

# Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

## News at the Park

December 9, 2022



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### GRABANDGO

Sunday & Wednesday

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Contact Kathy @ 972-768-0116

For reserved meals



Join us for a combined **Christmas** Worship Service with DFW Life Church @ **10:00 am, December 25th**  
Main Sanctuary



# Holiday IN THE PARK

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church  
11881 Schroeder Rd. Dallas, TX 75243

**DEC. 21 2022**  
2:00PM - 5:00PM

<b>FREE FOOD</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>
TURKEY LEGS	RUBY RED MATRONETTE
FRITO PIE	LAKE HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
HOT DOGS	BOB CATS CHEERLEADERS
REFRESHMENTS	SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Gift Bags Stuff Animals

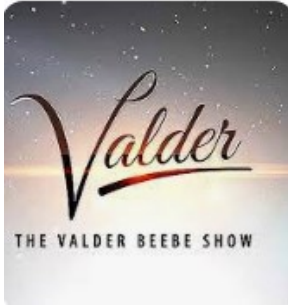
FOOD TRUCK BOUNCE HOUSE DJ

eat  
drink  
AND BE  
merry



WOMAN'S PURPOSE MINISTRIES  
HELPING HANDS FEEDING THE COMMUNITY





# WINTER COAT & SHOES COLLECTION

***The Homeless population need our help***.....please donate

gently worn coats and shoes for those in need of our help.

Sunday's @ Hamilton Park United Methodist "The Park"

Simply drop-off your gently worn or new items in the boxes marked **HOMELESS COLLECTION** in the CLC. **Collection ends 12/15/2022**

Matthew 25:40

***"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'***

The collection coordinated by: The Valder Beebe Show, a Dallas, Texas media company has been called to help the Homeless. [valderbeebe@valderbeebeeshow.com](mailto:valderbeebe@valderbeebeeshow.com)



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 communities 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. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48A4A62EA2FE3-journey>

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## **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!

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## **Church Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday  
11am-3pm**

**Emergency contact  
Art Mosley 469-951-7842  
[AMOSLEY@THEPARKUMC.ORG](mailto:AMOSLEY@THEPARKUMC.ORG)**

## **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, Facebook or Website)**
- **Sunday School - 9:00 am - 9:45 am In Person**



Youth from First UMC Dallas, Arapaho UMC, Hamilton Park UMC, Highland Park UMC, St. Luke "Community" UMC, Grace UMC Sherman, St. Paul UMC and First UMC Terrell gathered with gifted facilitators from Project Unity who led them in thoughtful conversations about race. Adults met separately to discuss other ways NTC youth might come together for continued conversations and work to grow a more racially just world.

The event was a memorable time for everyone. A student from Arapaho UMC told his leader that he considered himself to be an "ambassador." A member of Hamilton Park UMC's youth group reflected on the event by saying, "The stigma about race is the reason why it needs to be talked about. It makes me hopeful that young people like us are aware of the problems of our world and are choosing to shed light on them." She concluded by saying, "The experience was wonderful, and I would like to be a part of more events like that one."

Hamilton Park UMC youth minister Kathy Griffith said: "We hope to come together for ongoing gatherings in the future. We want to include more youth and keep the conversation going!"

Over MLK Weekend in January 2023, Arapaho UMC will host a time of games, food, a movie and discussion for youth to plan future events. Hamilton Park UMC will host a third gathering in March.

## PLEASE DONATE TO HELPING HANDS



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

### 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

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**Velma Stredic** has been officially transitioned to a Hospice Care facility in Houston, TX. If anyone would like to send flowers/cards/balloons, or come for a personal visit the facility has highly encouraged us to do so.

**Harbor Hospice**  
**11990 Kirby Dr.**  
**Houston, TX 77051**  
**713-413-5203**



## 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.

## Upcoming events for Children of the Park and Ignite Youth

### A Journey to Bethlehem

This Sunday, December 11th at 10am, Children of the Park and Ignite Youth will present their annual Christmas Pageant, "A Journey to Bethlehem".

Children and Youth will need to meet Ms. Kathy in the Library at 9:15am to receive their costumes and rehearse.

Ignite Youth will join "One Voice" to sing the Christmas Carols during the pageant. For more information about how your child can participate, please contact Kathy Griffith at [kgriffith@theparkumc.org](mailto:kgriffith@theparkumc.org).

### A Morning in Bethlehem

On Sunday, December 18, Children and Youth will enjoy "A Morning In Bethlehem"

Beginning at 10am, we will rotate through 3 different settings, beginning with the telling of the Christmas Story, shared by one of the Three Wise Men.

After hearing The Christmas Story, we will make Bird Feeders to care for God's smallest creatures. Finally, Children and Youth will enjoy Hot Cocoa and decorate Christmas Cookies where they will make one to enjoy and one to share. We look forward to seeing all our Children and Youth for this fun and meaningful morning.

### Confirmation Class 2023

Confirmation begins on January 22, 2023 at 10am in room 202.

Children who are 6th grade or higher and ages 12 years and up are encouraged to participate in **Confirmation 2023**. Classes will be held each Sunday (except Easter) at 10am and will be taught by Min. Porsche Griffin and Ms. Victoria Nance.

Special Note:

We will welcome the Arapaho UMC Confirmation Class to HPUMC on January 15 and we will be travelling to worship with Arapaho UMC on January 29th.

For more information about how your child can join this important part of their Faith Journey, please contact Kathy Griffith at [kgriffith@theparkumc.org](mailto:kgriffith@theparkumc.org)

### Midwinter 2023

On the weekend of February 10-12, Confirmation Students and Ignite Youth are invited to attend the **Midwinter 2023 Retreat at Bridgeport** Conference and Retreat Center. The theme this year is "Created and Made Purposefully". The cost is \$115 for Regular Registration (ends Jan 16) and \$135 for Late Registration (Jan 17-27).

Background Check and Ministry Safe are required for those over 18 years who attend.

For more information, contact Kathy Griffith at [kgriffith@theparkumc.org](mailto:kgriffith@theparkumc.org)

We look forward to sharing lots of JESUS JOY during this month and the coming year.

Many Blessings!

Kathy Griffith

Director of Children and Youth Ministries