, 2023**

**@Andrews United Church , Corner of West Road and Ward Avenue  
Admission Free & Refreshments on Sale**



# NOTICES

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL  
YOUNG ADULTS' ACTION MOVEMENT**

*Prayer Breakfast*  
**2023**

THEME:  
**ALIVE!**  
*Christ-Centered  
Life-Focused  
Life Giving!*

**8AM** | PRAY FOR THE WORLD  
SATURDAY | **JANUARY 28TH**

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH  
@53 Main Street,  
Mandeville: Manchester

**REV. LEMBE SVILE**  
SPEAKER

**\$1200.00**




**EVANGELISM CONVERSATION 2023**

UCJCI NORTH-EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL INVITES ALL: ELDERS MEMBERS, CONGREGATION, EVANGELISM LEADERS, MINISTERS AND PASTORS TO AN EVANGELISM CONVERSATION.

Under the theme:  
"We are in it Together"

**REV. DR. STEPENSON SAMUELS**  
SPEAKER

**FEBRUARY 4, 2023**  
HOSTED VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM  
MEETING ID : 886657494  
PASSWORD: EVANGELIZE

MORE INFO:  
+1 (876) 864-9557  
Zoom Link will be circulated closer to date of the event




End Violence Against Women

Towards a world without rape and violence

**THURSDAYS IN BLACK**

World Council of Churches

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**ON AIR**

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







# Happy Birthday



*We hope your Birthday was extraordinary...  
We wish for you a fantastic day.*



Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott  
Moderator  
December 23



Rev. David Tucker  
December 25



Rev. Dwight Kelly  
December 27



Rev. Nevroy Francis  
December 31



Rev. Karleen Thomas-Barnes  
Jan. 02



Rev. Alice Blair  
Jan. 03



Ms. Ceta Rose  
Jan. 03



Rev. I. Wayne Silvera  
Jan. 05



Rev. Laddia Young  
Jan. 08



**18TH  
MARCH**

**WE'RE BACK !!**

**NATIONAL**

**SPORTS**

**DAY**



**The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands  
Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian**

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Rev. Norbert Stephens

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