

From the Pastor

LENT AT 'THE PARK'



WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the period preceding Easter that in the Christian Church is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. Lent is a 40 day period, excluding Sundays. It runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

Here at 'THE PARK', we will have worship services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 46 days (40 fasting days, if the six Sundays, which are not days of fast, are excluded) before Easter. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Western Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, United Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, and some Baptists.

WHERE DO THE ASHES COME FROM?

Typically, the ashes that are placed on the forehead of the individual come from branches used in the previous year's Palm Sunday services, which fall one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

The palms themselves don't necessarily come from the Holy Land, but instead from various religious suppliers around the country.

WHAT DO THE ASHES ON THE FOREHEAD REPRESENT?

The ashes are a profound symbolism for observers. Ash Wednesday is not an official "holy day of obligation" for Catholics, but it is a deeply ingrained tradition, even for people who may not be particularly be Catholic, but other Christians.



**BROWN BAG
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Taught by Pastors Sheron C. Patterson and Christopher O'Riley

Feb. 14 – Mar. 28, 2018
WEDNESDAYS
12:00 – 1:30pm
Church Library

Join us with your lunch and your bible

The North Texas Conference Black Methodist for Church Renewal
Unity Worship

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church
February 18, 2018 | 3:00 pm

ONE WORSHIP, THREE DYNAMIC PREACHERS

Minister Phytton Parker, Youth Pastor
St. Luke * Community* UMC

Rev. Dr. Sheron Patterson, Sr. Pastor
Hamilton Park UMC

Rev. Bryant Phelps
Grace UMC, Frisco

A host of other guest to be announced at a later time

Minister Phiebic Hatchins, Local Caucus Chair
Rev. Dr. Ouida Lee, Program Chair
Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie, JSCJ Chair



CREATION

BISHOP'S RALLY 2018

This event Feb. 18th helps 5th – 7th graders build faith and make new connections with peers from area churches and interact with Bishop Michael McKee.

The bus will depart HPUMC at 10:00 AM for Christ UMC in Plano and will return at 5:30 PM. The fee is \$5 and lunch is available for purchase (\$10 should cover lunch).

For more information contact Children and Youth Director, Kathy Griffith @ 972-235-4633 ext. 19

**No
Confirmation
Class
Sunday, Feb. 11**

HAMILTON PARK UMC CIVIL RIGHTS HEROES



DR. SHERON C. PATTERSON
SHERON PACTOR
REV. CHRISTOPHER O'BELEY
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Donations for the Women's Shelters Toiletry Items Full Size

Drop Off at Hamilton United Methodist Church
Sunday February 4, 2018 – Wednesday February 21, 2018

Items to Donate

(Full Size Items)
Soap
Lotion
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Deodorant

Women's Shelters

Genesis
New Beginnings
Family Place
A Woman Called Moses

Donation Box

The Drop off box will be located
TBD



Organized By: Sisters and Kids of Stone

PRAYER MEETING

The 2nd Monday Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on February 12th at 7:00PM in the Chapel. The focus of this time of prayer is on community and the church. Sister Cathy Parker and others will lead this prayer time for the needs of Hamilton Park and other communities. Our goal is to live the mission of our Church as we continue to be a Praying Community of Faith. Please come and invite others.

Pastor Archie Browne, Leader of Prayer Ministries

THANK YOU!

We are so proud of our Hamilton Park Youth for leading the Souper Bowl of Caring. With the support and generosity of our church family hundreds of canned food items were donated for our HP Food Pantry.

