

The Healing Hands

Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home

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GIVING TOTAL AND COMPLETE PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING AT BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOME

“Then He will answer them, saying. Assuredly, I say to you inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” [Matthew 25:45 NIV]

By Pastor Vera Isaacs

Our residents are not just residents to us, they are our family. At BUMCH, we care for them in a way that reflects it. Here at BUMCH as our residents adjust and adapt to their new Home we help them to tap into their spiritual and personal resources necessary to maintain their sense of well-being. Serving in the context of “The Good Shepherd” through compassionate spiritual engaging, I try to empower them to embrace their Faith, hope, and trust as a means of their strength and belief. As the Chaplain at BUMCH The Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home, I make myself available to minister to the spiritual and emotional needs of our residents, their family as well as staff members. We believe that caring for their spirituality is part of treating them with dignity and respect. It is our belief that we can help them regain their Autonomy, their Self-worth, and their Independence through exploring, engaging, and empowering them.

Living by our motto “We believe we can do it” has empowered us, the staff, to serve our residents compassionately, caring for the total well-being. As the Chaplain and Pastoral Care provider at the Home, it is my daily task to address the spiritual and emotional needs of our residents, providing the support that is needed to our residents and families, and staff members regardless of faith, group affiliation or lack thereof, respecting every individual’s right to his or her own beliefs.

My strongest asset as the spiritual and Pastoral Care giver here at BUMCH is in maintaining a loving compassionate understanding for the spiritual and emotional well-being of our residents. Making sure they have access to religious materials and supporting them in their beliefs and rituals. Chapel Services are held daily in order to accommodate the different religious faiths of believers here at the Home. Communion services and Catholic Mass are held twice monthly so that sacraments are available to our residents who participate in this ritual, and is also available upon request. I maintain a high ethical standard assuring equality to all of our residents, regardless of color, race, ethnicity or spiritual affiliation.

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**Compassionate Care
in Brooklyn!
Celebrating 131 years**



“Total Pastoral Compassionate Care and Counseling”

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When the Interdisciplinary team meets not only do we discuss the spiritual well-being of our resident care but rather how to meet their total needs. Medically, Physically, Emotionally, Psychologically and Mentally. Our resident's psychosocial needs are given high priority. Providing care for our resident's well-being is taken very seriously. In order to provide the very best of care for our residents, the administrative staff meets daily to discuss each resident's progress individually to ascertain that the whole person is cared for, and unhesitatingly address issue or issues relevant to the health need or spiritual needs of our residents, seeing that these issue/s are taken care of. Our Medical staff including Psychiatrist and Psychologist is available twenty four seven.



We are available in their anxious moment, when they anticipating surgery, anxious about their condition, have a religious question, when they need

someone to pray with, when they are grieving over a loss, when they are lonely the Chaplain is available to listen and reach out to them.

James E. Hightower Jr. wrote *Caring for People from Birth to Death*. Howard John Clinebell states “facilitating spiritual wholeness is the heart of Pastoral Care and Counseling.” At BUMCH this is why “TEAM WORK” takes precedence over “I did it” for the well-being of our residents.

Pastor Vera Isaacs

BUMCH CONGRATULATES NEMCY CAVITE DURAN

RN, BSN, RAC-CT, CPRA, LNC

Our Risk Management/MDS Coordinator

*She was one of the winners for the
TOFANY 2014 in which she accepted
the Health Care Award*





THE MISSION AND HISTORY

The Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian skilled nursing home with 120 beds and a staff of 150.

Founded in 1883 by Methodist Church members to provide a comfortable residence for their “indigent” elderly, the first Home was situated on McDonough Street and Stuyvesant Avenue. As a result of the tireless efforts of some 200 women and men from virtually every Methodist church in Brooklyn, the number of applicants for admission grew so large that expansion was essential. Thus, in 1889, a new Home opened at 920 Park Place, which served the elderly for the next 87 years.

The changing needs of the elderly played a role in making the Home what it is today. In 1976, the Home moved to its present location – a modern, sunny four-story building – and took a new direction as a skilled nursing facility. The Home now welcomes all people regardless of religious preference, race, sex, age, handicaps, national origin, or source of payment. The Home is now large enough to have the most modern, up-to-date technologies and therapies – but small enough to give individual attention to every patient. And... we’re not satisfied to just meet regulatory requirements: we exceed the norm!

The Home is licensed by the New York State Department of Health and affiliated with New York Methodist Hospital, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Veterans’ Administration Hospital, Long Island Jewish Medical Center and other local hospitals.

After more than 100 years, the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home remains proudly committed to serving the long-term care needs of the community.



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BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOME SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

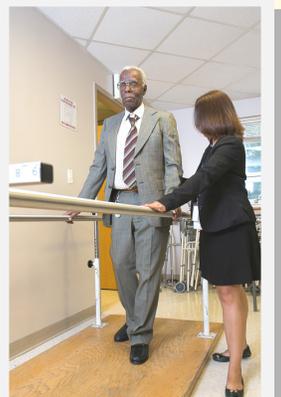


Adult Day Health Care Program

The program is open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The program provides a safe, stimulating and supportive environment in a lovely pleasant state of the art facility. It was carefully designed to meet the needs of those who want to remain in their homes and communities as long as possible in spite of physical or medical limitations. We provide the best quality of health care services, working closely with the individual's family and caregiver, community doctor and other service providers they may have. Transportation is provided.

Chapel Services

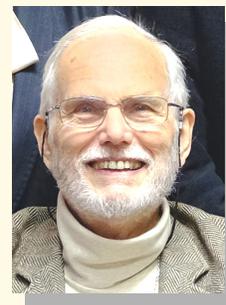
At BUMCH we have a diverse group of Residents; therefore, we provide regularly scheduled Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish services. We also have a great group of volunteers coming from churches, community organizations and schools who engage in spiritual as well as program activities with the residents.





BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOME FROM THE PRESIDENT: Rev. John Cole

Looking back over the last year, it seems our beloved institution is at an important turning point. Two years ago we had our first Board retreat at which time we made some important decisions about moving into the future. In addition to some Board restructuring, we decided to begin a process of strategic planning. Board member, Lucille Bjerneby, led us through the restructuring and then on into the strategic planning process. Thanks to the committees she chaired and her hard work, we now have in place a five year strategic plan that has received support from all our boards. Currently we are between the planning and approval stages of several projects and the actual process of bringing them into being. We are hoping to acquire some new property that will allow us to move the Medical and Social Model Day Cares to a new and permanent location.



This will allow us to break ground before the end of 2015 for the new Dialysis unit at our current location. Actually seeing these plans begin to bear fruit will move us into an exciting and expanded future in which our ability to serve the needs of the frail and the elderly will dramatically increase.

We are able to carry out these plans one, because under the leadership of our administrative team, we are in good financial shape and two because past leadership has carefully nurtured a healthy investment portfolio.

Because of this financial health in what for small nursing homes is a difficult economic environment, we are able to refinance our mortgage in a very advantageous way. In addition, our recent meeting with a professional fund raiser has given us some new ideas about moving beyond just our annual dinner dance in order to bring in additional money in to support our mission. In our strategic plan, we have expressed the hope of raising two million dollars to permanently fund our Chaplaincy Program which originally came into being in 1981 and has over the years given our Skilled Nursing Facility a uniquely spiritual tone.

With all of this going on, we continue in our core mission to care for our clients in the home, who are increasingly having emotional as well as physical problems. Often times we are caring for patients who are not welcomed at other facilities. At our next Board retreat planned for this fall, we will use Dr. Azul Gawande's book "Being Mortal" as a resource to look at the history and present state of how the elderly are cared for in our society and look at ways we might move to the next level of compassionate care. I am very optimistic and excited about the future of BUMCH and wish to thank our flexible Board, our hardworking staff and our knowledgeable administrators for making it possible

*Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home
is a place that provides for the total well-being of the individual:
physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual needs of the elderly.*

WANT TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

CALL us 718-827-4500 ext. 185

WHY A CHAPLAIN?

By Rev. Robert Emerick, Vice President



BUMCH is not in business to make a profit. And we are not “just” a group of caring and civic-minded people who want to provide an excellent service to our residents and clients.

Yes, we have to remain solvent in order to stay “in business.” And yes, we are a group of caring and civic-minded people who want to provide an excellent service to our residents and clients. But, as a Faith-based organization BUMCH has a very special mission: to quote a line from the movie *The Blues Brothers*, “We’re on a mission from God.”

That DOES NOT mean that we try to convert our residents and clients to United Methodism – or even to Christianity. It DOES mean that we intentionally “channel” Christ’s love for those entrusted to us. This means that beyond providing excellent service, we treat our residents and clients as we ourselves would like to be treated if we were a resident or client at the BUMCH facility.

This is where the Chaplain comes in. The Chaplain embodies our “mission from God.” The Chaplain conducts religious services, chats with people, prays with and for people, listens to people, and talks about the BUMCH mission. The Chaplain may provide the only authentically loving, respectful, and trustworthy relationship a resident or client has (or has ever had).

PASTORAL CARE PROVIDER

At BUMCH we are a diversified group of people. Our residents speak different native languages, are from different denominations, yet we respect and embrace each other’s diversity with joy. As the pastoral care provider at the home, I minister to the spiritual well-being of each individual needs. A special thanks to Mr. Orriola, Rev. John Cole, the board members, the entire staff and residents for their warm and generous welcome to BUMCH. What a privilege and joy to be a part of such a life changing institution.



Pastor Vera Isaacs

Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach



VICTOR ORRIOLA, ADMINSTRATOR/CEO

Spring is here and well deserved after a long hard winter.

At BUMCH, we weathered the cold and snow that winter delivered and like everyone else we forged ahead. We recently concluded our annual Department of Health Survey, and I am very proud to say that no clinical deficiencies were cited. So on behalf of the Board of Directors and senior management at BUMCH, I wish to express a heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated staff that worked so hard to make that a reality.

In addition to preparing for and dealing with a survey by the Department of Health, we are currently working on completing upgrades to the interior of the building. All of our common area shower rooms will get a much needed facelift. If all goes well, we anticipate that those areas will be finished by the end of this summer. This year, we will also complete upgrades to the resident room lighting and individual HVAC units in each resident room. We are confident that when these upgrades are completed it will have a positive effect on the residents' quality of life.

Our Dialysis project is back on track after stalling briefly due to the lack of affordable, available space to relocate our Adult Day Health Care. We needed a new space to accommodate both our day care programs (Social and Medical models), and then utilize the space vacated by those programs at BUMCH to house our Dialysis Center. After a long and exhaustive search, I am happy to say that we have identified a viable location that is suitable for our needs and we anticipate that late in 2015 we will be able to start construction for the Dialysis Center.

Our Strategic Planning Committee is comprised of our caring, hardworking and dedicated Board of Directors and senior staff of BUMCH. The Committee has been diligently at work setting a course for BUMCH that continues to carry out our mission and vision for providing the necessary care and services to the frail elderly while confronting the challenges of reimbursement in healthcare. The Committee is currently exploring the viability of vent dialysis, a nephrology center and assisted living for seniors. With God's help, I'm sure that our Strategic Planning Committee will put us in a position to overcome our challenges and prosper in the future.

We will need all the help we can get so, I ask for your continued support as we look to meet those challenges now and in the future.

Have a wonderful summer.



ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE

Comprehensive Services Provided:

- ◆ 24 hour skilled Nursing Care
- ◆ Physical Services
- ◆ Long and Short-Term Rehabilitation
- ◆ Physical Therapy
- ◆ Speech Therapy
- ◆ Recreational Therapy
- ◆ Social Services
- ◆ Therapeutic Diets



Sub-Acute Care Services including:

- ◆ I.V. Therapy
- ◆ Tracheotomy Care
- ◆ Enteral Nutrition Therapy
- ◆ Wound Care to include Wound Vacuum
- ◆ Hospice Care
- ◆ Nursing Rehabilitation
- ◆ Adult Day Care Health Care



Save The Date!

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOME
28TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER DANCE

6:30 – Reception & Silent Auction

7:30 – Dinner

RUSSO'S ON THE BAY

162-45 Crossbay Boulevard, Howard Beach, New York