

# Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

February 24, 2023



## News at the Park



Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00 am

### NTC, CTC Celebrate Bishop Saenz At Installation Service

#### GRABANDGO

Sunday & Wednesday

11:00am until all meals are served



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#### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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| Morning Prayer 7 Am        | 24th |
| Black History Presentation | 26th |
| Church Council via Zoom    | 27th |
| Mature Adults Meeting      | 28th |
| Path 2 Nourishment         | 4th  |



"You have taught us all how to say 'yes' when God calls, without fear and without hesitation, but rather with great faith. And so, to the conferences of Central and North Texas – get ready."

That is how Rev. Ruben Saenz III introduced his father, Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., before the North Texas and Central Texas clergy and laity gathered for his installation service.

The service, held Feb. 19 in the sanctuary of University Park UMC, provided an opportunity for the two conferences to formally receive Bishop Saenz, invest him with the episcopal signs and for the bishop to share his hopes for his time in the role.

The main vision cast in his episcopal message was the idea of a strengthened United Methodist connection and a

church that works collaboratively toward a common mission.

"We will strengthen the bonds of our sacred connection with God, with each other, and with our neighbors," Bishop Saenz said. "We will care for each other because we matter to God and we matter to each other. We will be an authentic Christian community that collaborates with our sister churches – no more isolated churches doing their own little thing. We are a network and a connection of churches and we're going to join together to do greater things than we could do alone."

Bishop Saenz's full message from the installation service is available on the [North Texas Conference's YouTube channel](#).

In addition to his son Ruben Saenz III, Bishop Saenz was joined by his wife Mayé, his son Isaac, his daughter Christina, and three of his nine grandchildren. While unable to attend in person, his son Aaron, also a pastor, was also present

in spirit, mentioned during both his brother's introductory remarks and his father's message.



Bishop Saenz was elected bishop by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2016 and assigned to the Great Plains Conference. In 2022, he assumed the episcopal leadership duties for the Central Texas Conference, and at the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference, he was assigned to the Central and North Texas Conferences, effective Jan. 1, 2023.

A volunteer opportunity is available to members interested in being a member of the response team at Hamilton Park UMC during worship services. We are in the process of re-establishing The Medical Response Team. CPR, AED and First-aid training will be provided. Thank you to the members who have volunteered to continue or to share their services and skills. Interested members please contact Dianne Pratt for additional information regarding this volunteer opportunity at 214-280-6391

#### What you can eat on the Daniel Fast

- **Vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned, or dried):** All vegetables (including potatoes and squashes, as long as they are not fried)
- **Fruits (fresh, frozen, canned or dried):** All fruits
- **Whole grains and legumes:** All whole grains including [brown rice](#), quinoa, corn, wild rice, bulgur wheat, farro, millet, oats, quinoa, popcorn, and all legumes including beans, lentils, peas, chickpeas. Also includes whole grain pasta and whole grain tortillas.
- **Healthy liquid oils:** including olive, canola, corn, grapeseed, peanut, sunflower, safflower
- **Nuts & seeds:** including nut butters with no added sugars

**C H U R C H   C O U N C I L   R E P O R T S   A R E   D U E**

Until further notice, all ministry chairs are asked to send their reports to the following email address: [Ruth.robinson2869@icloud.com](mailto:Ruth.robinson2869@icloud.com) by the deadline of Wednesday, February 23, 2023. Thank you for your attention to this notice. For any additional information, contact me at +12142122869. Faithfully,  
Ruth Robinson, Council Chair

**Connection Numbers Offer A Glimpse At The Lives Being Transformed**



**116,222**  
Professing Members

**274**  
Churches

**31,720**  
Average Weekly Worship

**100,376**  
People in Community Groups  
**12,442**  
VBS Participants

**1,282**  
Baptisms

**1,038**  
Confirmations

**17,225**  
Sunday School Average Attendance

**1,653**  
Professions of Faith

**1,819**  
Community Ministries

**\$3,217,215**  
Given Directly to UM Causes  
**\$10,762,800**  
Given to Non-UM Causes

**43,583**  
People Serving in Missions  
**1,702,125**  
People Supported by Community Ministries

**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!

**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

Ash Wednesday - Imposition of ashes 12 Noon - 2:00pm / YouTube & Facebook taped message (all day)  
Friday Morning Prayer 7:00am 7:15 am (every Friday in Lent beginning 2/24/23)  
Psalm Sunday April 2, 2023 - Worship & Fine Arts Easter Extravaganza  
Church Wide Daniel Fast Holy Week - April 3rd - April 8th  
The 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ - In Person Worship Celebration  
Resurrection Sunday - April 9, 2023 10:00 am

Meeting ID: 876 9332 2018

Passcode: 667709

**Church Council Zoom Link**

Monday, Feb 27th @ 7pm

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**Friday Morning Lenten Prayer Call beginning Feb 24th @ 7AM**



**The Black College Fund, one of the seven apportioned funds, was established by the 1972 General Conference**

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have become a mainstay of the higher education scene in America. These institutions were founded before 1964, during the height of Jim Crowism and segregation in America, to afford students of African American descent the opportunity for higher education. Today, HBCUs remain critical places for students who thrive in smaller college settings and who prefer to go to schools with strong heritages and traditions.

The Black College Fund is one of the seven apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church. Established by the 1972 General Conference, the fund provides financial support to maintain solid and challenging academic programs, strong faculties and well-equipped facilities at 11 United Methodist-related HBCUs.

These 11 institutions are:

- Bennett College – Greensboro, N.C.
- Bethune-Cookman University – Daytona Beach, Fla.
- Claflin University – Orangeburg, S.C.
- Clark Atlanta University – Atlanta, Ga.
- Dillard University – New Orleans, La.
- Huston-Tillotson University – Austin, Texas
- Meharry Medical College – Nashville, Tenn.
- Paine College – Augusta, Ga.
- Philander Smith College – Little Rock, Ark.
- Rust College – Holly Springs, Miss.
- Wiley College – Marshall, Texas



In addition to these 11 institutions, the United Methodist Church also supports Gammon Theological Seminary, which provided the seminary education for many Black pastors who were not allowed to attend other mainstream seminaries. Gammon Theological Seminary continues to provide the seminary experience for many pastors today.

Beyond support for traditional African American higher education institutions, the church also provides support for Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we lift up the HBCUs and other traditional African American and African institutions which we, the church, support.

Individuals or churches who wish to make personal contributions may give directly to the institutions or provide support to the Black College Fund through the [General Board of Higher Education and Ministry](#)



Kathy Turner  
 Reed family  
 David & Linda Tyson  
 Lavan Alexander  
 Roger & Shirley Bouyer  
 Shirley Pleasant  
 Harry McCalla

Sheila & Percy Dyson  
 Wilbur & Minnie Wright  
 The Williams family  
 Chelsea Govan  
 Mallory Polk  
 Barbra Knight  
 Saundre & Ron Henderson

The Slatter family  
 Traci Williams  
 Kim King

# EVENTS

## LAY SERVANT TRAINING



Good evening Lay Servants! How is it with your soul?

The North Texas Conference has added "on-line" courses to their in-person class inventory. <https://ntcumc.org/lay-servant-ministries/online-courses>

Please sign up for your re-certifications classes. The Metro District is still planning their next set of in-person classes.

Dwight V. Harry, Certified Lay Minister Assigned to HPUMC

## PLEASE DONATE



## MEET OUR PRAYER & FASTING AMBASSADORS



Sheila Dickerson, Beverly Galimore, Cathy Parker, Eleanor Browne, Rev. Archie Browne, Deaconess Dee Dee Spivey

**Our Fast will begin on  
February 22nd - April 8th**

## LITHE DANCE MINISTRY

Wanting to explore your talents for dance ?

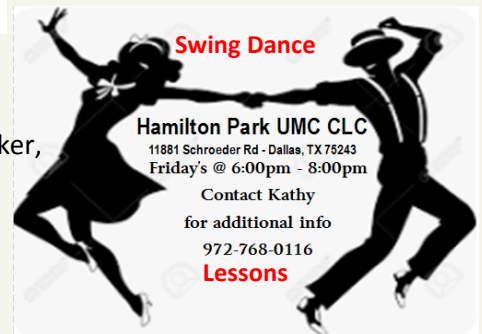
Want to grow in your connection with God and your body ?

Want to fellowship and grow in faith ?

Then please **JOIN US!**

Anyone who desires to dance is welcome!

Chelsea Govan:  
(214)-517-7571  
[chelseagovanthirteen@gmail.com](mailto:chelseagovanthirteen@gmail.com)



## Smoky Black Bean Burgers

- 1 tablespoon ground flax seed
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans - drained, rinsed, and mashed
- ¼ cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon liquid smoke flavoring
- cooking spray



Mix ground flax seed and water together in a small bowl. Let sit to thicken, about 5 minutes.

Mix flax mixture, black beans, panko bread crumbs, garlic, salt, Worcestershire sauce, and liquid smoke together in a bowl until combined. Form batter into 4 patties; arrange on a plate. Chill in refrigerator until set, about 30 minutes.

Spray a skillet with cooking spray; place patties in skillet over medium heat. Cook until browned, about 5 minutes per side.

## Mature Adults Meeting Tuesday, Feb 28th @ 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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