

## Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

### WAYS TO GIVE

- Envelope
- [www.thepark.org](http://www.thepark.org)
- Text - (972) 362 – 6962

### Get Updates on COVID-19

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



COVID-19 Testing at The Park HAS BEEN EXTENDED!!!!



**WE ARE STREAMING LIVE THIS SUNDAY 10:00 AM**  
**FACEBOOK & WWW.THEPARKUMC.ORG**  
You can also listen to sermons @ 214-295-7194

**"GRAB AND GO: HOT MEALS"**  
**MOVING TO SUNDAYS 12PM**  
**AT HAMILTON PARK UMC**  
At The Park, we feed the mind, body, and soul.

## Seniors draw on decades of resilience and tough lessons

COVID-19 is one more challenge in a lifetime of difficult events for these in their 80's and 90's.



For those who have lived nearly a century, the coronavirus pandemic is one challenge in a lifetime of difficult events, from the Great Depression to wars to “where were you when JFK died” to the violence of the civil rights era to the shock of 9/11.

Life always seems to move on, albeit with significant disruptions to daily life of late. We recently talked with four Dallas-area seniors — a former baseball player, a career military man and two educators — on their perspectives of life-changing national events and, most important, their strategies for pushing through the bad times.

Ezell Holley, 90, was born in Naples, Texas, outside of Texarkana. He spent his career as an educator and retired from the Dallas Independent School District in 1994. He was married to Lorene for 64 years until her death in 2017. They had two children. Our subjects all witnessed tumultuous times in our country. But the past several months are unlike anything they've ever seen.

### Great Depression Children



Ezell Holley: “I remember my parents looked to FDR as a savior and talked about the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps camps. My parents were excited about FDR's stimulus plan. Our family received five milk cows from the government. We [kids] tried to milk the cows, but my mother didn't trust us, so she did the milking and we sold the milk.”

### Going to War

EH: Holley attended what is now Prairie View A&M University, where he studied agriculture and met Lorene, whom he married after graduation in August 1953. The next month, Holley reported for active duty in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood as a second lieutenant. He was assigned to Frankfurt, West Germany in 1956. In 1958, the Holleys returned to Texas, living in Dallas. “Dallas was where you came if you had grown up in a small town like Naples,” Holley says. In 1961, Holley was called up by the National Guard and Army Reserve to serve again during the Berlin Wall crisis. He did one year at Fort Polk, La. Holley served as commander of Company B in the 49th Armored Division. Holley is proud to have been one of the country's first African American company commanders after the military's desegregation in 1948.

### Kennedy assassination

EH: “When JFK was shot, I was teaching at Booker T. Washington High School in classroom 101. The kids were coming in from lunch and they were crying. I thought they were just kidding around, but then I went out into the hall and confirmed with the other teachers that it was true.”

### Civil Rights and MLK Jr.

EH: The civil rights movement “sort of passed Dallas by. There were not a lot of protests here as far as my friends and family observed, but, of course, we supported the movement.” Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. came to Dallas a couple of times, but even in the 1960s “when I went to see Malcolm X at the Majestic Theater, the protests were orderly.”

### 21st Century Terror: 9/11

EH: “I was at home waiting for a repairman to fix the garage door. He told me about a plane hitting the World Trade Center in New York City. I went inside and turned on the TV and saw the second plane hit. It felt like the world was ending. I remember thinking this must be serious because they announced that the first lady was being placed in a bunker. And all planes were grounded. There was no air traffic — kind of like today.”

### 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

EH: “It's going to take real effort to get through it, but there's a role for everyone. We need to be smart and help one another. It's been hard not seeing my family, but with God's help, we will get through this. It seems similar to WWII. During WWII, everyone got involved. Today, everyone is helping, too.”

## Friday Night Bible Study

### "The Pastor and her Sidekick Bible Study"

Friday's from 6:00—6:45 pm.

The conference call number is:

**701-802-5486**

**Access Code: 596 229**

### No Senior Left Behind

Greetings to you in the matchless name of our messiah!

Here at Hamilton Park UMC we recently launched a new program called, "Leave No Senior Citizen Behind." We did this because technology is moving at a rapid pace, and many of our senior citizens do not have access or interest in the internet.

"Leave No Senior Behind" ensures that you will remain connected to the church via a weekly newsletter mailed to your home. Also, we have secured a service called "Sermon by Phone" to ensure that you hear weekly sermons from Hamilton Park UMC. All you have to do is call **214 295-7194**.

Also, your church is serving a hot meal to the community every Sunday at noon. Some senior citizens drive over and get their meals. Others have their meals delivered to their door. Let us know how we can serve you. You are loved.

## Looking for JUSTICE

A THREE-PART ONLINE SERIES

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The Dallas Morning News

### WHEN

Wednesday, July 1 at 6 - 7pm

### PART TWO: THE COMMUNITY

What are the underlying community issues that led to the protests? What needs to happen to move from discussion to real change?

### PANELISTS



**Justin Moore**  
Founder & President  
A CAREFUL MIND



**Collette Flanagan**  
Founder  
MOTHERS AGAINST POLICE  
BRUTALITY (MAPB)



**Sharon Patterson**  
Pastor  
HAMILTON PARK UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

### MODERATOR



**Byron Sanders**  
President & CEO  
BIG THOUGHT

[dallasinstitute.org/looking-for-justice](https://dallasinstitute.org/looking-for-justice)

## Texas Primary Runoff Elections



Early voting for the Texas primary runoff elections is June 29 - July 10. The last day to apply by mail is July 2. Applications must be received by this date (not postmarked). To find out who is on your ballot, you can go to <https://apps.texastribune.org/features/2020/texas-runoff-election-ballot/>.

This information is brought to you by the Social Action Committee. If you would like to volunteer for the Social Action Committee, email [socialaction@theparkumc.org](mailto:socialaction@theparkumc.org).

## TOGETHER WE TEST

### COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING

Free community COVID-19 testing provided by Project Unity, Catalyst Health Network, and Clinical Pathology Laboratories in partnership with Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

### COVID-19 TESTING LOCATION

**Hamilton Park United Methodist Church**  
11881 Schroeder Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75243

## Tuesday, June 30

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Testing is free.** Individuals may be tested whether they present symptoms or are asymptomatic.

COVID-19 & Antibodies tests are available.

Participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Bring insurance card, or have/know your SSN.

Testing age 13 and older.



Each Sunday, Ms. Ciara presents a great Children's Church lesson from the Bible. This can be found on our Facebook page.

On Wednesday evenings in June, we are enjoying Vacation Bible Camp - Outside the Walls!

We have awesome leaders and their children who present our Bible Story, Crafts, Snack Recipes, Games and even Movement to Music. We have lots of fun.

Our Ignite Youth have met more than 91 times since March and continue to meet every day at 4:00pm for a time of devotion, discussion, prayer, games and laughter. Our amazing Youth and gifted leaders take turns bringing scripture and a wonderful time of inspiration to the group.

This week, University Park UMC Youth will be joining our Thursday Youth devotion.

Our Backpack Blessings Team is at work, making plans for our 3rd Annual Backpack Blessings. This year will be a Drive Thru-Pick up event to distribute Backpacks and School Supplies to the students in our church family and awesome community.

Please keep us in your prayers, knowing that we pray for our church and community every single day!

**Kathy Griffith - Director of Children and Youth Ministries**

### STAY CONNECTED:

- Thursday Prayer 7:00pm - Beverly Galimore (605-475-3200 / Code: 168199)
- Tuesday Night GAP Young Adult Bible Study - 8:00-9:00pm (774-220-4000 / Code: 118812)
- Worship Service - 10:00am (Facebook or Church Website) **LIVE**

## Prayer Concerns

Minnie Hester Johnson - Lindorf Blakely - Chief Justice Carolyn Sanders - Mamie Johnson - Ruth Robinson - Kim Pullin - The fuller family - The Banks family - Neicey Ned - Tonya Johnson - Gregory Baily - Sheila Dickerson - Stephanie & Carl Davis - Mary Freeman - Toni Armant - Billy Cummings - Laura Bruton - Shirley & Chris Miller - The Marsh family, Curtis Smith - The family of Bishop Ella McDonald in her passing -