



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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Ebenezer Primary and Infant School – a beacon of excellence

by Sheree O'Connor, Programme Secretary, SRMC

Brilliance and resilience permeate the Ebenezer Primary and Infant School in Manchester, despite challenges encountered.

Though some students are disadvantaged due to lack of exposure and lack of resources, Ebenezer Primary and Infant School sees excellent performance amongst its students with them working at various levels. They tend to do well in Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC) Competition, participate in the ALPART Safety Quiz and recently saw one student representing the parish at a Jamaica Teachers' Association meet earlier this month.

Among the recent accomplishments, is that of Francine Samuels, a grade 6 student at the institution, who has been placed third in the parish in the Lay Magistrate's Association of Jamaica's (LMAJ) essay competition. The competition is one of the social programmes initiated by the LMAJ with this year's focus being on how students have coped during the pandemic. Francine is noted to have an excellent attitude to work, which makes her an exceptional student. Her essay will now be judged against those from other parishes.

A stone of help

Throughout the pandemic, many students have suffered due to no access to internet, devices and or inability to afford textbooks. With this in mind, the school leadership has sought to support the children by sourcing devices, internet connection and data, providing extra lessons, one-to-one instruction, uniforms, books and shoes as well as food packages for some. The school sometimes receives donation from Canada, past students and other friends abroad. One such assistance came in the refurbishing of a cottage which now houses students and parents until their academic career at Ebenezer has ended. Staff development sessions are also held to equip teachers and psychosocial guidance sessions are available to both teachers and parents by the school's guidance counsellor.



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2022 CAMP ESSENTIALS



FINAL ADJUSTED DATES

Children's/Jr. Camp
Wed, July 6 – Sun, July 10
(Ages 8-13)

Pacesetters Teens Camp (Teens 1)
Wed, July 13– Sun, July 17
(Ages 14-17)

Discovery Teens Camp (Teens 2)
Wed, July 20 – Sun, July 24
(Ages 14-17)

Youth Encounter
Thurs, July 28– Sun, July 31
(Ages 18-25)

Register through your regional office
by submitting completed registration
form and registration fee of \$4500

COST: \$9000
(Includes the registration fee)

DEADLINE MAY 31, 2022

By O'Jay Graham, Camp Coordinator

With just weeks to go before the much anticipated start of the UCJCI camp season, let us get to packing the famous “camp bags”. No need to fear just use the checklist below and you will have everything needed to be a happy Camper.

- The most important items (tools of the camp) are your bible and your notebook
- Your bed linen (sheets, pillow, pillow case) makes you feel at home
- You will need modest clothes to last five days (two sets per day). Don't forget the swimwear for beach day; dress to look your best at family dinner/award ceremony and casual wear with red top for the Jesus Party
- Comfortable shoes, sneakers, sandals
- If the electricity goes, a flashlight would be helpful
- Hand sanitizers and masks to help keep you safe
- Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Remember your towel, wash rags, bath soap, toilet tissue, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Don't forget your tuck money and marked water bottles.

The leadership team have created one of the most exciting camp programmes and after a two-year absence of physical camp, we are coming back with a holy ghost bang!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We look forward to seeing you at “Camp 2022”. Start packing and let us create your best summer experience as we get “Rooted in Christ, Grounded in His Love”.



The Cayman Islands Women's Fellowship held its Annual Retreat on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Elmslie Memorial Church.

'For Such a Time as This' was the theme for the Retreat. The RDGS provided the reflection on the theme, based on Esther 4:1-17.



Three workshops which focused on Mental Health, Women's Health and Stress were held. The workshops were presented by Dr. Alexandria Bodden, Dr. Rhonda Reeves and Dr. Julie Goodman, respectively.



The Chair of Council, Rev. Rohan Forrester, closed out the retreat with a reflection and co-celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev. L. Christopher Mason, the Vice-Chair of Discipleship. Ms. Brenda Dawkins was the Chairperson for the Retreat, and Mr. Denver Bloomfield provided the music. It was a time of praise, inspiration, information sharing and fellowship. The Women's Fellowship expresses its thanks to the Elmslie Memorial Church, Staff and Rev. Mason for graciously hosting the Retreat.

Ministry in Action

by Ms. Camile Watt

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, the Youth Discipleship Group of the Savannah United Church visited a new community development in the Savannah area and distributed tracts, bookmarkers and candy bags to welcome families to the neighborhood and invite them out to church. This activity was a part of their quarterly mission/evangelistic efforts.



PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels who lost his brother
- Miss Heather Thompson who lost her Uncle
- The family of Mrs. Lola McKinley who passed recently
- The family of Ms. Rachel McLean who passed recently
- Rev. Godfrey Meghoo who is ill
- Mrs. Janet McConnell who lost her uncle recently
- Mrs. Sheila Arscott-Smith who lost her brother-in-law recently
- Rev. Everton Brissett, Minister of Savanna la Mar charge of United Churches, and family, as they mourn the passing of his mom Mrs. Lillette Brissett
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank You for your presence in the world. You touch our pain and warm our hearts with hope.

Fill us with the joy of your Spirit and make us faithful messengers of your Gospel.

Amen.

Liturgy for At Home Worship

June 26, 2022

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Resilient:

The Cost of Discipleship!

Old Testament:

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 16

New Testament:

St. Luke 9: 51- 62

**Many are quick
to say that they
will follow, but
with conditions...
NOT SO when
following Christ.**



THE SALISBURY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH

Presents A

Cake Sale

On the church grounds

On Friday, June 24, 2022
Commencing @ 10 a.m.



- CAKES:
- *BLACK FOREST
 - *RED VELVET
 - *CHEESECAKE
 - *CHOCOLATE MOCHA
 - *PLAIN CAKE
- Served with a bottle of water

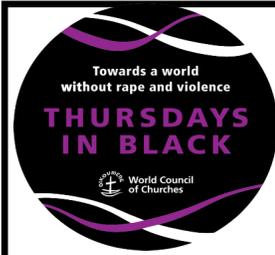
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

COST: \$900

*CHEESECAKE \$1100

Proceeds in aid of the church building funds.

End Violence Against Women and Children



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

#WCC, #UCJCI #evgw,
#ThursdaysinBlack,
#endviolenceagainstwomen

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JUNE
SATURDAY 25 AT 5PM
2022

MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH
2 Flemington Drive



To have & to hold, for better, for worse...
Rev. Dr. Collin & Michele Cowan



For richer, for poorer...
Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle



In sickness & health, 'til death do us part
Pastor Roger & Michelle Stewart

Also available on: Meadowbrook United Church YouTube and livestream



IGNITE

for **CHRIST!**

LOOK OUT FOR VIRTUAL TRAINING

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

GET READY FOR FACE TO FACE

VBS 2022



UCYAAM

CONFERENCE

2022 | AUG. 18-21, 2022 | 50th Edition

Madge Saunders Conference
Tower Isle, St. Mary

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MANNINGS HILL UNITED CHURCH
presents

CHOIRS IN PRAISE

Let Praises Rise



JUNE 26, 2022 **5PM**
START TIME

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Contribution - \$500
Refreshments on sale

PRIZES AND SURPRIZES!!!
COME MEK WE LIFT UP JESUS!!!
ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

LET'S ALL HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Celebrate fashion, talent and creativity of
our nurses and residents

Get a front row seat on Zoom.

**SENIOR HOME FASHION SHOW & FREESTYLE
CONCERT**

Time: June 25,, 2022 11:00 AM America/Jamaica

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 812 2807 0060

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Happy Birthday



Rev. Dr. Gordon Evans
June 22



Rev. Anthony Chung
June 25



Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels
June 25

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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