



This is an exciting time for Golden Hill as we welcome our new pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Jermaine Paul (Pastor J), his wife, Melissa and their four children to our church family.

Reverend Jeremiah J. Paul began his journey as a minister under the leadership of Rev. Sylvester McClearn and Rev. Dr. Matthew Adams. As a young adult he was tasked, as part of his maturation process, to coordinate and arrange worship and choir selection for Sunday and Special Services. Inevitably, he developed a love for ministry as he coordinated, led and provided pulpit supply for Youth Sunday Services.

Rev. Paul's tenacity and commitment to ministry is affirmed as a Licensed Local Pastor, 2012, to our UMC connection.

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul has evolved to be a highly capable, dependable professional with great values, a charitable heart and over two decades of extensive experience in providing his community with mentoring, teaching, coaching, care and compassion. He possesses excellent interpersonal and student/athlete relation skills. He is recognized as an effective leader, team member and quick learner with a positive attitude and strong motivation for success.

As the winner of NBC's "The Voice," season two, and also the recipient of 2005 and 2006 Recording Academy Grammy Nominations for Best Duo R&B Performance, he has been able to utilize his influence to promote and support ministry. Utilizing his acquired influence, he has devoted time as an Assistant Coach to several local teams. His ability to draw 500+ people for fundraising, awareness and special events to include songwriters, music arrangers and musicians is commendable and has proven to be an asset to ministry.

Rev. Paul continually affirms that, *"I am ever enthusiastic to continue helping others within an organization, community and ministry in delivering relevant expertise while making a difference every day."*

Besides recording for both Kanye West and Mary J. Blige, he has also appeared on stage with a variety of singers, including among others Joss Stone, David

Bowie, Justin Timberlake, and Adele. He has recently recorded one of his original songs entitled "Soldier's Cry" due to be released in the near future which was orchestrated and conducted by Quincy Jones. Another upcoming release will be the song entitled "Red, White, and Blues" "performed with Stevie Wonder.

Aside from his professional musical accomplishments, the core of his music-making stems from his own deep faith and ongoing ministerial work. His ministry within The United Methodist Church aspires to connect church and community, youth with seniors and Evangelism to the heart of the Christian experience. *"I want to encourage all to use their gifts and talents for the glory of God."* He is a strong advocate leader who believes in creating opportunities for the power of the Holy Spirit to convict the heart, restore joy, and stir up gifts in others.