

NOVEMBER

@ the park

NOV 10 - UMM GOLF TOURNAMENT

NOV 11 - OUTREACH SUNDAY

NOV 17 - MARRIED COUPLES POTLUCK
3:00PM - 6:00PM IN THE CLC.
SIGN UP AFTER 10AM WORSHIP ON 11/3 AND 11/10.

NOV 18 - VETERAN'S SUNDAY
ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR
9:00AM - 2:00PM IN THE CLC.
CHARGE CONFERENCE
7:00PM IN LAKE HIGHLANDS UMC

NOV 25 - GRIEF RECOVERY SESSION
SPECIAL GUEST: REGINA FRANKLIN-BASYE



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October 31, 2018

Last Saturday morning, persons gathered at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh to celebrate a new life at a baby boy's bris. That celebration was interrupted by a man who gunned down 11 persons and wounded six more, including four police officers. The man had previously posted anti-Semitic statements on social media.

The ongoing gun violence aimed at persons of different faith traditions or races is borne out of fear of the other. According to the Anti-Defamation League, violence against Jews has increased by 57 percent this year – the largest increase since the ADL began compiling statistics.

Last Sunday evening, I worshiped with the Jewish community alongside interfaith leaders at Congregation Shearith Israel. More than 700 persons prayed and sang together. Five persons, including Rev. Rachel Baughman of Oak Lawn UMC, spoke. It was a time of mourning and a time to acknowledge that people of faith have much work to do to heal our land. The service closed with worshippers, locked arm in arm, singing "We Shall Overcome," a folk song of the civil rights movement.

Now, the work for reconciliation begins anew. Judaism speaks of Tikkun Olam, an activity that improves and restores the world. Translated, the phrase means "world repair." I am confident that most of our clergy had remarks regarding the act of evil and/or offered prayers for the victims and their families in worship services this past weekend. It is now time to offer more than our words and prayers. Listening to people of other faith traditions or races, there are legitimate concerns regarding hate speech and other evil acts. It's time for faithful people to listen, speak and act in the spirit of Christ.

Would each of us commit to an act of Tikkun Olam? Teach our children and students that racism has no place in the life of a follower of Jesus. Teach all that a joke or word of derision about race or other religions is not living into a Christ-like life. Challenge or call out another who uses words or actions to discount another. Remind others that the command of Jesus is a simple one:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... And you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

In short, may we love ourselves more so that we may love our neighbor and our God? Any act or word aimed to hurt is an acknowledgement that we are not loving ourselves, our neighbors or our God.

I have not lost hope that our nation can do better than this. Yet, little seems to change. God expects more: more from our elected officials, faith leaders and even us. In what ways – today – will you love and engage your neighbor?


Michael McKee

NEW MEMBERS



Amanda Seitzler



The Hardnett Family
Tansi, Jaidyn, Skylar

HP Tackles the Homelessness Epic

Community Town Hall - Forum
Monday - November 5th



Homelessness in Dallas

Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center
Time: 5pm to 7pm
(Panel Discussion and Q&A's)

Bring your listening ears & thoughts for ALL to address the needs & concerns of HP

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MON – THUR 9 AM TO 6 PM; FRI 9 AM TO 12



MINISTRY NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS



Sacred Marriage

"Potluck Dinner"
Unity Gathering

NOVEMBER 17
3PM—6PM (CLC)

Come join us for Fun, Food, Fellowship & a Unity Study. Our very own Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson and her husband Robert will be our leaders for the evening.

All HP Couples are Welcome to this FREE gathering

Bring a Side-Dish or Dessert
Baked & Fried Chicken will be provided



ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Join Us!!!

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Christian Life Center

CHRISTMAS & THANKSGIVING CRAFTS FOR SALE. ALSO LOTS OF BAKED GOODS, CAKES, PIES, COOKIES AND CANDY!

Sponsored by Altar & Flower Guild



During the month of October and November, the Altar and Flower Guild will have a table in the Christian Life Center for persons to sign up to place flowers on the Altar for 2019 and the remaining three months in 2018.

Please visit the Altar and Flower Guild table after the 10:00 a.m. service, to sign up for your week of choice. You may also email Donna Collier at donna.collier@sbcglobal.net

Will Toler and his family's Property Tax Consulting Company – TOLER COMPANY – is serving **Homeowners of Hamilton Park** by working to lower the property taxes at no charge – pro bono (for free). It's not too late to lower your 2018 tax bill. Give Will Toler a chance to help keep Hamilton Park affordable for families and homeowners. Contact him at Will@willtoler.com or at 214-520-1066. Visit him on Facebook at Toler Company.



17th Annual HP Pacesetter Magnet **Proud to Be an American Parade**



Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9:00 AM

We salute our veterans and local heroes.

Wear **RED**, **WHITE** and **BLUE**

NEWSLETTER

BCI deadline is NOV 10TH!

BETTER CHURCH INITIATIVE

Don't miss your opportunity to let your voice be heard. Take the online survey. Go to the church website and click on the BCI tab to get started. It only takes 40 minutes!

www.theparkumc.org

Hamilton Park UMC Higher Education Ministry 2018 FAFSA Workshop

Calling all high school seniors and current college students! Come out with your parents and get all FAFSA information you need. If you plan to fill out an application on sight, please bring laptops and tax returns.

Saturday – Nov. 10, 2018
9:30a – 11:30a

RSVP at www.theparkumc.org
by Nov. 4th

Continental Breakfast provided

Extra! Extra! -Read all about it!

Starting this Sunday, Nov. 4,
9:00 A.M. to 9:50 A.M. in Room 203
join Rev. Lisa Bozeman, for
Open Your Bible!

Whether you are a seasoned Bible reader or you find it a bit challenging to carve out time to study Scripture, **Open Your Bible** will leave you with a greater appreciation for the Word of God, a deeper understanding of its authority, and a stronger desire to know the Bible inside and out for yourself. This 7 week-session Bible study, will offer powerful storytelling, real-life examples, and the Bible.

Preaching Empowerment Series 2018
"Preaching Jesus in an Unjust World"

A three-day interdenominational exploration of the hermeneutic of justice, through lectures, exhibitions, and preaching in the African American context.

November 8-10th

Thursday, November 8th, 11:30-12:00pm - Perkins Chapel Services & Lunch
Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Friendship West Baptist Church
Topic: *Worldwide contextual hermeneutics and justice*

Friday, November 9th
11-12:00pm - Lectures & Lunch at Perkins
12-1:00pm - Rev. Dr. Michael W. Waters
1-2:00pm - Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart
2-3:00pm - questions & conversation with our featured lecturers
6:30pm - Worship Service at Warren UMC
Rev. Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr.

Saturday, November 10th, 10:00am - Preaching Lab at Warren UMC
10:00am - 12:00pm - Lunch & conversation with our featured lecturers
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Preaching Lab at Warren UMC
1-2:00pm - Preaching Lab at Warren UMC
2-3:00pm - Preaching Lab at Warren UMC
3-4:00pm - Preaching Lab at Warren UMC

RED LETTER REVIVAL
DALLAS, TX
A 2018 & 2019 event
November 10-12, 2018

Join us for
Sunday
Worship

8am and 10am
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