

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

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Spiritual Gifts Assessment

September 7th 2-4pm

September 8th Ministry Match Up

SAVE THE DATE

December 7th - Church Wide Banquet

ATTENTION

CHARGE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 10TH

First Richardson UMC

3:30 PM



Introducing Rev. Nerissa Grigsby

Hello Hamilton Park UMC! My name is Nerissa Grigsby and I am excited to serve as your 2019-2020 Perkins Intern. I am excited to serve this body of Zion as you continue to go higher and to deeper depths in the Lord. I am what you would call “Bapti-Costal” and am a licensed and ordained Reverend in the Baptist denomination. I was licensed on December 19th, 2003 and completed my catechism and was ordained on December 5th, 2010. I come from a long line of preachers (grandparents, father, uncles, cousins) and my Father still serves as Senior Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA. I hold a Bachelors of Arts degree from California University of PA, a Masters of Arts degree from Point Park University and am completing my final year at SMU Perkins School of Theology. I will graduate May 2020 with my Masters of Divinity degree. My full-time corporate position is an IT Project Manager for Wells Fargo.

I have a heart for lost souls and desire to speak to every generation, with Jesus’ message of hope, empowerment and love. I truly desire for every unbeliever to be saved and for believers in Christ to possess their God-given purpose and be effective in the Kingdom of God! My assignment in the Kingdom is to do what the Lord told me as found in Jeremiah 1:4-5, 9-10: *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched her mouth and said, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”*

Mexico Border Reflections

According to a news report I read 8/31/19, President Trump called the asylum process “a scam”. On August 30, along with about 50 other clergy* I, visited the asylum seekers living outside in squalor at the Mexican border in Matamoras. We saw no scammers.

We saw children of God wedged in the latest immigration predicament known as the “Remain in Mexico.” Policy. The refugees caught in this policy are the ones who successfully flee violence and danger in their homeland and manage not to get kidnapped along the way. When they arrive at a U.S. Port of Entry seeking asylum, they are given a court date and told go back to Mexico and wait.

This cruel U.S. policy shoves them back into extremely dangerous Mexican cities to wait. They have no money to wait with. All their funds were spent to get here. Now they sit in misery and dread. There is a backlog of immigration cases in the U.S., more than 800,000. And these are the folks entering the U.S. legally.

Matamoras is not. It was 98 degrees with a heat index surely over 100 degrees when we were there. We sat on the ground beside men, women and children who are literal sitting ducks for violent and vicious gangs that prowl the border. There were sick babies, women with tears running down the faces, men looking overwhelmed.

Via a translator we heard group of Cuban asylum seekers tell us that they fled their island due to hunger. A group from Honduras explained that they ran due to violence and danger.

Most of us cannot fathom becoming a refugee. Immigrant Warsan Shire summons it up like this in her gut punching poem, “Home.” “No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark. You only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well...”

Again, America is attempting to turn a blind eye to the desperately poor, traumatized, non-English speaking refugees. The refugees matter and they join a long line of other people that our nation would like to ignore.

It was necessary for me to be a witness to such atrocities in my own back yard. I follow my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in his compassion for the stranger, his command to feed those without food, and his direction to give to those who cannot reciprocate.

As an African American clergywomen with social justice flowing in her blood, I processed this experience via the lens of moral outrage. These atrocities are sadly more of the same. The asylum seekers I saw on the border live like the thousands of homeless people in our cities. The asylum seekers looked like me, brown and black skinned dehumanized and dismissed.

Why care? Small injustices, if left unchecked can morph into huge injustices. Wrong has a way of spreading, when good people sit back and assume it does not impact them.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr said, “In justice anywhere, is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Please join me in; demanding that our government; - end the “Remain in Mexico” or “Migrant Protection Program” -fund the civil immigration system to progress migrants timely - reject proposals that permit indefinite detention of families and children - permit international and domestic human and civil rights observers to inspect and monitor detention facilities and detainees.

I visited Matamoras, Mexico and Brownsville Texas in a policy intensive session conducted by Texas Impact. The interdenominational clergy group was organized by Dr. Owen Ross (UMC Dallas) and Rev. Steve Miller (Baptist, Henderson). Clergy and non-clergy are invited to take part in border visits that witness, pray and advocate to changes in U.S. policy. For more information, please visit TexasImpact.org

“Pastor Patterson giving a glimpse of the diversification of those discussing the “Migrant Protection Program.”



“These hands are of Cuban asylum seekers that Dr. Patterson met at the border. We can’t show their faces due to security reasons”

“Pastor Patterson standing on the front lines of the Mexican border in Matamoras.”



Status and Role of Women

EMBRACING THE JOURNEY



SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Ladies Night Out 6:45pm
Food Fun & Games

Saturday 9:00am
Light Breakfast -Workshops & Lunch

Sunday 10:00am service

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GUEST SPEAKERS

THELMA WELLS
Luncheon and
Sunday Speaker

WORKSHOPS
REV. WANDA
BOLTON DAVIS

MONICA JOHNSON

**PRAISE & WORSHIP
LEADER**
Regina Lee

**ALL INCLUSIVE
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\$50.00

JUDGES 18-5-6
5 Then they said to him,
"Please inquire of God to
learn whether our journey
will be successful." 6 The
priest answered them,
"Go in peace. Your jour-
ney has the LORD's
approval."

**PROSTATE CANCER
AWARENESS
Month**

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
PROSTATE CANCER
PREVENTION**

UM Methodist Men's Breakfast
September 14th | 8a - 10a
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jamal Rasheed
Former Director
Methodist Hospital Prostate Cancer Awareness Program
Music by the CRUSADERS

Women's Conference
Sept 20-22 2019
Hamilton Park United Methodist Church
11881 Schroeder Rd, Dallas, TX 75243
Judges 18: 5-6
Theme : Embracing the Journey...
Where are You?

Thelma Wells
Luncheon & Sunday
Speaker

**Minister
MONICA JOHNSON**
Workshop Leader

**Dr. Wanda
Bolton-Davis**
Workshop Leader

Regina Lee
Praise and Worship
Celebration

the park
Hamilton Park United Methodist Church
Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Senior Pastor
Hosted By Status and Role of Women
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Swing Dance with Kathy Turner
Friday's at 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Hamilton Park UMC
11881 Schroeder Road
Dallas, TX 75243

All men of The Park and the community are invited to join the UM Men at our monthly prayer breakfast every second Saturday of the month in the CLC, at 8 am. We are asking for a \$5 donation for breakfast. See you there!

Lindorf Blakely received a kidney!!!!

The Park erupted with joy on Sunday, August 1 at the news that our own Lindorf Blakely received a kidney on Saturday, August 31, 2019. In the photo, Dr. Patterson went to visit him and found he and wife Lana, walking the halls of the hospital. At press time, Lindorf was expected to be released from the hospital this weekend. For the next several weeks he will not be able to receive visitors. Also, please do not send flowers or food. However, Lindorf and Lana ask for your prayers, and would love to hear from their church members. Please contact them at: Lindorf.blakney@sbcglobal.net 5639 McShann Road Dallas, Texas 75230 phone 972-239-9529

Great News from Chief Justice Sanders

The Park is overjoyed to learn this week that our own, Chief Justice Carolyn Sanders will be receiving a kidney transplant on Tuesday, September, 10, 2019. Her kidney will be donated by one of her former colleagues, Justice David Evans. Let's be in prayer for all.

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SAVE THE DATE!
UMM Annual Golf Tournament
is Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 @
Riverchase Golf Course. Contact
Herman Manning at herman-manning@sbcglobal.net or 972-741-1866.

Prayer Concerns

Tom Smith - Minnie Hester Johnson - Lindorf Blakely - Chief Justice Carolyn Sanders - Velma Logan - Louise Byse - Marnie Johnson - Ruth Robinson - Kim Pullin - The Hamilton Park Community - Cheryl Hopkins - Dedric Hopkins - Nicole Hopkins - Terry Land - Linda and David Tyson - Person affected by the recent storm on the East Coast