

*A Word from the Pastor*



Church Family,

We are moving into the first full week of our 21 day fast. I am asking all members of Hamilton Park to fast from something until January 28. Some of us are following the Daniel Fast, as found in the Old Testament book of Daniel, chapter one. Others are fasting from social media, soda or sweets. The main thing is everyone should be denying self and making room for God.

We are expecting spiritual breakthroughs due to our fast. What is a spiritual breakthrough? It is an experience of enhanced connection with God. Here are three signs. There are plenty others

1. You may have an increased hunger for the Word of God. This may mean reading your Bible more, or listening to more recorded sermons.
2. We may become more personally "sin aware." That's a term I created to describe the realization that we have done things that run counter to the will of God. This awareness leads to repentance.
3. A Jesus joy is another sign of a breakthrough. This joy is one that appears and remains despite our situations because of the glory of the Lord inside us. People will wonder why you are calm in the midst of the storm.
4. Spiritual breakthroughs are just one of the benefits of fasting. **Please join us.**

Your pastor-

*Dr. Sheron C. Patterson*

**JANUARY SERMON SERIES**

***"It is 2018 and we are going to see the King"***

A sermon series about seeking the face of God

January 07 – Fasting

January 14 – Valor (Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

January 21 – Seeking God

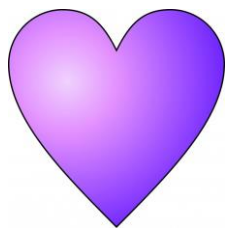
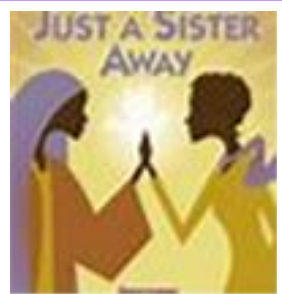
January 28 – Repentance

Thinking of going back to school? Want to find a good job that DOESN'T require a fancy degree? Are you a high school student who hasn't decided what to do after graduation? This event is for you. Meet representatives from organizations, schools and training programs that can show you a future path you never expected. Hear from people working in non-traditional fields and how you can do it, too. Get guided assistance from experts on job searching, college applications, scholarships, and more.

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Does it seem that you have had more downs in life than ups? Has anyone ever said to you, "You must be doing something wrong"? Have you ever thought, "Is GOD mad at me?" Well we have a seat with your name on it... so you can find that reassurance and comfort that you need. The "Just a Sister Away" Bible Study Group will resume their study of "GOD is Not Mad at You" by renowned spiritual author Joyce Meyer on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm**. We would love to have you join us. This class is for women of all ages.

Where: **Hamilton Park UMC (The Park) Room 109-110.**  
Be Blessed  
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The church office will be closed on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of MLK Holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

