

## Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

### Remember to Give

You can mail your gift, go online, CashApp, or Text-to-Give @ 972-362-6962!

[www.theparkumc.org](http://www.theparkumc.org)

- 1) Locate the "Serve" Tab
- 2) Choose "Serve Through Giving"
- 3) Choose "Donate Today"
- 4) Enter your donation amount and banking information for a "One-Time Donation"

### COVID-19 TESTING

Every Tuesday in August from 9am-1pm

*"The Pastor and her Sidekick" Friday Night tele-conference Bible Study is going on hiatus until Friday, August 21st*



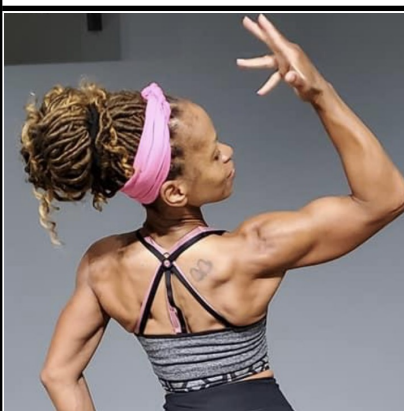
This Sunday's service is pre-recorded. You can access the recording via the church website or FaceBook. Bringing the message is Rev. Nerissa Grigsby

# COVID-19

## Back to School



Free COVID-19 testing will continue through August. We want to focus on teachers and students who are preparing to return to school or in home learning. Please spread the word!



CONGRATS to Doris Hall! She won First Place in a Body Building Competition in the Masterfigure over 55 Division.



### 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  
**EVERY TUESDAY**  
Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

**Testing is FREE!** Individuals may be tested whether they present symptoms or are asymptomatic. COVID-19 & Antibodies tests are available.

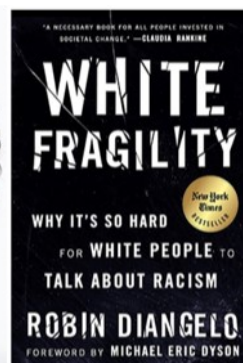
Participants are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. Bring insurance card, or have/know your SSN.

Testing age 13 and older

### LET'S SUPPORT OUR PASTOR'S ZOOM EVENT— SERMON BY PHONE!

Dr. Patterson is the August presenter in a series called **"The Power of Change."** This series is presented by the Lake Highlands Chamber of Commerce. **Thursday, August 20th (11:30-1:00pm) - White Fragility w/ Rev. Dr. Sheron Patterson.**

RSVP @ <https://www.lhchamber.net/calendar.html>



The *New York Times* best-selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.

### LET'S SUPPORT OUR PASTOR!



### United Methodist Men

Monthly Prayer Breakfast  
Every 2nd Saturday,  
9:00am to 10:30am

Zoom Call Information Will Be Sent

If you have any questions, please contact David Tyson



**Have a Blessed & Productive Week!**



A Virtual ZOOM Session for Hamilton  
Park United Methodist Church  
Saturday, August 22, 2020  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT  
**TINYURL.COM/HPUMCALZ**  
OR CALL 800.272.3900

**Black/African American Community Forum**  
presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Dallas & Northeast Texas Chapter

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE**

A Virtual ZOOM Session for Hamilton  
Park United Methodist Church


Saturday, August 22, 2020  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Alzheimer's Doesn't Stop-Neither Do We**

The Black/African American community is twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than their Caucasian counterparts, and less likely to receive a diagnosis. No individual or family should navigate the challenges of Alzheimer's disease alone.

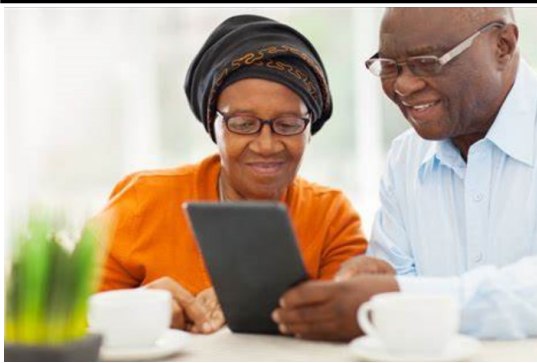
Join members and leaders from **Hamilton Park United Methodist Church** and the Alzheimer's Association for an interactive discussion to learn about the community's needs, and to strengthen education and support services for Black/African American families in the community.

This virtual program is free, but space is limited.



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**No Senior Left Behind.**

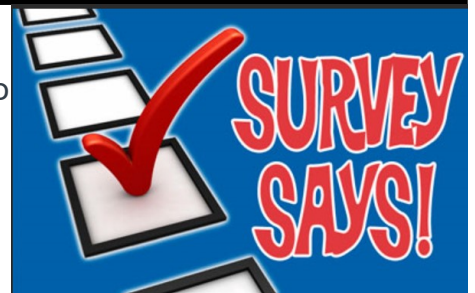
“What are your needs with regards to using technology?”

Contact Art Mosley in the church office

Mon-Thurs (12-4pm)

**Survey Says!**

The Park is now using an online company called “Survey Monkey” to gather your thoughts and options during these COVID-19 times. The survey was emailed and 124 responded. We will share the results during the month of August .



**Question # 1:**

Considering that the government is now allowing churches to gather in their buildings, which best describes your attitude toward returning to worship at our church?

I will return the first opportunity that I get

5.65%  
(7)

I will return, but with some concern

14.52%  
(18)

I will wait several weeks before I attend

19.35%  
(24)

It will be a while before I return

37.90%  
(47)

I would rather worship online

12.90%  
(16)

Not sure

9.68%  
(12)

**TOTAL - (124)**



**My Brothers Keeper: Count Black Men Day**

**Black men are disproportionately undercounted in the census.**

**Our black men and boys matter!**

**Let's make our brothers count by completing the census now @ my2020census.gov**

**#MakeBlackCount  
#CountMeBlack**

**BLACKCENSUSWEEK**





The North TX United Methodist Women and our local UMW Unit to our congregation are working together to support a conference wide baby shower!



## NTC UMW 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MISSION PROJECT



### You're Invited to a Baby Shower on Saturday, 10.24.20



Celebrating the "End Maternal Mortality" UMW Social Action Campaign - NTC UMW 2020 Annual Mission Project: Baby Clothes/Supplies for the Golden Cross "Light Shines Bright" Centering Pregnancy Program



Baby Items for the Golden Cross "Light Shines Bright" Program. The Centering Pregnancy Program "Light Shines Bright" of the Golden Cross Academic Clinic in Dallas works for healthy pregnancies for babies and mothers in low-income families. Program participants earn "Mommy Bucks" which may be used to "purchase" baby items.



Local UMW units throughout the North Texas Conference are asked to collect the following baby items for the "Light Shines Bright" program and bring them to the NTC UMW 2020 Annual Meeting in October:



- ◇ Diapers (newborn-size 3) Baby Wipes
- ◇ Onesies (sizes: 0-3 mos., 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos.)
- ◇ Baby Clothes: Boys or Gender-Neutral Colors/Patterns (sizes: 0-3 mos., 3-6 mos., 6-9 mos.)



For more information, contact:

Dianne Pratt 214-280-6391 [pratt322rx1@verizon.net](mailto:pratt322rx1@verizon.net)



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SEGEMENT

### What's going on around The Park? Alot!

Pastor Montreal has intentionally begun to build relationships with the "Unsheltered" neighbors of the Hamilton Park community during the months of July and August.

While introducing himself to these neighbors, Pastor Montreal noticed drug exchanges taking place along with prostitution.

After many attempts to engage and build a rapport with some individuals where these acts were taking place, I was blessed to meet them:

Meet Angie, she is a 30-35 year old female; she's been Unsheltered for 2+ years. She is a mother and has a MBA. Angie is battling drug addiction (Meth and Xanax) which is one of the reasons that has her on the streets.

While conversing with Angie, she told me that she's a prostitute, this is done to make ends meet and to support her [drug] habit. After we laughed and cried, I was able to ask Angie, what was it that the church could do to support her during this season of her life? Her initial answer was "prayer" but then she giggled and saw that I was sincere and she said soap, towels and food and prayer.

With a few calls, Angie was able to get those toiletries/hygiene items that she asked for and needed, that we all take for granted.

It was during my persistence that I was able to build this relationship with Angie and others. If you were to look at Angie, you wouldn't know that she graduated Summa Cum Laude and is a former Faculty of a prestigious university.

That's why it is so important to build relationships regardless of who the individual is and where they are in their journey of life.

**\*\*\*Disclaimer: Angie's name and identifying details have been changed to protect the privacy of her and her dignity/humanity.**

Peace and Blessings,

Montreal



**Deputy  
Voter Registrar  
Training**

Volunteer deputy registrars help register eligible citizens to vote by distributing, reviewing, and accepting completed voter registration applications. Becoming a volunteer deputy registrar is easy. The state requires you to attend an online one-hour training session.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer deputy registrar, email [SocialAction@TheParkUMC.org](mailto:SocialAction@TheParkUMC.org) for more information.



Last year's backpack blessings was great!  
Get ready for this year's!  
It's coming soon!

Picture From Last Year - August 2019



## Backpack Blessing Initiative 2020

"A Time For Children"



This year, Backpack Blessings will be a Drive Thru-Pick Up event!  
**Tuesday, August 18th**  
Time is TBD

Masks will be required!  
A few volunteers will be needed, safely distanced, to welcome and direct folks. More details forthcoming!

Big thanks to Walmart for their donations!



## #RELATIONSHIP GOALS



CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS! Join us for our study series on the book **Relationship Goals** by Pastor Michael Todd. **INVITE SOMEONE AND JOIN US!**

**Tuesday Nights @ 8pm via  
Conference Call: 774-220-4000  
Code: 118812**

Hamilton Park Family,



Now that many of us are shopping from home for essentials, please don't forget that **HPMUC will receive donations from both Kroger and AmazonSmile when you make your purchases.**

For members who have **Kroger Plus cards** and Internet access, you can attach your card to the church's account at the following Kroger website: <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>

**Our community rewards organization ID number is QU468.**

When shopping on **Amazon**, you can have donations made to the church by going to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-1160392>.

This link selects Hamilton Park United Methodist Church as your charity and takes you directly to smile.amazon to make your purchase.

Please join us with your support to HPUMC.

Finance Team



Please be in prayer for Sister Kelsey Smith on the loss of her husband, Brother Curtis Smith.

**Location: Restland Funeral Home**

**Viewing on Thursday, August 6th at 4:00-6:00PM**

**Funeral on Friday, August 7th at 10:00AM**

**STAY CONNECTED:**

- **Thursday Prayer 4:00pm-5:00pm - 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 Website)**

**THE UPPER ROOM**  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE  
Using your smart device  
**DOWNLOAD The Upper Room**

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**12pm-4pm**



Have any news for "The Park" newsletter?  
Email Rev. Nerissa Grigsby,  
@  
[ngrigsby@theparkumc.org](mailto:ngrigsby@theparkumc.org)

### Prayer Concerns

Tom Smith - Minnie Hester Johnson - Lindorf Blakely - Mamie Johnson - Ruth Robinson - Kim Pullin - Virginia Nwoke - Nakia Demming - Janiaca Wheeler - Marla Hartman - Karen Hill - Shirley Pleasant - The Fuller Family - Mary Freeman - Nicole Harper & Family - The Hopkins Family - Mrs. Bertha L. West & Family - Monica Fagan - The Byse Family - Brother Vance - Sister Kelsey Smith & Family