

## Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



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Every Sunday and  
Wednesday  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



# FAMILY MATTERS

Every Sunday in  
**OCTOBER**  
JOIN US!!!

# Share your SNAPSHOT

All are invited to share photographs from over the years of church and family for our special edition anniversary digital pictorial. Please email your photos to [amosley@theparkumc.org](mailto:amosley@theparkumc.org) by October 30, 2021.



## Happy 64th Anniversary

**Acts 16:31-34** - They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds, then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God - he and his whole household.

## Register For Sunday Service Here

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/168363448607?aff=efbneb>



October is the month HPUMC celebrates our 64th Church Anniversary. The Finance Committee is asking each member to give a special offering of \$64 above your regular gifts. These funds will be earmarked to purchase accoutrements (banners, altar cloths, flags, etc.) as we prepare to enter into the updated Sanctuary. All gifts are a blessing and truly appreciated. Blessings, Wilma

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Children's Sabbath with  
**Rev. Nucleus Johnson**



*Nucleus Johnson is a youth and children's pastor at St Luke Community UMC, where he leads a vibrant ministry that is consistently growing. Nucleus has been in ministry since the age of 17. He has lead youth ministries for the last 8 years helping each grow spiritually, in faith, and in membership. He has implemented various programs that helps develop youth to be all that God has called them to be. Nucleus has a passion for youth ministry, and loves to*

*see God's young people excel while giving God all of the praise. Nucleus's greatest joy is his family. He is married to Shayla Johnson, and they have three handsome boys: Noah, Ezra and Micah.*



## Cancer Prevention Webinar: Breast, Prostate, Colon

Saturday, October 9, 2021 | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*"The Best Protection is Prevention"*

Join us for a virtual presentation by oncology-certified nurses about ways to prevent and lower your risk for cancer.



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/378889988?pwd=VWp0eWp1aUo5YU1ka0k2ZDZlZmZl>  
Meeting ID: 378 889 988  
Passcode: 7E3J86

Please complete this survey after the event: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/555924>



## State of the Church

October 8, 2021

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson



Hamilton Park United Methodist Church continues to defy and diminish the hindrances and hurdles that were placed in our praising God and serving God's people pathway this year. We continue to be a congregation with made up minds to make a difference for the Kingdom of God despite life's vicissitudes. This has been an emotionally and spiritually challenging year due

to the pandemic, the rise in racism and economic upheavals. Another remarkable victory is that we are on track to pay all our apportionments this year! The fact that we are still here is proof of God's goodness.

In 2021 our congregation demonstrated tremendous resiliency and strength when contorted by two major calamities: the continued despair of COVID-19, and extensive damage to 75 % of our campus due to a February water pipe break. Both hardships could have shut down our church, but we remained open and active. We learned to become a Hybrid Church- one that ministers in person and online.

COVID-19 brought death and sickness to our congregation. This illness claimed the lives of three of our members and countless other lives of our family and friends. In response to COVID-19 we ensured that our members were offered Pastoral Care in the form of phone calls and online seminars addressing isolation, loneliness, and grief. Our various ministries continued via Zoom and Facebook. We took care of our community by continuing to feed the hungry and the elderly around us. We also offered three COVID-19 vaccine events in our parking lot.

As the COVID-19 infection rates dropped there was a request for in-person worship. Our members were vaccinated and hungry for fellowship. Our campus was still

under repair, yet we were undeterred to meet this request. Rev. Scott Gilliland, of nearby Arapaho UMC offered his sanctuary. We met there during June, July, and August, and offered live stream and in-person services. Those months demonstrated that we could be nimble and agile. It was refreshing to see the members step out of their comfort zones and do church in a new place.

Water ravaged our campus in February during the historic freeze that plunged Texas into brutally low temperatures. The men of the church sprang into action to cut off the water and remove rivers of frigid water. Once the broken pipes were repaired and it became clear that there was extensive damage to our campus. Our Narthex, Sanctuary, Bridal Room, Cry Room, Ushers Room, Main Hallway, Christian Living Center, and the Learning Center all were invaded by water and in need of extensive repair. Our Trustees and Finance Committees immediately went to work with contractors, and even a commercial interior decorator, to take our campus to a new level of beauty and functionality.

In the face of this destruction, we did not shut down the campus. We arranged the spaces that were usable to keep going. The Learning Center transitioned over to the administrative side of the campus. The ministries that distribute food relocated to other spaces on the campus. We did not stop, we found new ways and new places to keep being God's church.

The perseverance shown by this church in 2021 let's all know we stand on the Word of God. We are survivors of any and all things. The Apostle Paul put it best in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, "We are press on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair, persecuted, but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed."

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson – Senior Pastor

# PRAYER REQUEST

Dorothy Brown-LaSalle	Carolyn Laney	Marilyn Boyd	Minnie Jackson	Patrick Haskell
Mrs. LaPetta Collier	Mit Lampkin	Brenda Land	The Sampson family	Windy Martin
Stephanie Gee	Ester Bean (H)	Ed and Debbie Dunn	Ashton Smith	Emma Turner
Claudia Claridy	Edrick Laney	Erma Chappell	Jackie Spann	Mrs. Bertha West
Shelia Dyson	Sharon Bunton	Candis DeVaughn	Pat West	Toni Armont
Marjorie Thomas	Linda Boyd	Ruth Robinson	Tyler Goins	Kathy Turner
Cynthia Lusk	Yvonne Boyd	The Rousseau family	Chris O'Riley	Kelsey Smith
Donna Hamilton	Celia Reece	Karen Harkey	Marcia Johnson	James Booker
Sharon Turnley	Mary Jefferson	Thomas Jefferson Jr	Shawn DeVaughn	Wilbur Wright
				Jackie McBride

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>

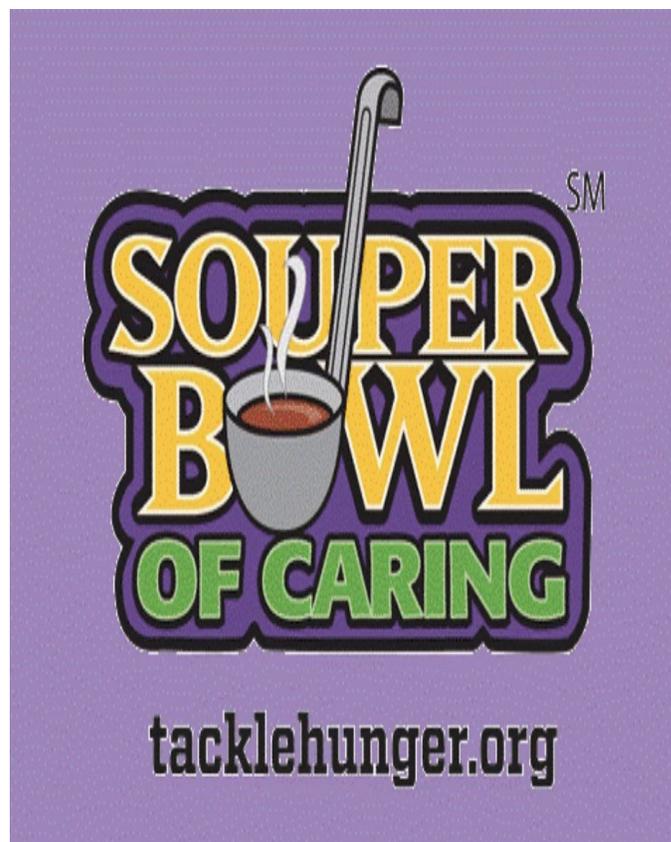
**Our community rewards organization ID number is QU468.**

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



Here are opportunities for our children and youth:

Children's Worship, Learning and Faith with Friends:

- ◆ Faith & Family Wednesdays 7:00pm - 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: [kgriffith@theparkumc.org](mailto:kgriffith@theparkumc.org)



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:  
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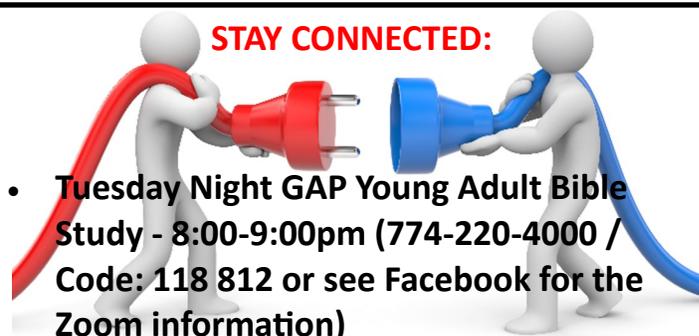
**Audio Visual Volunteers Needed**

If you are interested in working with the A/V Team during Sunday morning worship please contact the Art Mosley @ [amosley@theparkumc.org](mailto:amosley@theparkumc.org)



**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)



**Church Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday  
12pm-4pm

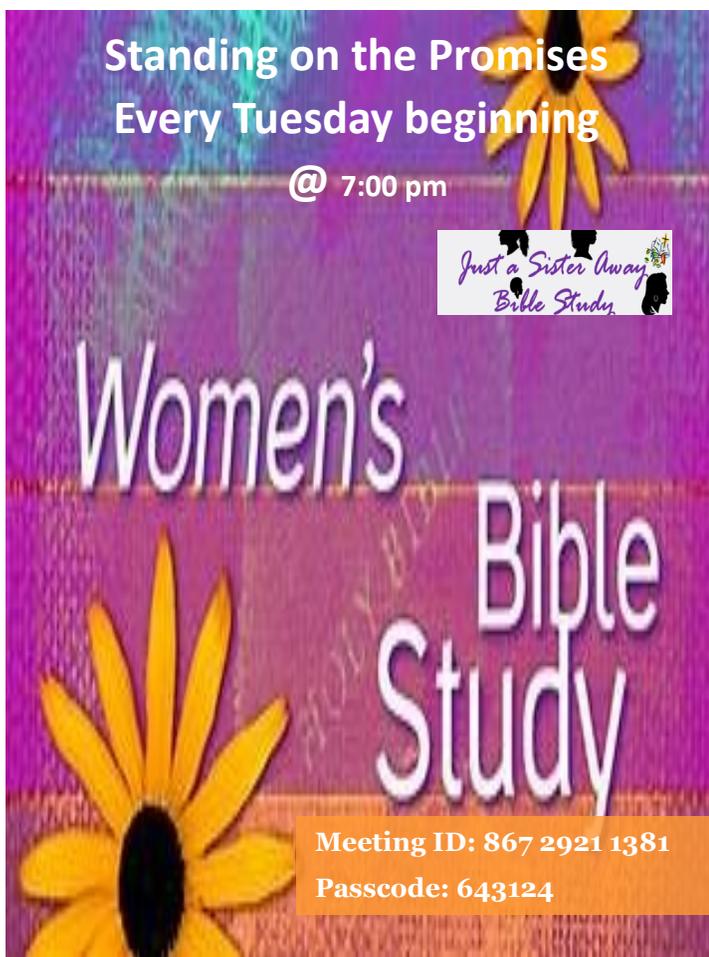
**Emergency contact**  
**Art Mosley 469-951-7842**

**Giving Statement inquiries**  
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### **I AM Healed**

My dear God, Almighty Healer, Most High God,  
 Who is the King of Glory?  
 He was pierced for my transgression; He was crushed  
 for my iniquities.  
 The punishment that brought me peace was on Him  
 And by His wounds I am healed.  
 I am healed by the blood of Jesus.  
 You forgave me from all my sins  
 And healed me from all my diseases.  
 I am Healed regardless of what was diagnosed to me.  
 I am healed no matter how I feel each day.  
 I am healed while my broken grieving heart pains me.  
 You promise to heal the brokenhearted and to bind up  
 my wounds  
 I am totally and completed heal!

***Beverly Galimore Intercessory Prayer Team***

## **Children's Sabbaths Celebration**

By Jackie Robinson, UMW Communication Committee

The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly—inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of children. Some Children's Sabbath celebrations are community-wide, multi-faith gatherings, others take place in individual places of worship. Together, we are inspiring change that will improve the lives of children! The National Observance of Children's Sabbaths is designated for the third weekend of each October - this year, that falls on October 15-17, 2021. However, many places of worship participate on alternate dates - other weekends in October. Hamilton Park UMC will celebrate it this Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is Children's Sabbaths?**

Many places of worship plan a Children's Sabbath during their customary time for worship, prayers, education, or another gathering. Some connect with one or a few places of worship for a collaborative celebration and events. Still others connect with as many faith leaders and places of worship in the community as possible to plan a multi-faith, community-wide celebration. Most Children's Sabbaths involve all or some of the following elements:

- Service/worship/prayers/faith community gatherings focused on children, justice, and the moral, spiritual, and ethical imperative to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children
- Educational programs for all ages
- Advocacy and hands-on service activities around the Children's Sabbath weekend to meet immediate needs of children in your community and raise a voice for justice

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### **How do I get involved?**

Here's what you can do--you can pray for our children! Yes, that's right Pray. The children from our children's ministry have created a craft item that represents them. When church members arrive or leave, you can pick up the craft that's in different shapes of autumn: an acorn, maple leaf or a pumpkin. The displayed craft items represent our children. Each craft on the display has a child's name on it. Please select one of the items and pray for the child named on the item every day for the rest of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Griffin, Director, HPUMC's Children and Youth Ministry.