



**99<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Richmond Hill UMC**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:00 am**

# 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday Service

**Opening with Praise**

**Joint Praise Team**

(Love & Grace/ Richmond Hill UMC)

**Greetings**

**Pastor Park**

**Call to Worship**

**Sis. Loris Goffe**

(Lay Leader)

L: We gather today to celebrate 99 years of mission and ministry in this place.

**P: Creator God, may we continue to bear witness to your love!**

L: We give you thanks for the Saints before us who have prayed, worshipped, studied, and given of themselves as missionaries.

**P: Living God, may we continue to bear witness to your Grace and Peace!**

L: May we continue to be a reflection of the faith of those who have prepared the way for us.

**P: Eternal God, may we continue to bear witness to the hope and joy that we find in you!**

L: We open our lives to this moment, realizing that your spirit has led us to this place and that it is your spirit calling us into the future.

**P: As you have blessed us in the past, bless us today and in all the days to come. May we be found faithful to your love by those who come after us.**

**Celebration Message (1)**

**Rev. Moonsook Kim**

**Celebration Message (2)**

**Rev. Delores Barrett**

(Community UMC, Middle Village Senior Pastor)

**Celebration Message (3)**

**Rev. Puran Itwar Gee**

(Love and Grace Church Senior Pastor)

**Special Music Selection (1)**

**Violin Solo: Ms. Hye Sun Hyun**

**Piano: Mr. Ha Jin Choi**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-10**

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**Sis. Diane Kirkwood**

(Chairperson of Counting Committee/Trustee)

**Hymn # 369**

**“Blessed Assurance”**

**Sermon**

**“The Citizenship of Kingdom of Heaven”**

**Pastor Park**

**Special Music Selection (2) Richmond Hill UMC Sunday School Choir**

**“I am a Friend of God”**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**Mr. Ha Jin Choi**

**The Nicene Creed**

Hymnal # 880

**Rayman Alli**

(Chairperson of Church Council/Board of Trustees/LIWD UMM)

**Apostle’s Creed**

Hymnal # 881

**Abigail Changroo**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Abigail Changroo**

**The Celebrations of the Reception into the Richmond Hill UMC**

**Special Music Selection (3)**

**Violin: Agnes Park**

**Piano: Mr. Ha Jin Choi**

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

**Announcement**

**Benediction**

## Time Line of The United Methodist Church of Richmond Hill

- May 1919 Bethany Church was “born” at the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Atlantic Conference of the Evangelical Church Rev. William Schmid appointed as missionary.
- July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1919 Using a gift from the Harrison Avenue German Evangelical Church, which was closing, a store and dwelling-house at 109<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue was purchased to be used as a mission hall and parsonage.
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1919 The first service, under the name of Harrison Evangelical Church, was conducted in the store by Rev. Schmid.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1920*** ***During the pastorate of Rev. Fred G. Fisher, the Church was organized and incorporated as Bethany Evangelical Church.***
- 1921 The 1921 session of the Atlantic Conference authorized the purchase of the present property, on 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, extending from 112<sup>th</sup> Street to 113<sup>th</sup> Street.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1921 The first service on this property was held in a tent provided by the New York City Evangelistic Committee. These continued during the building of the new church.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> , 1921 During the pastorate of Rev. H. Hagelstein(1921-1924), ground was broken for the construction of the chapel and parsonage.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> , 1921 The cornerstone is laid (It is to the right of the church entrance).
- January 15<sup>th</sup> , 1922 The new church was dedicated by Bishop S.C. Breyfogel.
- May, 1924 Rev. Frederick W. Siebert appointed pastor of Bethany Church.
- January, 1925 The chapel was remodeled and enlarged by adding the two back rooms. The membership of the church grew and the Sunday School found it necessary to meet in morning and afternoon sessions.
- 1930 It was decided to enlarge the church to its present size by adding another floor, raising the sanctuary to the second floor, and adding the extension at the rear.
- December, 1930 The new cornerstone was laid (It is located to the right of the church office door).
- June 14<sup>th</sup> , 1931 The reconstructed church was dedicated by Bishop C. H. Stauffacher.
- May, 1932 Rev. Henry Heine appointed as Pastor. During the difficult days of the depression, the church made a steady and solid growth in all departments. By 1937, the membership of the church had reached 280.
- April 1937 Rev. Wilbert H. Wolf succeeds Rev. Heine. Under his energetic leadership during the next two years the work of the church was given renewed impetus, particularly among the young people through the “University of Life” program.

September, 1939

Rev. Joseph Wolf appointed. The clouds of war (WW II) gathered and the storm broke. The names of 120 men and women called to service were placed on the Honor Roll of the church. Despite the restrictions imposed by the war, the church enlarged its ministry and work. Active membership increased to 365 and \$22,000 of the church's indebtedness was paid off.

**1939-1952**

1939

**"Cent-a- Meal"** boxes and Debt-Reduction envelopes are introduced.

1940

Twentieth Anniversary Enlistment Crusade initiated, with \$20 gifts by each person enlisted.

1941

Weekly Message envelopes used to emphasize the spiritual values in giving. Five percent of the regular offerings continued to go towards debt reduction.

1942

The slogan for the year was **"ADVANCE!"**

1944

In the fall the first major drive was launched, the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Debt Reduction Campaign. To meet a goal of \$5,000, each member was asked to pay \$25 for the Campaign in addition to their regular offerings. Approximately \$7,000 was raised and ...

1945

Notes of \$7,260 were burned at the Anniversary and **"Church Bonds"** were given to those who participated in the Campaign.

1946

**"For a Beautiful Bethany"** was the slogan for the 1946 debt and renovation campaign.

1947

**"Complete the Picture of Bethany"** included a giant picture of the church cut into small sections, like a jig-saw puzzle. Each piece was returned with a special contribution.

1948

**"Vote for Bethany"** was a slogan and program that was picked up and used in churches around the nation.

1949

**"You Can Count on Me"** was the slogan as they prepared for the second half of the twentieth century.

1950

The **"Mid-Century Fund"** was enhanced with **"Talent Dollars"** that were returned with other dollars on Talent Sunday.

1951

The **"Mortgage-Burning Fund"** was started. Contributions were "firewood" towards the goal of burning the mortgage.

1952

The campaigns and drives and regular Debt-Reduction offerings reduced the debt by \$53,795, and a loan of \$9,000 from the National Board of Church Extension, made possible the cancellation of the mortgage and the refinancing of the remaining indebtedness into five promissory notes.

October, 1952

Pastor Wolf presided at the Mortgage Burning Service at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of Bethany Church.

**In the meantime ... Post-World War II Changes**

1942

The women's Missionary Society sent \$200 for China relief, on top of regular offerings.

1945

Bethany's baseball team was coached by David Koyler.

1946

***The Evangelical Church joined with the United Brethren in Christ, forming the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Ours became the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church.***

- 1946 1,562 items of clothing were sent over-seas for post-war European Relief programs.
- 1946-1947 Assistant Minister Rev. Ward L. Kaiser directed the youth program. The Father-Son Communion Breakfast was resumed and the Dorcas League hosted a Laymen's Breakfast.
- 1947 A total of 750 lbs. of food and clothing were shipped abroad. At the Children's Day Program boys and girls bought twelve "Friendship Packs" for European Relief.
- 1952 Under Pastor Wolf's thirteen years of ministry 511 new members were added to the rolls.
- May, 1952 Rev. Virgil G. Megill, Jr. was appointed Pastor of Bethany Church.
- 1952-1954 The Bethany Basketball Team won the Atlantic Conference Trophy for all three years.
- 1953-1954 The Christian Service Guild sent packages of clothing to Korea.
- 1955 Two years ahead of schedule, with the payment of the five \$1,800 promissory notes, the church was finally debt free. An improvement program was instituted, including waterproofing of the church building, a new ceiling and lighting in fellowship hall, fencing the church property, painting of the church rooms, and a new front sidewalk.
- 1958-1971 Rev. Charles F. Brown, Pastor
- 1960 "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advance". As part of our Fortieth Anniversary, Bethany Church has had a \$20,000 Program of reconditioning and redecorating of the church interior.
- 1960's At some point the congregation collected "Green-Stamps" and got enough to purchase the piano which is still in use in the sanctuary.
- 1964 Our membership peaks at 578.
- 1968** *The denominations of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged, forming the United Methodist Church.*
- 1969 Ours became the Bethany United Methodist Church upon being transferred from the Eastern Conference of the United Brethren Church to the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. Our membership is 408.
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1971** *The First United Methodist Church of Richmond Hill joined with the Bethany United Methodist Church; the new name is our current one, The United Methodist Church of Richmond Hill.*
- 1971-1979 Rev. Roger L. Bauer, Pastor
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1975 Dedication of the Bell Tower.
- 1976 Pastor Bauer is yoked to Community UMC of Ozone Park.
- 1979-1982 Rev. Wesley Howard Allen, Pastor (Yoked to Community UMC of Ozone Park)
- 1982-1986 Rev. Jeffrey A. Fillian, Pastor (Yoked to Community UMC of Ozone Park)
- 1986-1995 Rev. Carolyn J. Strack, Pastor (Yoked to Community UMC of Ozone Park until 1992)
- June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1992** *With a glorious celebration of union, the merger of Community United Methodist Church with the United Methodist Church of Richmond Hill*

*occurred; District Superintendent, Rev. Pedro Piron Participated.*

1993	Living Word Ministries starts renting; the former Community Methodist Church building.
October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1994	Living Word Ministries starts leasing; this continues to the present.
1995-2006	Rev. Dee Carol Stevens, Pastor
2006-2013	Rev. Moon Sook Kim, Pastor
July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 -	Rev. Austin Park, Pastor
Present	

**Announcements for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

1. We welcome our first-time guests in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Savior.
2. Please be aware of those praying at the altar, hold your conversations several rows back.
3. The Rev. John Calhoun, our Covenant Relationship Missionary, is serving in Kyiv, Ukraine, Russia as the Coordinator of International Ministries. A new interesting letter with photos has been added to our Missions bulletin board. The Rev. John Calhoun tells what is happening with the ministry in Kyiv, Ukraine, Russia. We support him and his ministry with \$5.00 per member per year. Please use the small white envelope in the pew pocket. Add your name and or envelope #.
4. Please come to church EARLY. After the service begins at 10 am, the back door will be locked, and you will need to use the front door.
5. Our new statement for the United Methodist Insurance is \$6,600. On your white offering envelope, please check "Other," Write "Insurance" and indicate the amount.
6. UMW will be hosting a games evening, Friday November 1 from 7:00 pm to 10 pm. All are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a game, bring a friend.
7. Wed., Oct. 23 – Membership & Evangelism: 7:00 pm.  
CHURCH COUNCIL: 7:30 pm.
8. Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7: 30 pm, there will be a CHARGE CONFERENCE. All committee leaders must **submit the budget and annual report** for the Charge Conference of 2019 to the church office by Today, October 20th.
9. On Friday, December 6 (new date), 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, there will be Bishop's Meeting with All Lay Leaders at Grace UMC of Valley Stream (21 South Franklin Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580).  
All Lay Leaders need to register.

10. Please join the United Methodist Women as they host a theatre, lunch and shopping trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 14, 2019. The Sight and Sound show will be "Miracle of Christmas". The cost is adults - \$160.00; Children under 12 - \$120.00. The first non-refundable deposit of \$60 is due now; the second deposit of \$50.00 is due on September 8th and the final payment is due on October 6th. Only one bus is reserved so this will be on a first-come basis. For further information, please contact Sister Angella or any other UM woman.
11. Today's Greeters: Pearl Lovell & Jean Persaud  
Today's Ushers: Gordon Rambarran & Iva Woolcock  
Usher on Guard: Iva Woolcock
12. Altar Flowers Provider for October:  
October 6: Jean Persaud  
October 13: Sheila Madho  
October 20: Simi Singh  
October 27: Rayman Alli

**\*\* Let us read the Word of God, the Bread of Life, daily.**

<b>October</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Ex. 33, 34; Ps. 16; Acts 9</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Ex. 35, 36; Acts 10</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Ex. 37, 38; Ps. 19; Acts 11</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>Ex. 39, 40; Ps. 15; Acts 12</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>Lev. 1-3; Acts 13</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>Lev. 4-6; Acts 14</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Lev. 7-9; Acts 15</b>

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