

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

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Sunday & Wednesday

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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For reserved meals



What a powerful Veteran's Day. Our guest speaker - Elizabeth McCormick was an Army pilot of flew BlackHawk helicopters!! She inspired and lifted us all. Our amazing Veteran's Day speaker, Elizabeth McCormick not only blessed us with a powerful message, she blessed us with a monetary donation to the church!!



Hamilton Park UMC is partnering with Arapaho UMC for a joint tour of Black Dallas on January 21, 2023 from 8:00-noon.

We hope to fill two buses. A joint lunch will be held immediately after to debrief. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Please see Fred Marsh for more information.

ALL ABOUT HIDDEN HISTORY DFW

The Dallas area is home to one million African American citizens, but very few know much about the history of the early settlers and com-



munities for people of color. This entertaining and educational tour will explore this almost forgotten history by visiting many of the sites that were instrumental in the development of vibrant African American communities throughout the city. This three hour tour will visit over twenty historic sites

that trace the path of the African American journey in one of America's largest cities. You will learn about the two largest settlements following the civil war, the role of African Americans in the formation of Deep Ellum, and how the southern Dallas migration changed the face of the city forever.

Mature Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 29th

10:00 am

Zoom & In-Person

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81892929235?pwd=eS9tTVpmMGpoRINIYUlveEhPam9sUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 9292 9235

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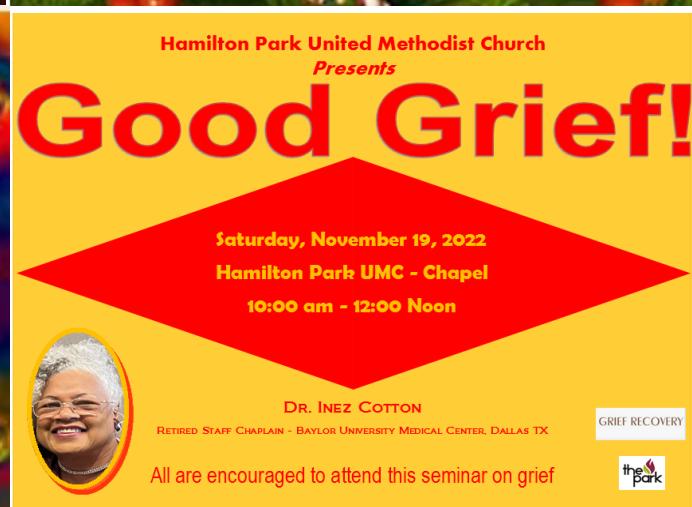
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SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2022
Tickets available in the CLC
After Worship or visit
www.theparkumc.org



Monday, Nov. 28th
 7:00 pm
CHURCH COUNCIL
 In-Person
 Hamilton Park UMC - Chapel



Women of The Park!

Join us each Sunday Morning in the Library at 9 am for Sunday School. We are currently studying 'Nameless Women of the Bible'. All are welcome!

Men of The Park!

Join us each Sunday Morning at 9 am for Sunday School in Rm 111. We study the Word of God each week from our Echoes Sunday School Book. All are welcome!

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
 11am-3pm

Emergency contact
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STAY CONNECTED:

- Senior Bible Study - Wednesday @ 10:00 am in the church library.
- Wednesday Night - Faith & Family
- Thursday Prayer 4:00pm-5:00pm - Beverly Galimore (605-475-3200 / Code: 168 199)
- Worship Service - 10:00 am (in person, Face-book or Website)
- Sunday School - 9:00 am - 9:45 am In Person

Five Prayers to Protect Your Life

1. Dear God, please burn every bridge that leads my life back to pain. Amen
2. Dear God, if there's no purpose in it please free me from it. Amen
3. Dear God, please help me release what's stealing my peace. Amen
4. Dear God, please protect me from anything that wasn't sent by You. Amen
5. Dear God, please help me break free from the things that are breaking me. Amen



Carolyn Laney	Celia Reece	Shawn De Vaughn
Mit Lampkin	Mary Jefferson	Willie Stanley
Ester Bean (H)	Jeremiah Booker	The Edmond's
Sharon Bunton	Art Mosley	The Bowman's
Linda Boyd	Pat Glasgow	Harry McCalla
Yvonne Boyd	Dorothy Lewis	The Roberson's
Claude Williams	Ezell Holley	Tyler Goins
Marilyn Boyd	Herbert Griffin	Marcia Johnson
Brenda Land	Vivian Stanley	Tyson Family
Debbie Dunn	The Nash family	Donna Collier
Erma Chappell	Dee Griffin	Breanna Mosley
Renee Duke	Ashton Smith	Hilburn - Wright family
Ada Phillips	Jackie Spann	Charles Murphy
Debbie Spencer		



Welcome To The North Texas Conference

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.

The South Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy today announced that Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been assigned to the Dallas and Fort Worth Episcopal Areas, serving the North Texas and Central Texas Annual Conferences, beginning on Jan. 1.

Saenz is a native of South Texas and a life-long United Methodist. He was elected bishop in 2016 at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Great Plains Conference, based in Topeka, Kansas. On January 1, 2022, Bishop Saenz also became the Interim Bishop for the Fort Worth Episcopal Area, while serving the Great Plains Conference.

Saenz is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and a former high school teacher, high school football coach, and businessperson. He earned his Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry degrees from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Married for 41 years, Saenz and his wife, Mayé, have four children, all of whom are active in the life of the church. Two of his sons, Aaron and Ruben III, serve as pastors of growing congregations in the Rio Texas Conference. He and Mayé have nine grandchildren.



What Is Advent Season?

Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

When Is Advent Season Celebrated?

Advent Season starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and leads up to the Nativity of Christ and the second coming of Christ. That means that Advent lasts for around a month in total. In 2022 the Advent Season

will begin on Sunday, November 27th and will end on Saturday, December 24th.

How Do People Celebrate Advent Season?

Since the Advent season is observed by Christians around the world there are many different and creative ways to celebrate!

Advent Wreath

The most significant tradition of the Advent season is the Advent Wreath. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. So what does the Advent Wreath symbolize? The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

Advent Candles

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, *penance, and sacrifice*.

Artist Learns Important Lessons While He Lived 'Wait On The Lord'



It is no longer a state secret that I injured both of my hands in August and early September, which forced a wave of recital and concert cancellations in September and October.

What isn't as well known is that [in late October], I finally regained full use of my hands.

I know this because I practiced for four hours without realizing it — something I haven't done since early August.

Unlike past incidents like tendinitis or simple overuse, this injurious bout took forever to heal and involved two hands instead of one.

I was beginning to wonder if I was going to follow in the path of so many forgotten pianists of years' past, whose careers died prematurely because they got injured and never fully healed.

Thanks to your prayers, God extended grace and mercy in my

Read more next week on Advent.....

case.

Amid this ordeal, I discovered that I could still manage the harpsichord.

With my quill-plucking keyboard, I kept my soul nourished with a renewed relationship to the music of J. S. Bach.

In scripture, we are exhorted to "wait on the Lord" quite often, in various contexts.

I will honestly attest that this 'wait' for the Great Physician was not fun, and at times I felt overlooked.

But in this, I learned that it is OK to ask for prayers; it is OK to ask for help; it is OK for the show to wait for a performer's healing.

Above all, I learned that it is incredibly important to guard one's mind and heart — critical to this is to surround oneself with a loving and supportive community.

Right now, nothing gives me greater joy than to report back to you that all is well. And I'm good to go, once more.

Thank you for your prayers.