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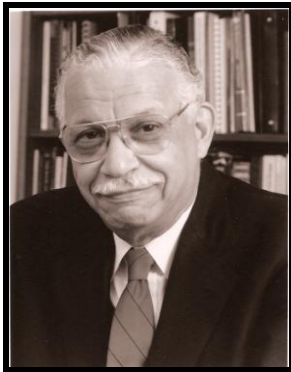
News from Camp Olmsted & Olmsted Center
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Fundraiser At Park Ave. UMC Will Honor Dr. Carrington & Christ Church UM, NYC



Our fourth annual fundraiser in support of the Olmsted summer camper scholarship fund to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 will honor the Rev. Dr. John E. Carrington who retired as Executive Director of the United Methodist City Society in 1999 after twenty-seven years of service. Since retirement, Dr Carrington has served as interim pastor at Salem, Madison Ave., Grace, Valley Stream, and Brooks Memorial (Queens) UMCs. Currently he serves as interim pastor of the Commack UMC and Interim Executive Director of the City Society.

Christ Church UM in New York City will be honored for its volunteer service work at Olmsted Center. Most recently, the Saturday Kids Group of Christ Church came with their leaders and helped with spring cleaning and yard work.

Previous honorees include the Rev. Richard J Rice, Mrs. Janet Hayes, and the late Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Pressley. Churches honored have included the Park Avenue United Methodist, Chinese United Methodist, and Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist churches.

Tickets for this event which includes a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception and a silent auction offering merchandise such as tickets to Yankee and Mets baseball games, accessories and gift baskets are priced at \$65 per person. The reception, auction, and program will be from 6-9 pm at the church located on 86th Street just east of Park Avenue. Churches and individuals are invited to make contributions of auctionable items as well as placements in the reception journal.

Summer Camp Registration Begins April 2



Registration and Session dates are set and program planning has begun for summer camp 2008. Tito Maisonet will be returning as Director and Thomas Gantt, a former counselor has been named as Program Director.

REGISTRATION DATES

THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION DATES WILL BE HELD AT 2085 FIFTH AVE. (BETWEEN 128TH & 129TH)

WEDNESDAY	APRIL 2	4PM – 7PM
TUESDAY	APRIL 22	4PM – 7PM
WEDNESDAY	MAY 7	4PM – 7PM
THURSDAY	MAY 22	4PM – 7PM
SATURDAY	JUNE 7	11AM – 2PM
SATURDAY	JUNE 14	11AM – 2PM

**PARENT ORIENTATION AT 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
THURSDAY MAY 29 6PM**

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS? CALL (212) 870-3084

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer which will again include a trip to Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, swimming, art & crafts, baking, hiking, recreation, carnival day, and much more. The program fee for Olmsted is \$370 per child. An additional child or session is \$350/child or session.

CAMP SESSION DATES

STAFF ORIENTATION:	JUNE 23 – JUNE 29
FIRST:	JUNE 30 – JULY 11
SECOND:	JULY 14 – JULY 25
THIRD:	JULY 28 – AUGUST 8
FOURTH:	AUGUST 11 – AUG. 22

NOMADS Sought For Renovation Of Lindsley Dining Hall Kitchen

In December an application was made to the national office of the NOMADS for a team to enlarge and rebuild the kitchen in Lindsley Dining Hall during October 2008. After meeting with an architect in January, we now believe that the scope of the renovation may involve a two phase project to be completed in the Fall of 2009.



The planned work will add more than four hundred square feet to the existing kitchen. The kitchen floor will be replaced, and a new stove, dishwasher, and cooler/freezer unit will be installed. Special efforts will be made to minimize the period in which the kitchen will not be available for use in the retreat program.

We are anticipating a substantial cost for materials and equipment that will be required to complete the job. There will also be cost for the services of a commercial contractor to construct the foundation of the additional space. Therefore available funds will be supplemented by applications for grants and other fundraising efforts.

My Experiences by 2007 Camper Sarah-Dee

Some of my experiences at Camp Olmsted taught me many lessons that will help me in life. For instance, my counselors guided me in the right path and showed me the things to do and the things to not do. Camp Olmsted for me was a challenge also because I'm doing many things here that I wouldn't normally try to attempt. An example is the Zip Line. While I was climbing up the tree I wanted to give up because I knew I wouldn't be able to accomplish but having such good friends to encourage me build up my confidence and I completed the challenge.

Making new friends was one of favorite parts of Camp Olmsted. The good part is that none of them were fake and they were all different. Having friends like some of the people in the cabin was a blessing because I was able to trust all of them for the people they are. They made some of my experiences better because when I was sad they were always there to cheer me up. I surely will never forget any of them. Even though some

Bishop's Cabinet Enjoys January Retreat At Olmsted Center's Kirkwood House

Recently we were honored to host a four-day retreat for Bishop Jeremiah J. Park and the six District Superintendents at our Victorian-style Kirkwood House, a retreat facility dedicated on May 8, 1999 in honor of Gladys and William C. Kirkwood.



Bill Kirkwood was a prominent lay person who provided many years of valuable service to St. Mark's UMC, Rockville Center, the United Methodist City Society, New York (then Brooklyn) Methodist Hospital, and the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home as well as many NYAC committees. Kirkwood House includes ten bedrooms and six baths and is an ideal retreat facility for up to 20 persons.



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I won't see again and some I will, I will always remember them.

But the people that made my experiences a learning but fun experience have to be my counselors; Ms. Odessa, Ms. Kishea, and Ms. Samantha. They each inspired me to help others out, to always keep perseverance, and to never settle less than your best. If it wasn't for them just being here I would be a wreck at Camp Olmsted.

Bells of Christmas Rang At Kirkwood House Dinner

Following their enjoyment of a sumptuous dinner, thirty friends of Olmsted attending our Christmas Candlelight Dinner on Saturday December 8 were entertained by an impressive bell choir from the Cornwall Presbyterian Church. The choir played many favorite Christmas carols.



And once again the evening's program included by the Biblical storytelling of the birth of Jesus by the Rev. Richard J. Rice, his wife Nancy and their daughter, Martha Epstein.

New Stowell Trailhead Puts Us on Storm King Map

During negotiations with Scenic Hudson and the Cornwall-on-Hudson planning board to enable our purchase of the Donahue Farm in 1997, we agreed to grant an easement through this property which would enable a public trail for use by hikers in their ascent of Storm King Mountain. Now almost ten years later, Scenic Hudson, with financial support from private donors, including Five Points Mission (as per our purchase agreement), has established what is to be known as the Stowell Trailhead at Storm King.



This trail runs Northward of the portion of acreage currently used for our summer camping and retreats, traveling one-half mile from Route 218 (Bay View Avenue) to where our property meets Storm King State Park. It is a section of the Highlands Trail now running from Riverfront Park at Cornwall Landing on the West bank of the Hudson River, over Storm King Mountain and through Black Rock Forest, eventually reaching the Delaware River. Scenic Hudson plans to construct a kiosk marking the Stowell Trailhead.

NOMADS Complete New Pavilion and Much More

Retreat groups and summer campers will now be able to enjoy outdoor activities under a 24' by 40' pavilion recently completed by Nomads On Mission in Divine Service (NOMADS). As described in our last issue of the Gazette, eighteen husbands and wives "camped out" in their RVs for three weeks in the field below the pool to build a pavilion and complete other repair and beautification work at the Manor House, Kirkwood House, and the reconstructed boys' shower house.



The Fall of 2007 marked the fourth year in which NOMADS' teams completed major projects at the camp. In earlier years teams renovated the Manor House basement space that now serves as a computer center, gutted and reconstructed the caretaker's cottage, and enlarged and remodeled the boy's shower house opposite the pool.

The Cornwall and Mountainville United Methodist Churches, pastored by the Revs Bob Milsom and Darlene



Resling, respectively, continue to welcome the NOMADS to worship services and church dinners. Other NOMADS group activities included a bus tour of the nearby U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a walking tour of downtown Manhattan sites near Ground Zero.

During the NYC trip the group visited the John Street United Methodist Church for a talk on early Methodist history presented by the Rev. Jason Radmacher, and the Chinese United Methodist Church which was at one time owned by Five Points Mission.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 17: Camp Olmsted Fundraiser/Silent Auction

May 15: UMCS Annual Dinner 6PM at 475 Riverside

May 23-25: Stress Relief Weekend

June 6-8: Hudson Valley Sightseeing Weekend

July 19: Managers' Day

Oct. 31-Nov. 2: Culinary & Historic Homes Weekend

Dec. 13: Christmas Candlelight Dinner



Newly renovated Kirkwood Room @ Manor House

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