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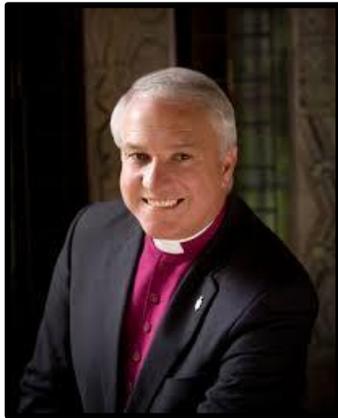
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Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton Appointed to the New York Annual Conference

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton has been appointed as the spiritual leader of the 447 United Methodist congregations in the New York Annual Conference as of September 1, 2016. Following his election to the episcopacy in 2004, Bishop Bickerton served the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference from 2004-2016.



Bishop Bickerton has a strong commitment to children and youth. He also led the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign for the United Methodist Church and helped raise over \$72,000,000 for the cause. We welcome Bishop Bickerton and wish him God's continued blessings in his service to the conference.

Important Dates

Sunday, November 20:
UMCS Annual Meeting
3:30 PM at St. John's-Elmont UMC

Saturday, December 10:
Christmas Candlelight Dinner
5:00 PM at Kirkwood House

TBD:
Scholarship Fundraiser

Monday, June 26:
Day Camp begins

Monday, July 3:
Sleep-Away Camp begins

Saturday, July 22:
Managers' Day
12:00 Noon at Camp Olmsted

Christmas Candlelight Dinner On December 10th



On Saturday, December 10th, we will gather at Kirkwood House for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, fellowship, a delicious meal, carol singing, and biblical storytelling done by the Rev. Richard Rice along with Nancy Rice and their daughter the Rev. Martha Epstein.

Cost for the dinner is \$30 per person. Bed and breakfast in the Kirkwood House is available for an additional \$50 per person. The hors d'oeuvres will be ready at 5 PM. and the dinner at 6 PM. Please make reservations in advance with Carla at [\(845\) 534 7900](tel:8455347900) Ext. 11 or by email at info@campolmsted.org.

City Society Annual Meeting to be held November 20th at St John's-Elmont UMC



Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton will be the featured speaker at the 178th Annual Meeting of the United Methodist City Society, scheduled for Sunday, November 20th, 3:30 PM at St. John's-Elmont UMC. St. John's is the site of a great summer camp and after-school program, both of which are part of the City Society's Children's Program Initiative.

The worshipful business meeting will begin at 3:30 PM, followed by a reception. The ministry of Anchor House will be highlighted and its choir will be featured.

Congregations of churches in the Long Island East, Long Island West, Metropolitan, and NY-Connecticut districts are members of the Society entitled to vote for the election of Directors and on any other business that needs to come before the meeting.

Please call City Society for more information and directions (212) 870-3084.

John Street UMC Celebrates 250th



The first Methodist society in New York City was organized in 1766 by Philip Embury and Barbara Heck, soon joined by Captain William Webb, a British officer and Methodist lay preacher. Property was purchased on John Street, now in the heart of the downtown financial district. A building was erected, and the

“Wesley Chapel” dedicated on October 30, 1768. The current building, erected in 1841, is the third structure on the site.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Rev. Jason P. Radmacher and his congregation as the church celebrates the 250th Anniversary of ministry.

Manor House Roof and Fire Escape Project



We are in the process of replacing the entire back roof and fire escape on the second floor of Manor House. The roof was over 27 years old and was leaking into the kitchen. The fire escape and deck were also in constant need of repair.

This project began the second week of November and is due to be completed by the end of the year. We are grateful to Marc Boots, son of Reverend Wilson Boots, for his generous donation of \$30,000 to Five Points Mission which makes this project possible (see related article). We would also like to thank local architect, John Till, for his work on the project and his guidance throughout this process.

City Society Executive Director Bill Shillady Offers Benediction at DNC



On a historic night in which Hillary Clinton became the first female presidential nominee of a major party, the Rev. Dr. William Shillady, Executive Director of the City Society, had the opportunity to give the benediction on the final night of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Prior to accepting his current position eight years ago, Bill served as pastor at the Park Avenue UMC where Chelsea Clinton was a frequent worshipper. Rev. Shillady got to know the Clintons and was asked to co-officiate at Chelsea’s wedding.

Bill has described the evening of July 28 as “an incredible moment” and one of the major experiences of his life. It was also a great moment for the millions of viewers to hear the words of Bill’s closing from the teachings of John Wesley, “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

Marc Boots Makes Generous Gift

Olmsted Center has received \$30,000 of a gift made by Marc Boots, the son of a retired New York Annual Conference pastor. These funds contributed to the decision to move forward with the expensive installation of a metal fire escape at the Manor House (see article on the left).

Marc is a member of St. Paul’s UMC, a “cathedral of Methodism” in Houston known for a strong emphasis on social justice issues and radical hospitality. His father, the Rev. Wilson Boots, served as local church pastor, district superintendent, and Council Director during his active ministry in the NYAC. Marc’s mother Dr. Nora Boots spent much of her professional life as director for the Latin America and Caribbean office of the GBGM World Division.

Summer 2016



Camp Olmsted had another successful year serving 357 campers this past summer! This figure includes 174 children who participated in our regular camping program and 183 children who participated in our day camp program – all of these numbers are increases over 2015.



During the summer Olmsted campers enjoy swimming, hiking, art, ropes challenge courses, sports, trips to the museum and kiddies kitchen. We were also pleased to discover how many of our campers love singing, dancing and performing – so we incorporated student performances into our Manager’s Day and Open House events held for parents during second and third sessions.



House events held for parents during second and third sessions.



Fire Education with our local fire department

Summer 2017

Camp Olmsted offers both overnight and day camping programs during the summer. In 2017 our programs will start on June 26th and end on August 11th. Due to popular demand we have added another week of day camp! Please see the box below for exact dates and camper fees.

Registration for the 2017 season began on October 1st – so hurry and get your child registered for camp! You can use our easy online registration system by visiting our website or you can send us your address and we will mail you an application package.

If you have any questions about camp or the registration process, please contact Ms. Aisha Campbell at (212) 870-3098.

2017 Summer Camp Dates

Due to the New York City School calendar this year Day Camp will begin one week before Sleep-Away Camp.

Sleep-Away Sessions (\$435 per Session)

- 1: July 3 – 14
- 2: July 17 – 28
- 3: July 31 – August 11

Day Camp Weeks (\$135 to \$160 per Week)

- 1: June 26 – 30
- 2: July 3 – 7
- 3: July 10 – 13
- 4: July 17 – 21
- 5: July 24 – 27
- 6: July 31 – August 4
- 7: August 7 – 10

Camp Scholarships

Camp Olmsted has been serving children for over 100 years. We offer a diverse, enriching camping experience for children from all backgrounds and communities. Last year, over 60% of the children attending Camp Olmsted received financial assistance. Donations from local churches, agencies and individuals help Five Points Mission provide the necessary scholarship support to campers in need and allow them the opportunity to experience “Camp Olmsted”.

If you would like to help make a difference in the life of a potential camper and assist with scholarship support for Camp Olmsted please send your check to:

Five Points Mission
 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1922
 New York, NY 10115
 Attn: Scholarship Appeal

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