

MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Ministry

His children are OUR children!

Do you have a heart for Ministry to children? Summer is a great time to serve! Our Children's Ministry team is in need of fun and loving leaders for our Summer Children's Church. Children's Church sessions are 2, 3, 4 and 5th Sundays from 10:00 – 12:00 in June, July and August. Everyone worships together in the sanctuary on First Sundays! Please pray about your commitment to our children, then contact Kathy Griffith to learn more!

kgriffith@theparkumc.org or 972-235-4633 Ext. 19

The **United Methodist Men** are having a Garage Sale on Saturday, May 12th, from 7am-1pm at 'The Park'. Set up your area (2 parking spaces) for \$35 to sell your items.



Contact Willie Williams
214-450-0320
to reserve your space

Mother's Day Celebration is Sunday, May 13th. Immediately following 10AM worship, join us in the CLC. If you would like a photo of your mom shown during the tribute, please submit it to Melvin Tucker at photos@hparkumc.org no later than May 5th.



Prayer Ministry

The **2nd Monday Monthly Prayer Meeting** will be held on **May 14th** 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.

SOCIETY SECTION



Hamilton Park you are invited to celebrate Dr. Clara Reed's retirement from 40 faithful years in ministry. This is a "Come and Go" celebration for all on Saturday, May 5th, from 2pm – 5pm at St. Luke in the Dorothy Burse Holmes Fellowship Hall.



Saturday – 5.19.18

To purchase your tickets contact
Krevette Dabney
214-505-6109

'THE PARK' FAMILY



Dear Family and Friends,

As you may or may not know, I have kidney failure and my doctor has recommended that I get a kidney transplant. This is the best option for me to have a better and longer life. A transplant from a deceased donor is possible but could take many years. More than 100,000 people are on a waiting list for a deceased donor kidney,

and there is a very limited supply of donors.

A living donor kidney transplant has a lot of benefits. A kidney from a living donor is usually the best quality kidney. It begins to function more quickly after the transplant and last longer and works better than kidneys from deceased donors.

You may think my donor has to be a family member but actually anyone can be a donor as long as our blood types are compatible. However, the donor cannot have diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney problems of their own.

Living donor transplant surgery can be scheduled at a time that is convenient for both my donor and me. Most kidney donor surgeries are performed laparoscopically, in which three or four small incisions are made to remove the kidney. Most donors are able to leave the hospital in two to three days.

Although this is hard for me to ask, if you feel this is something you could do, please consider becoming a living donor for me. I fully understand that this is a personal decision that isn't right for everyone. Please know that if you don't feel comfortable with a living donation, it will not affect our relationship in any way.

If you would like more information about a living kidney donation, please contact a Baylor Annette C. and Harold C. Simmons Transplant Institute's living donor kidney coordinator:

Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas at 214-820-4438
Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Ft. Worth at 817-922-2990

Thank you for your caring and concern. If you wish to share you may.

Sincerely,
Lindorf Blakely

Iota Phi Lambda Honorees of 'The Park'



On April 28th, our senior pastor and one of our amazing youth were award recipients from Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson received the Joyce M. Jones Community Service Award for her tireless and faithful service in Ministry. This outstanding award was once given to another Hamilton Park UMC member in 1979 - **Gloria Carter** - for her outstanding contribution in the field of Engineering.



Brooke Steward was recognized as the Psi Chapter Essay Contest Winner. Brooke is a member of Ignite Youth at 'The Park' and attends Berkner High School in Richardson.

Iota Phi Lambda's current President is **Brenda Jackson Napier** who is also a member of 'The Park'.

Congratulations to all these amazing women of "The Park"!



Hamilton Park Childcare Center

Beverly Boudreaux was selected as "Teacher of the Year" for 2018, through Educational First Steps. Ms. Boudreaux won over the 120 nominees submitted for this prestigious award. Educational First Steps is a non-profit organization that assures all its affiliate centers strive and continue to provide

the highest care and learning to its families. She has been employed at the Hamilton Park Learning Center as a Lead Teacher for twelve years. The Hamilton Park Learning Center Governing Board and Staff congratulate Ms. Boudreaux on this award and thank her for her dedication, loyalty and commitment not only to Hamilton Park, but to the early childhood education profession.



Happy Birthday

Rev. Sheron C. Patterson

Join us in the CLC immediately following 10AM worship to have a Cake N' Punch Birthday Celebration for our beloved pastor.

Gifts to Rev. Patterson may be presented at this time to show your love and appreciation!

We Love You, Rev. Patterson!

REMINDERS

CDs are available immediately following 10AM worship. Stop by the Audio Room in the front lobby to support this Ministry and take the WORSHIP EXPERIENCE home with you!

For more information please visit us at www.theparkumc.org