Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

July 28, 2023



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News at the Park

Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00 am

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor



Restoring Community One Water Bottle at a Time

Warren UMC offers cold water through their weekly Hydration Station



"I was thirsty and you gave me a drink," Jesus said in Matthew 25. As temperatures rise, one church is helping their neighbors beat the heat as a living example of what Jesus called care for "the least of these."

Every Saturday morning, you will find members of Warren UMC handing out ice cold bottles of water in front of the church on Malcolm X Blvd., near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in South Dallas. The church runs its Hydration Station from 10 a.m. to noon weekly and sees this as a vital opportunity to connect with their community.

For nearly two years, Warren UMC worshiped online – because of the pandemic – and at Dallas Bethlehem Center – building repairs following the 2021 ice storm and broken HVAC units.

"A lot of our neighbors passed away during that time and we have a whole new generation out there," lay leader Elnora Randon said. "The community has started building new houses, so we're really trying to reach out to the younger generation and to get the word out that we are still here and back up and running."

Last year Pastor Montreal Martin began handing out water to reconnect with the community, and now the church is known in the neighborhood as the place to go for a cold drink of water.

"People ring our doorbell all year long or come in when I'm here and

ask for a bottle of water, so we're known for that now," Martin explained.

"When I got to South Dallas in 2022, I noticed this need for replenishment – physically, spiritually and holistically – and of course it was hot," he said. "Two people in the neighborhood suffered from a heat stroke that summer, and I realized the church needed to do something to try to prevent that from happening to others. So, I began handing out water in July and August that year."

As simple as a bottle of water is, that bit of replenishment can go a long way. Martin emphasized: "We usually take that for granted, but



for our unsheltered neighbors and those without access to cold water, it's a necessity."

The Hydration Station is staffed by four to six volunteers every week and draws people together.

One conversation starter has been a large vinyl banner that reads, "Have a drink on us!"

Martin laughed recalling how neighbors have walked up and inquired what type of drinks they have available. "I chose that slogan because I knew people would ask. It's a way to engage with our neighbors and invite them into our space," he said.

As they refresh the body and the spirit, this church is touching the lives of their neighbors one water bottle at a time.

If you would like to donate to Warren UMC's supply of bottled water, email Martin.

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The United Women in Faith of Hamilton Park are collecting donations for The Good Neighbor Settlement House.

The Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville, TX, serves homeless families and 300-500 migrants a day. Migrant families are served a hot meal, given a folder with legal advice, and presented with a tote bag filled with daily necessities.

In 2023 UWF members throughout North Texas will collect the items listed below for Good Neighbor Settlement House.

We will be picking up these items every Sunday in July

Items we are collecting:

- Shoelaces
- Diapers and wipes
- Snacks
- Sanitary pads and tampons,
- · Colors and coloring books for children
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Masks
- Tissues
- Combs
- Razors
- Hand Sanitizer

Saturday, August 5, 2023 @ 10:00 am

I STILL DO! Prayer Brunch







Rev. Darlene Moore Prayers for Married Couples Book Available During Registration for \$15.00. Registration begins Sunday, July 16, 2023 after morning worship in the CLC. This event is FREE! Hamilton Park UMC's Marriage Ministry is relaunching with a Marriage Weekend called , *"I Still Do," Saturday and Sunday August 5-6, 2023*. The weekend will be led by author and United Methodist pastor, Rev. Darlene A. Moore of Mandeville, La. She is the author of "Prayers for Married Couples", Volume 1 and 2.

There is no cost for the brunch, but couples are asked to register in advance. Registration will begin Sunday, July 16th after morning worship in the CLC.

Pre-sale Copies of Rev. Moore's book will be available for sale at a reduced costs of \$15.00

How can prayer help your marriage? Many couples are only concerned with the wedding day. In reality, what happens after the wedding day in days, months, and years to follow is what is really important. Marriage takes purposeful and persistent prayer. Prayer can help couples to develop in dedicated, determined, and "I do" as well as "I will" ways as your marital season of love grows in a fruitful way. These prayers for couples' prayer book will truly, in prayerful and powerful ways, help your spouse, you, and others learn to lovingly and faithfully understand that difference prayer makes in a marriage. Please don't put off reading and praying this prayer book any longer. Today is a day of together forever. Again, desire to pray and read this inspiring book as a couple and as an individual. Read on! Pray on!



This is a prayer request and sick & shut in list (Hospital)

Andrekia Chandler Jody Livingston Pam Williams (H) Roger & Shirley Bouyer Shirley Pleasant Don & Diane Anderson Herman & Linda Manning Robert & Eric Phifer The Stanley family The Slatter family The Polk family James Bebe Cathy Parker James White Joan Humphreys Kathy Turner Caroline Ramos (child) The Robertson family Geraldine Vine We invite you to the Reclaim men's conference, an inspiring event focused on empowering black men to reclaim their leadership roles in their personal lives, family, community, and church.

Date: August 11 and 12 Time: August 11, 6pm to 10pm, August 12, 8am to 1pm Venue: 11881 Schroeder Rd, Dallas, TX 75243 Registration: www.eventbrite.com/c/665599966417



Job Opportunity Open to Members of The Park

If you have a desire to serve your church family and earn some cash while you're doing it, Hamilton Park UMC might have the ideal opportunity for you.

The Park is looking for a dedicated Christian to serve as Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant who would be responsible for running the outer church offices under the supervision of the Senior Pastor and Executive Church Secretary.

In this part-time, in-office role, the Church Secretary would handle a wide variety of administrative tasks and functions in support of the Pastor and Staff. The Secretary would also maintain a hospitable, Christian atmosphere while interacting with visitors to the office. Hours would be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Candidates must have, among other skills and experience:

- A high school diploma or equivalency; some college is preferred
- 2-4 years of experience as a secretary
- Experience handling administrative and clerical duties

Proficiency with standard office equipment, including computers, copiers, phones and current software programs

The Park is opening this opportunity to church members first, before advertising the role to the public. If you're interested, please follow the link for a full job description and details about the application process.

https://forms.gle/GD2ftYoa3zXJ9UDC9

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)

SAVE THE DATE



Firewheel Golf Park, Old Course 600 W. Campbell Road Garland, Texas 75044 Registration & Check-in: 7:00 A.M. Tee-Off 8:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Registration & check-in. 7.00 A.M. Tee-On 8.00 A.M

Cost per player \$125/Individual This includes 18-holes of golf, riding cart, lunch

CONTESTS: PUTTING / LONGEST DRIVE/CLOSEST TO THE PIN

If you have any questions please call nan Manning, Chair 972-741-1866 or Bill Johnson , Co-Chair 214-293-5661

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 25

On line Registration Available July 1st

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church Dr. Sheron C. Patterson—Senior Pastor

the INTERCHANGE for church leaders

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interchange-grandparentsraising-grandchildren-tickets-669444696107



EVENTS





what: Hope in Resurrection is the theme of this

year's annual laity event hosted by the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries along with the Board of Laity of the North Texas Conference.

When: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 12

Program: Will be led by Rev. Danielle Buwon Kim, the NTC's Associate Director for Research and Development. It will include

a panel discussion by laity engaged in exciting new ministries, followed by a Q&A.

Online: A link will be email to you Aug. 10.

Registration in-person and online: https://ntcumc.org/laity-event-2023. The deadline is Aug. 9.

<u>Men of The Park!</u>

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!