

# MINISTRIES: CHURCH OF THE EVANGEL CONGREGATIONAL UCC

## SASSY SENIORS MINISTRY

The Sassy Seniors Ministry of Church of the Evangel is a group of wise, funny, creative, and spirited “chronologically gifted” people that have become family. Initially, in October of 2007 when the program was founded, participation in the Sassy Seniors was an opportunity for the aging gracefully members of Evangel to come together for socialization, fun, creativity and a continental breakfast. Indeed, over the years its members have and continue to attend Broadway shows, lunchtime cruises on the Hudson, and other communal events. Today, the Sassy Seniors program has evolved into a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive Ministry that honors the UCC mission “*That They May All Be One*”-John 17, by extending and accepting invitations to join with members of Brooklyn’s many denominations in prayer, sisterhood, brotherhood, and fellowship.

Many of the gifted artisans in the Church of the Evangel’s Sassy Seniors Ministry showcase and sell the beautiful arts and crafts that they have created at a Bazaar every Christmas. The Bazaar is always a highly-anticipated, well-attended event, that is well-suited for the Advent season.

Prior to the COVID-19 pause the Sassy Seniors Ministry met twice per month at the church. They, and members of Safe Haven UCC now meet on ZOOM on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM for “Talk Tuesdays.” Because “Talk Tuesdays” is a virtual meeting, the outreach has expanded to many others which makes for a fun and robust time online! Everyone is invited to join in for sound advice, helpful hints, words of wisdom, a joke or two, recipes, discussion and sharing of art and craft projects and more. The Sassy Seniors Ministry is dedicated to keeping it real even during a pandemic. Please inquire about this Ministry and its meetings either by telephone or via the website. A member of the Sassy Seniors Ministry will be happy to contact you.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Church of the Evangel Congregational UCC Chancel Choir

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

*Psalm 98:1*

The Church of the Evangel Chancel Choir has been ministering to the congregation through song for decades. The choir, although small in number, has been faithful in serving God and the church they love. The group consists of three sopranos, two altos and 3 tenors. The basses we had, have gone on to glory and are now singing with the Angels. We meet on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM under the direction of an interim musician.

We look forward to increasing the number of members and extend an invitation to those with a song in their heart to join us.

We will continue to worship God through song and make a joyful noise unto our Lord and Savior.

**Blessings!**

### **Choir Members**

Sopranos = Stephanie Bennett, Vinnette Leigh and Vivienne Leigh

Altos = Perala Alfred and Phyllis Fullerton

Tenors = Lennox Grant, Jesse Palmer and Lucinda Thero

Retired Member = Martin Epstein

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## DEACONS MINISTRY

*For those who serve well as Deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 3:13*

**PURPOSE STATEMENT:** The Deacon Board is ensuring that the church purpose statement is realized.

**“The purpose of the church is to worship God, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian fellowship and unity within the church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward all and to strive for righteous, justice and peace in the name of Jesus. We do this by carrying out our assigned responsibilities. “**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Deacons are members of the church that are elected by the congregation and installed to their office.

- They assist, support, and advice the Pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church.
- They provide the elements for the Lords Supper and assist the Pastor in distributing them.
- They assist the Pastor each Sunday during the worship service
- They visit the sick and shut-ins
- They are part of the Church Council
- Provide oversight of the Usher Board and Hospitality committee
- Assist the Pastor as needed in training new members

### **BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Acts 2:18 Spiritual influence
- Acts 6:1-3 Full of faith and Holy Spirit
- 1 Timothy 3:8-13 Full of wisdom
- Romans 16:1 Honest and of good report
- **Witness:** Spiritual influence, full of faith and the Holy Spirit, full of wisdom, honest and of good report
- **Service:** Shows commitment to others through service
- **Stewardship:** Demonstrates faithfulness in giving and believes in the power of pledging/tithing
- **Fellowship:** Enters into full fellowship through regular attendance and participation at Evangel
- **Discipline:** Live a life that exemplifies the teachings of Christ.

### **MEMBERS**

Stephanie Bennett-Deacons Chair

Pearla Alfred

Lennox Grant

Vinnette Leigh

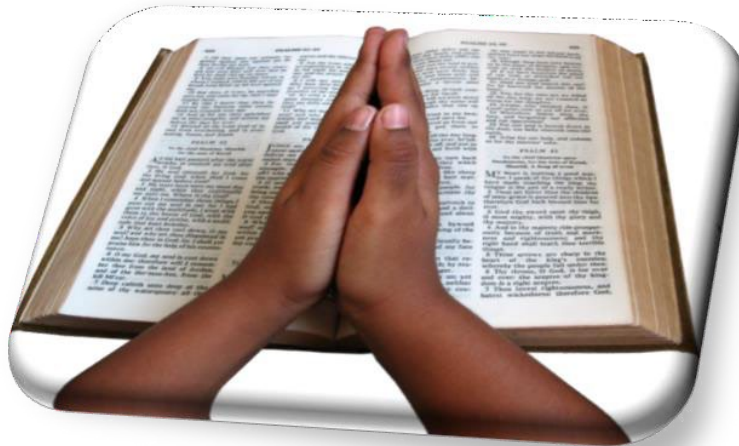
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## PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

### Why We Study the Bible



You pick up a book and find that it's so engrossing, you can't put it down! With every turn of the pages, you feel the story, the setting, the characters, and the plot. You close your eyes and you are there, in the middle of each scene. Some of the characters you love, while others not so much, but they come alive. Long after you've read the book, it's still with you. The characters remain in your spirit. That's what a really good book does. It draws you in!

The stories in the good book we call the Bible not only draw us in but they move and transform us, as the Bible is God's written revelation to humanity. Paul puts it this way, "*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" There are sixty-six books in the Bible, each leading us to The Christ. Each book reveals, among other things, the character of God, His judgement for sin and disobedience, and His blessings for faith and obedience.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thanksgiving in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)*

The study of the Bible enables the Word of God to dwell in us, 'richly.' The Bible may be a challenge but the rewards are eternal. Bible study deepens our understanding of the Jesus the Christ, as in every book of the Bible we experience Jesus. Bible study deepens our faith and our desire to serve others. Bible study deepens our wisdom for living a spirit-filled, Christ-like life. Bible study deepens our understanding of the need for praise and worship. Bible study deepens our understanding of what it means to move beyond being hearers of the Word to becoming doers of the Word. Bible study deepens our understanding of God's grace and mercy. Bible study deepens our need for Christian fellowship. Bible study is powerful; it's redemptive and it shows us the way to victory here and into eternity.

Celebrate with us as we dwell richly in the Bible every week, on Thursdays from 5:30 pm, on ZOOM.

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## **TRUSTEES MINISTRY**

"As Trustees, we function as church managers...managing finances and church property, and ensuring that the Church of the Evangel is compliant with all legal requirements. Providing valued leadership, our trustee board, with input from other boards, prepares Evangel's annual budget and guides long-range fiscal planning. We monitor church investments and keep insurance policies up to date. As elected Trustees, we have the authority to serve as signatories for the church.

We ensure that our building, facilities, and church's equipment are properly maintained, be it through the hiring of contractors or harnessing the multitude of talents within our congregation and community. We strive to maintain and display a strong business sense pertaining to our church.

As Trustees, we continue to see our responsibility as that of looking after the interests of the Church of the Evangel and patrons of our church."

## **USHERS MINISTRY**

"As Ushers, we are the first official representatives you meet as you enter the Church of the Evangel. We are the face of our church and we welcome you.

After the formalities of the worship service, don't be surprised when we take the time to truly welcome you to Evangel. As our guests, you will have our full attention as we introduce ourselves and our church to you.

Our coffee hour is ideal for further introductions and should you have concerns that you wish to address through prayer, a Deacon will gladly pray with you.

We look forward to the presence and experience of our visitors each Sunday because our worship experience is enhanced by you.

Welcome to the Church of the Evangel.

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## WELLNESS @ EVANGEL MINISTRY

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price.

So, you must honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

### Our Beliefs and the Basis for This Ministry

We believe that life is lived most abundantly when we are in a meaningful relationship with God, through His son Jesus Christ and empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are created as a masterpiece by God, and in His image so that we can do and achieve the wonderful things He planned for us long ago, and to bring Him glory.

The Wellness @ Evangel Ministry is a Faith-Based Health and Wellness Ministry that began in January 2010. It focuses on Education, Health, Exercise, Nutrition, Stress Management, and living a Spiritually rich life. There is a direct relationship between Spirituality or faith and health. God made us with a spirit, soul, and a body and they work together in amazing ways. Our ministry is designed to teach individuals about an integrated approach to health; living a healthy life based on Christian principles, and an integration of mind body and spirit to achieve total wellness.

The Wellness @ Evangel Ministry is open to Evangel's congregation as well as our Flatbush community. We meet weekly on Monday and Friday evenings at 8:00 pm on ZOOM.

### Activities on our Calendar include:

An Evening of Appreciation  
Wellness Ministry Anniversary Celebration  
National Nutrition Month Celebration  
Fitness Party  
International Dinner  
Faith and Wellness Seminar  
Plant Sale  
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk  
Women's Heart Health Awareness  
An Evening at the Movies