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Preaching June 26Th DS. Rev. Edlen Cowley



Rev. Edlen Oltrent Cowley (pronounced Ed-lin Awl-trent Cow-lee) has served as an ordained clergy person in the North Texas Conference (NTC) of the United

Methodist Church since the year 2000. He was ordained a deacon in the year 2000 and an elder in 2003. As the son of a Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) church pastor, Edlen had many childhood homes: Senatobia, Mississippi; Atlanta, Georgia; Marshall, Texas; Houston, Texas; and Dallas, Texas. After earning a degree in Government and Politics from The University of Texas at Dallas in 1993, he entered Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University where he earned his Masters of Divinity degree in the fall of 1999. Edlen has served in many diverse ministry settings; he was an Assistant/Associate Pastor in a large African-American church, St. Luke "Community" UMC, East Dallas (1994-2002), in a large Anglo church, St Andrew UMC, Plano (2006-2014). He has started two churches in the (NTC); a multi-ethnic church, The East Grand/Owenwood Foundry Church in East Dallas (2003-2006), and a suburban Anglo church, St. Andrew Frisco/Connection UMC in Frisco (2010-2014). Since 2014, Edlen has served as Senior Pastor of a suburban Anglo church, Fellowship UMC in Trophy Club. The church has seen membership, worship attendance, and budget growth. It has also intensified its efforts to connect and grow its ministry to children, youth, and young families. In his second year there, the church successfully completed a \$160,000.00 renovation to all facets of the church beginning with its youth and children's areas,

and introduced a new worship schedule. These changes have created new energy and excitement; that energy and excitement has translated into a tangible momentum that is driving the church to new heights. He also created and implemented new systems and strategies for invitation, retention, discipleship, and outreach that are paying great dividends for the church. Edlen has served in many (NTC) leadership positions. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry and as Candidacy Registrar for 10 years (2002-2012). He served as Chair of Mission Personnel for the Sending Servants Team, and was on the District Committee on Ministry for the former Dallas Northeast District. He has also served on the Clergy Retreat Planning Team and the North Central District Board of Building and Location. Edlen currently serves as President of the African-American Clergy Fellowship (AACF) and is a member of the Executive Committee of the (NTC) Black Methodists for Church Renewal where he serves as Membership Chair. He also serves on the (NTC) Council on Finance and Administration. He is a Coach and Consultation Team member for the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI), a church development strategy that is administered through the (NTC) Center for New Church Development and Congregational Transformation. He is also a member of the Strategic Committee for New Church Starts in the (NTC). Edlen also coaches pastors through the Center for Leadership Development. Edlen is very passionate about Small Group Ministry. He has taught several churches how to implement and execute small group ministries through his (3D) sessions on Designing, Developing, and Delivering small group strategy at the (NTC) Ministry Center. He wrote several small group studies while serving at St. Andrew and Fellowship. Edlen is also very passionate about preaching. For the past two years he has served as a Hardin Family Preaching Mentor

through the Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence at Perkins School of Theology/SMU at the invitation of its Director, Dr. Alyce McKenzie. Through this program, he has mentored and helped Perkins preaching students develop and craft their personal preaching styles and approaches. He is excited to have written and taught a brand new "3D" seminar on Designing, Developing, and Delivering Sermons & Overall Preaching Strategy to several pastors and church staff in the conference at the (NTC) Ministry Center in April 2017. Edlen was a recipient of a Harold M. Kaufman Social Ethics award given by the Dallas - Levy Lodge B'nai Brith (2000), and was a recipient of an Inclusiveness Award given by the Anti-Racism team of the North Texas Conference (2004). In 2006 he taught the Multiethnic/Multi-cultural Pastors Track in the United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries national "School of Congregational Development" in San Diego, Ca. In 2014, Edlen received an honor from Perkins School of Theology for exceptional service to the Perkins Intern Program as he completed service as a Mentor Pastor to five Perkins Interns. In 2001, Edlen and his wife Jennifer served on the leadership team of then (NTC) Bishop William Oden's Spiritual Formation Trip that guided more than 50 youth and young adults from the (NTC) to Paris, France and then on to the Taize community in Taize, France. He has also traveled to Mexico on mission trips with youth and young adults. Edlen and his wife Jennifer have been married for 26 years. They have three children: Seth Tanner (20), Indigo Jillian-Marye (18), and Willow Eden-Victoria (14). Edlen and Jennifer are very happy that both Seth and Indigo are proud Prairie A&M University (PV) Panthers, and that Willow is a freshman at Byron Nelson High School in Trophy Club.



The HPUMC Higher Education Committee Ministry recently recognized our 2022 graduates and held its 19th Annual Scholarship Award Luncheon.

The Graduate Celebration weekend was Saturday, June 11th - Sunday, June 12th. The Scholarship Award Luncheon was on that Saturday and Graduate Recognition was on that Sunday. Our theme was "The Tassel Was Worth the Hassle, and I Survived!" The scripture for this year was John 16:33 (NIV) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

On Saturday, three of our former youth and scholar recipients were our mini-messengers, Ms. Amber Long, Ms. Carrissa Paul and Ms. Kendyll Parker. They delivered wonderful messages to our graduates with the overall theme of faith and balance and no matter what, God is there! Thank you ladies again, for your blessed words of wisdom!

Sunday's guest preacher, Rev. Marcus Jones, Pastor/Director at the University of Texas at Arlington Wesley Campus Ministries, brought a dynamite word! The message was titled, "Who Pushed Me In?" The morning scripture was John 16: 31-33.

(Listen/watch the service from June 12th). "It doesn't matter who pushed us in, what matters is who brought us out...God did it!" Rev. Jones.

Our high school graduates are:

Kennedy E. Hartman - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Marla) Hartman - She is a graduate of Mesquite Dr. Ralph H. Poteet High School – She will attend the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma and major in Pre-Med.

Jillian K. Jackson - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Susan) Jackson - She is a graduate of Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas - She will attend St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri and major in Bio-Medical Engineering.

Talia Johnson - daughter of Ms. Ingrid Bailey and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned. She is a graduate of Duncanville High School - She will attend Wiley

College in Marshall, Texas and major in Psychology.

Our college graduates are:

Jordan N. Hartman - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Marla) Hartman - She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma where she received a B.S. in Health and Exercise Science. She will begin Nursing School in the Spring of 2023 with future plans to be a Traveling Registered Nurse and ultimately becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Christian Thomas - son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Crystal) Thomas - He is a graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas where he received a B.A. in History.

Our post-college graduate is:

Catina Collins Powell - She is the mother of Sierra and Donald Jr. She is a graduate of the University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona where she received her Master's in Business Administration and Minor in Management. She plans to advance within her company, Capital One, as a Senior Executive Leader in Project Risk Management.

Congratulations again graduates and may God continue to bless you on your life's journey!

Special thanks to the people and ministries below and their contributors, they make these awards possible. Over these last two years, for many of the ministries, it was tough with COVID and all the other hurdles. However, with God, these people and ministries have continued to move forward and blessings have continued to come down! Thank you so much and may God continue to bless each of you and your families!

You are appreciated: Rossi Paul, Carolyn Hill, Mature Adults, Greetings & Courtesy Council #2, Sisters-In-Christ Women's Chorus, I.B. Foote Crusaders Male Chorus, Status and Role of Women, United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women), the family of Charlotte Brewster, HPUMC members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., HPUMC members of Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority, Inc., HPUMC Prayer Ministry, Path to Nourishment and Altar and Flower Guild.

Also special thanks to our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Art Mosley, Executive Administrative Assistant to Rev. Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Kathy Griffith, Children and Youth Director and the whole HPUMC family.

High School and College Graduates (and parents) of 2023 and Post-Graduates of Dec. 2022 and May 2023, please look for announcements in the late fall/early spring as we prepare for next year's Graduate Recognition Weekend!

Lastly, high school graduates and current college students, please make sure we have your address for the 2022-2023 school year so that you may receive our words of encouragement, care packages, etc.

Blessings to all!

Higher Education Committee Ministry:

Erika McMillan - Chair, Denise Jackson, Dianne Pratt, Jacqueline Robinson, Phaon Clewis, Denise Mitchell, T.A. Sneed, William (Billy) Cummings, Karen Nichols, Velena McRae and Cheryl Miller.

Graduate video: <https://youtu.be/JOYDvpqH-uM>





**HAMILTON PARK UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL GOLF TORNAMENT**

Friday September 23, 2022

**Firewheel Golf Park
600 W. Campbell Road
Garland, Texas 75044
(972) 205-3917**

Registration & Check-in: 7:00 A.M.
Putting Contest Starts at 7:30 A.M.
Shotgun Start: 8:00 A.M.

Four-Person Scramble

Registration & Payment
\$125/Individual
\$500/Team

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson—Senior Pastor

For additional questions or to become a sponsor please contact one of the committee members listed below:

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Herman Manning, Chair 972-741-1866
Bill Johnson 214-293-5661

**Join us for Children's Church at
10am Sunday mornings!**



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



- Senior Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:00 am in the church library.

- Wednesday Night Bible Study

- Thursday Prayer 4:00pm-5:00pm - Beverly Galimore (605-475-3200 / Code: 168 199)

- Worship Service - 10:00 am (Facebook or Website)

- Sunday School - 9:00 am - 9:45 am In Person



Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

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Have **any news** for "The Park" newsletter?
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What is a District Superintendent?

Church Family, we are very excited to host our District superintendent, Rev. Edlen Cowley on Sunday as our preacher. Rev. Cowley has been watching our successes here at The Park, and now is our opportunity to hear him.

Some of you may not be familiar with the term “district superintendent.” According to the “United Methodist Discipline,” a District Superintendent is an elder in full connection appointed by the bishop to the cabinet as an extension of the superintending role of the bishop within the annual conference through the same disciplines and in accordance with their responsibilities designated in the Book of Discipline under the supervision of the resident bishop.”

The District Superintendent carries a wide range of responsibilities for the local churches in the district and throughout the Conference as a whole. Primary responsibilities relate to overseeing the work of the local churches, including presiding at

Charge Conferences, and supervising the work of the pastors, including participating with the bishop in the making of appointments.

Rev. Cowley oversees the Metro District which comprises most of Dallas County. The 80 churches and fellowships in the Metro District share a mission field that is the most economically, ethnically, and culturally diverse part of the North Texas Conference.

The mission field of the Metro District is one of the richest in the North Texas Conference. Its diversity of spirituality and social outreach is emblematic of the body of Christ – many parts, one mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Let's show up in large numbers to welcome Rev. Cowley!

Your pastor-

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson

Bishop McKee: 'Prayers and thoughts have become work avoidance for Christians in our country. ... It's time for us to act ...'

During his episcopal address on June 6 at the 2022 North Texas Annual Conference, Bishop Michael McKee addressed the nation's gun control epidemic.

His remarks came just one day after mass shootings in nine U.S. cities – including Philadelphia, Chattanooga and Phoenix – killed 17 and injured 62.

“I was going to have a list of the mass shootings that have happened in the last two weeks, but frankly, one is one too many,” McKee said before the body of United Methodist clergy and lay members. “Our government has been silent and chosen to do not one thing. And when somebody’s automatic weapon is more important to them than the life of a human being, that is wrong.”

In the weeks following the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, elected officials and public figures have offered their prayers. Bishop McKee called on the church to do more.

“Prayers and thoughts have become work avoidance for Christians in our country,” he said. “Continue to pray for those who have died and those affected by this, but it’s time for us to act and to say ‘we believe that this has gone on long enough.’”

On June 5, the North Texas Conference members at the laity session overwhelmingly passed a resolution addressing gun vio-

lence, prompted by the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas. Similarly, North Texas Conference clergy passed a resolution condemning hate crimes and acts of violence at their May 16 clergy session.

The laity resolution reads in part: “as the lay members of the North Texas Conference, we re-commit to our baptismal vows to resist the evil of resignation and work within our churches to educate and end the evil of gun violence.”

The clergy resolution “implore[s] local congregations to study and discuss the problem of hate crimes together as a community,” and calls on the Conference’s Journey Toward Racial Justice coordinating team to equip clergy and laity with tools and resources to speak to the rise of hate crimes.



PRAYER REQUEST

Marilyn Boyd	Minnie Jackson	Carolyn Laney	Dorothy Brown-LaSalle
Brenda Land	The Sampson family	Mit Lampkin	Mrs. La Petta Collier
Ed and Debbie Dunn	Ashton Smith	Ester Bean (H)	Stephanie Gee
Erma Chappell	Jackie Spann	Sharon Bunton	Claudia Claridy
Candis De Vaughn	Pat West	Linda Boyd	Harry McCalla
Ruth Robinson	Tyler Goins	Yvonne Boyd	Marjorie Thomas
Louis Robinson	Marcia Johnson	Celia Reece	Cynthia Lusk
Mammie Johnson	Shawn De Vaughn	Mary Jefferson	Donna Hamilton
Brendon Moore	Melvin Tucker	Roger Bouyer	Sharon Turnley
Ada Phillips	Herdicene Nash	Wunder Harge	Marie Booker family
Debbie Spencer	David Kemp	Amanda Lawal	The Logan family
Ezell Holley	Robert Kemp	Ira Williams	Lilly Webster
Herbert Griffin	Robbie Wright	Jeremiah Booker	Harkey family

PRAYER

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- 1 Peter 5:7

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