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IS BACK!

Sunday @ noon

LENTEN DEVOTION ZOOM INFORMATION

Join Zoom Meeting Thursday, March 18th @ 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89208995657?pwd=aExyQ2RzTzR2SWhKTWZoOa050NCt4dz09>

Meeting ID: 892 0899 5657

Passcode: 778817

Dr. Henderson To African Americans: Trust Science On COVID-19 Vaccines



I choose life and good health over fear and misinformation

I readily recall my excitement as I drove to Dallas Methodist Medical Center to get my first – and later second – vaccination for COVID-19. For me, getting the vaccinations to protect myself from this deadly virus was a no-brainer. Trusting the science, I choose life and good health over fear and misinformation. While at Methodist Medical Center, I greeted a goodly number of African Americans who were there to get their vaccinations.

In light of the above statements, a good segment of the African American community has been skeptical of getting the COVID-19 vaccination ... not because of their lack of trust in science, but because of their skepticism of a government and medical community that has a dark history of medical experimentation on Black Americans from colonial times to the present.

As an example, there is the well-documented Tuskegee Study of untreated syphilis in impoverished African American men from 1932 to 1972. Most of these men were sharecroppers from Macon County, Alabama. These Black men were enrolled in a project where doctors from the U. S. Public Health Service studied the progression of this disease on 600 Black men without treatment, save aspirin, even though penicillin was the recommended treatment for syphilis dating back to 1947. More than 100 of these innocent men died while others went blind or insane. Many passed the disease on to their spouses. It should be noted that this experiment took place under the leadership of several different white supervisors.

Understandably – and with a good conscience – many African Americans developed a mistrust of public health as a result of this unethical medical practice. In 1997, President Bill Clinton apologized to Black America for this immoral medical experiment on poor Black men by the U. S. government-funded research. The Tuskegee case is only one of many dozens of unethical medical experiments practiced on Blacks and persons in prison.

Besides a lack of trust in the government and public health systems, some believe there could be long-term negative effects caused by the vaccine because of the rapid pace in which it was developed. Although an African American scientist, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, played a key role in the vaccine's evaluation, many Black Americans remain skeptical.

A lack of access to the vaccine in communities where people of color are the majority is another factor that prohibits many blacks from getting the vaccine in a timely manner. Throughout the country, African American doctors and community leaders are calling for expanding sites that are easy to get to by marginalized members of our society. Until all people in America have equal access to healthcare along with an unwavering trust for medical providers and belief in the current health system, the number of black lives lost to COVID-19 will continue to rise.

On a personal note, I have stated that I have completed both doses of the vaccine and encourage everyone to do the same. If given a choice, my preference is to see the unmasked faces my friends in the Black community (later down the road) rather than deliver the eulogy and provide words of comfort to loved ones left behind.

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Henderson is Superintendent of the North Texas Conference's North Central District.

MARCHING TO THE CROSS WITH JESUS



THE MONTH OF MARCH WILL FOCUS ON JESUS AS HE HEADS TOWARD CALVARY'S CROSS. EACH SUNDAY IN MARCH WE WILL HIGHLIGHT AN EVENT OF JESUS THAT IS RECORDED BY THE GOSPEL WRITER JOHN. JESUS IS MAKING MOVES IN THESE SERMONS THAT WILL BLESS YOUR LIFE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ EACH PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE REFLECTION QUESTIONS BELOW. DR. SHERON PATTERSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - JOHN 11:17-45 JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS- JESUS ARRIVED IN BETHANY ON HIS OWN TIMETABLE, NOT MARTHA'S OR MARY'S. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU? HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KNOW THAT JESUS WEPT AT THE SIGHT OF HIS DECEASED FRIEND? WHAT DO "GRAVE CLOTHES" LOOK LIKE IN 2021, AND ARE YOU WEARING ANY?

Have a Blessed & Productive Week!



**Monday, March 22nd @
6:00 p.m.
via Zoom**

CHURCH COUNCIL

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**

Mature Adults Ministry of Hamilton Park UMC

Mature Adults, come join us for our monthly
meeting

Sunday, March 28th from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. and
continuing each fourth Sunday.

If you are unable to attend via zoom, you can call in
by dialing **346-248-7799**,
then enter the meeting id and password provided
for the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

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Meeting ID: 880 8982 3719

Password: 645570

For More Information contact

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Holy Week Zoom Prayer

March 29th - April 2nd 2 @ 7:00 am

With Dr. Sheron Patterson

Meeting ID: 814 4331 9635

Passcode: 730854

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." (NIV)



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://smu.zoom.us/j/97277996320?pwd=eFZVcGluUDFpQ0hPUUhmWGpVU0tpQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 7799 6320
Passcode: BibleStudy



Friday, April 2nd @ 7:00 pm

**Www.theparkumc.org or
Facebook**

**SEVEN
LAST
WORDS**



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
Rochester Edmonds	Marcia Johnson	Linda Boyd	Kelsey Smith	Renee Dukes
Norma Manning	Shawn DeVaughn	Yvonne Boyd	Ruth Robinson	Sharon Turnley
Tabitha Fornville	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

Pastor Suggests 5 Books To Learn More About Black History

Rev. Edlen Cowley recommends five books for all to read



Carter G. Woodson, recognized by many as the “Father of Black History,” believed it was important for African Americans to be mindful of their past as a way to be engaged in dialogue and participate fully in the affairs of the United States.

Woodson authored numerous books on the contributions Blacks made in developing America. In 1926, he founded “Negro History Week” as a way to encourage further study of Black history. He chose the second week of February for the celebration to honor the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and civil rights leader Frederick Douglass. Fifty years later, in 1976, the weeklong celebration turned into Black History Month.

Rev. Edlen Cowley, senior pastor at Fellowship UMC in Trophy Club, chairs the North Texas Conference’s Journey Toward Racial Justice. In celebration of Black History Month, he has developed the following list as recommended readings (including brief commentary) so all may become more knowledgeable about Black history – regardless of race.

I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist.

Edited by Rudy Rasmus of the Texas Annual Conference. The book is a series of essays from African American United Methodists. The forward is written by Bishop Gregory Palmer of the West Ohio Annual Conference.

Just As I Am

Author Cicely Tyson just passed away last week. This book is very popular right now. She was a very well-respected actress and leader.

Just Mercy

Author and lawyer Bryan Stevenson's book on mass incarceration was made into the movie starring Michael B. Jordan.

Ambitious Girl

Author Meena Harris is the niece of Vice President Kamala Harris. The book is about the relationship between Kamala Harris and Meena's mother, Maya Harris.

The Miseducation of the Negro

The classic book written by Woodson, the father of “Negro History Week,” which later became Black History Month. Personally, *The Miseducation of the Negro* is one of my favorite books that I own and re-read from time to time.



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)
- ◆ Thursday evenings 8:30pm - zoom 976 8069 6867 (code 11881)

For questions, contact Kathy Griffith:
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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



- **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"