

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

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3:00 Communion via Zoom

Meeting ID: 835 1479 7578

Passcode: 136634

Sunday, March 7th

LENTEN DEVOTION ZOOM INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting Thursday, March 4th @ 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89208995657?pwd=aExyQ2RzTzR2SWhKTWZoOa050Nkt4dz09>

Meeting ID: 892 0899 5657

Passcode: 778817

March 4th- Roger Bouyer

The grit to get by: A year of quarantining doesn't box in the human spirit

Here's how North Texas seniors have adjusted to pandemic life. (Pt. 2 of 2)



One of the blessings of living longer is that, chances are, no crisis comes along that is your first rodeo. Today's seniors are used to life's ups and downs, and the wisdom of the decades has helped them make do in the now yearlong disruption of COVID-19 on their normal lives.

Here's how one North Texas senior has adjusted to pandemic life, from cooking to Zooming to volunteering. They miss the hugs for sure. But their determination to ride it out safely is an inspiration to their families and a much needed silver lining during difficult times.

Staying connected

Barbara Knight, 86 and a retired nurse, misses the community at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, where she is a choir member.

These days, she stays busy by watching online church services and sending cards to members who are sick or have lost a family member. She's also volunteered with Pathway to Nourishment, a monthly food ministry offered by her church and Austin Street Center.

She says she rarely leaves her apartment except to buy groceries, go to the bank and the drive-through pharmacy. She was surprised to test positive for COVID-19 just days after she got the vaccine. Fortunately, her doctor, for whom she once worked, "hit it hard, giving me an infusion." She's already feeling better, she says.

By Harriet Blake

(We have an additional feature for this article for next week)

We are Christians under construction and our building is just like us!

Church family, much of our church is under construction. From the outside looking in, you would never know. The damage inflicted by the burst water pipes was extensive and will be repaired. Repair in our church means ripping up ruined carpet and removing wet sheet-rock. Brand new items will replace the water stained items. This is all good news.

Our building's situation is a reflection of what is happening to us as well. We are under construction. From the outside looking in, many would never know that God is at work on us either. It is no coincidence that this inner work is happening during the Lenten season. This is the time to reflect on the state of our faith and ask God to shore us up.

I pray that you will not allow the Lenten season to pass you by without getting involved in our church-wide events. They are- Thursday Night Zoom Devotion, Daily Lenten Prayer Chart, and a Fasting Plan. Please note that during Holy Week- March 28- April 2, I will lead 7:00am prayer on FaceBook for the church. Please make plans to take part. And we will have a virtual Good Friday- Seven Last Words worship service that features our preaching team and members.



Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor

Have a Blessed & Productive Week!

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!!!

Join us for an evening of word & fun on

Tuesday, March 16th @ 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://smu.zoom.us/j/97277996320?pwd=eFZVcGluUDFpQ0hPUUhMVGpVU0tpQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 7799 6320
 Passcode: BibleStudy

VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Join the **Mighty Men of Hamilton Park** for their weekly Bible Study Series

PRAYER & RESPONSIBILITY

Bible Study is every **Wednesday evening** from **7:00pm-8:00pm** via Zoom.

DON'T MISS IT!

Meeting ID: 815 830 4861
Passcode: 676592

MEN'S BREAKFAST
MARCH 13TH @ 8:30 AM



Bishop McKee's Response To Gov. Abbott's Latest Executive Order



It has been almost one full year since areas of the North Texas Conference first were impacted by limitations on public gatherings and, later, other restrictions necessitated by COVID-19. Since that day in March 2020, John Wesley's mantra of "do no harm" – to both our pastors and

to the communities in which we serve – has been the guidepost for our decisions and actions, in concert with recommendations from national, state and local health officials.

On Tuesday, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 34, which rescinded a statewide mask mandate and opened businesses to full capacity, effective March 10. In his decree, Gov. Abbott also said that "individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household." Furthermore, "every person (including individuals, business-

es, and other legal entities) is strongly encouraged to use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) health recommendations, found at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus"

While we celebrate the strides that have been made in beginning to contain the spread of COVID-19, the virus is still very much a threat to many of our church members and those in the communities we serve.

Our ultimate goal is the resumption of in-person worship activities without restrictions, but the safety and health of those around us are paramount. The steps North Texas Conference churches and their lay leadership have taken have been effective, and I ask that you – for the time being – continue doing what you have been doing as we all remain committed to "do no harm."

Thank you for your tireless and innovative work in being the Church during these challenging times. I pray that God will continue to protect and guide us all in our pursuit of doing His work.

Peace,
 Michael McKee

PRAYER REQUEST

Yolanda Bailey	Helen Bell & family	Carolyn Laney	Marilyn Boyd	Dorothy Brown-LaSalle
Windy Martin	Roxanne Forster	Mit Lampkin	Christopher Mosley	Mrs. LaPetta Collier
Wilma Fowlks	Ashton Smith	Lawrence Hopkins	Brenda Land	Stephanie Gee
Emma Turner	Jackie Spann	Edrick Laney	Ed and Debbie Dunn	Claudia Claridy
Mrs. Bertha West	Pat West	Clayton Claridy	Shirley Pleasant	Shelia Dyson
The Blakely family	Tyler Goins	Emerson Residents	Erma Chappell	Marjorie Thomas
Kathy Turner	Terry Land	Sharon Bunton	Candis DeVaughn	Cynthia Lusk
Tabitha Fornville	Marcia Johnson	Linda Boyd	Kelsey Smith	Renee Dukes
Norma Manning	Shawn DeVaughn	Yvonne Boyd	Ruth Robinson	Sharon Turnley
	William Boyd	The Vance family	The Rousseau family	Mary Nickson

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1

JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT GAP MINISTRY for a powerful session! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Tuesday, March 23rd @ 8pm
w/ Guest Presenter – David Tyson

Deuteronomy 28:12 "The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow." (NRSV)



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Passcode: BibleStudy



Our Children and their Parents are invited to join each Wednesday evening at 7:30 for Bible learning, games, dance, crafts and snack ideas. See you soon!
Zoom meeting ID 969 8426 3845
Passcode 11881

Contact Kathy Griffith for more information:
kgriffith@hparkumc.org



Here are opportunities for our children and youth:

Children's Worship, Learning and Faith with Friends:

- ◆ Children's Church with Ms. Ciara on Facebook - Sunday afternoons
- ◆ Faith & Family Wednesdays 7:30pm - zoom 969 8426 3845. (code 11881)

Youth Worship and Devotions - Faith Over Fear:

- ◆ Sunday afternoons 4:00pm - zoom 976 8069 6867 (code 11881)

For questions, contact Kathy Griffith:
kgriffith@theparkumc.org

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



STAY CONNECTED:

- **Tuesday Night GAP Young Adult Bible Study - 8:00-9:00pm (774-220-4000 / Code: 118 812 or see Facebook for the Zoom information)**
- **Thursday Prayer 4:00pm-5:00pm - Beverly Galimore (605-475-3200 / Code: 168 199)**
- **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

Giving Statement inquiries
info@theparkumc.org



Have **any news** for "The Park" newsletter?
Beginning January 4th email
amosley@theparkumc.org

LENT 2021- Hamilton Park UMC "The Park"

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting Starting Ash Wednesday Feb.17th ending April 3rd. (Sundays are excluded)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			17 Ash Wednesday Exodus 34:27	18 Matt. 4:1-4	19 Joel 2:3	20 Psalm 109:24
21 Acts 14:22&23	22 Neh.1:4 & 5	23 1 Cor. 16:13	24 Matt.17:20 & 21	25 Ezra 8:21	26 Ezra 9:5	27 Psalm 69:9 &10
28 Acts 13:2	1 Psalm 37: 25 &26	2 1Chr. 29:17	3 1 Cor. 16:13	4 Gal. 2:20	5 3 John 2	6 2 Cor. 9:12
7 Psalms 139:13	8 1 Chr.29:16	9 Psalm 34: 1-8	10 Gal. 5: 22 &23	11 Gal. 4:21	12 Rom. 7:1-13	13 Rom.8: 1-11
14 Deut. 7:6-11	15 Jer.16:10-21	16 Rom. 8 -1-11	17 Rom. 9:1-11	18 John 6:27-40	19 Jer. 1-8	20 Rom.9: 1-18
21 Jer. 23:16-20	22 John 9:1-10	23 Rom. 10:1-13	24 Jer.25:30-38	25 Rom.11:1-12	26 John 11:1-10	27 Rom. 12: 1-6
28 1 John 4: 1-8	29 Rom. 5:8	30 John 13 2-17	31 Luke 22: 27-38	1 Luke 23: 34 - 43	2 Good Friday John 19: 28 &30	3 1Cor. 11: 23-26
4 Easter						

FASTING AND PRAYER DAILY SCRIPTURES will get you closer to God and grow your spiritual walk. Through fasting and prayer, you can experience a release from the bondage of sin, restoration in your relationships, financial blessings, spiritual and supernatural healing.

John Wesley says, "Fasting is only a way which God hath ordained, wherein we wait for his unmerited mercy: and wherein, without any deserve of ourselves, He hath promised freely to give us His blessing"