

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

September 29, 2023



News at the Park the park

Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00 am

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor

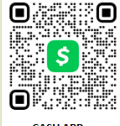


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www.theparkumc.org

1. Locate the "Serve" Tab
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HPUMC Anniversary

Theme: *Catch the spirit of 66*

"Spirit **FILLED**, Spirit **FED**, & Spirit **LED**"

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The Finance Committee is asking every member to give an Anniversary offering of \$66 for adults, \$6.60 for youth & .66 for children. Above and beyond our regular giving!

SNEAKER SUNDAY

Sun., Oct. 8th

Sneaker Head Sunday
wear your favorite pair of sneakers
Rev. Marcus Jones



Rev. Marcus Jones is a native of Dallas, Texas, and proud alumnus of Huston-Tillotson University. He has a B.A. in Business Management and a Master of Divinity degree in African-American Church Studies from Perkins School of Theology at SMU.

He is a published writer, with articles relating to Church, pop culture, Christianity, religion and hip-hop. His focus is helping people see the healthy bal-

ance between religious and secular engagement in hip-hop and arts. When he is not reading books, he is writing for his blog, [The Informed Scholar](#).

While all of these things are great, there is nothing he is more proud of than being a father to his two sons, and a dedicated and faithful husband to his wife. His life goal is to become a bridge of love and information, leading and guiding people from one side to the other as they cross his path!



DBC's new grocery store-style food pantry offers dignity, choice

Since 1946, the Dallas Bethlehem Center (DBC) has empowered and resourced the South Dallas community; today, this comes in the form of early childhood programming, food distribution and stand-out signature events. This fall, DBC revamped its approach to food programs and imagined a new way to meet needs in their community.

The area that DBC serves is a USDA-designated 'food desert,' meaning that 20% of the population lives at or below poverty level and more than a third live at least one mile away from the nearest grocery store.

Every week, the long food pantry line is a visible reminder of the urgent need for affordable food. For many clients, this won't be their only stop. They will visit multiple food pantries in a week, not out of selfishness, but to bridge the gap between their budgets and their families' hunger.

"Because our pantry was open 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, it meant many clients had to take off work to come pick up food," explained DBC Board Chair Harden Weidemann. "Not only was that not conducive to families who work, but it ran counter to the self-sufficiency and employment we encourage. We knew we could find a better way to do this work."

On Aug. 22, that better way came to fruition with the grand opening of The Bethlehem Market, a food pantry built on the model of client choice. Set up grocery store-style,



The Bethlehem Market

allows clients to check in and browse the shelves and produce bins, making their own grocery selections.

"It was important to us that The Bethlehem Market truly give clients autonomy when making decisions about their family's diets," said Jami Russell, Executive Director. "This model allows shoppers to choose the items that will work for their families' meals and pass on the ones that they know wouldn't be eaten. On the food distribution side, it also means that those items can stay on the shelf, ready to bless another family that will put them to use."

In addition to offering a new way to shop for groceries, The Bethlehem Market brings extended hours to better address the needs of working clients. New hours are 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays.

Beyond reorganizing its food pantry, DBC is further working to help their neighbors extend their grocery budgets by providing two hot, healthy dinner meals each week. Every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 5-7 p.m., DBC staff and volunteers serve a Family Dinner style meal to 50 to 75 clients, including single parents, seniors, school-age children and those living on the streets. "For the adults, we often hear that this meal is the only time they have eaten that day," Russell said. "It is fulfilling to know that every child who attends will go to bed with a full stomach."

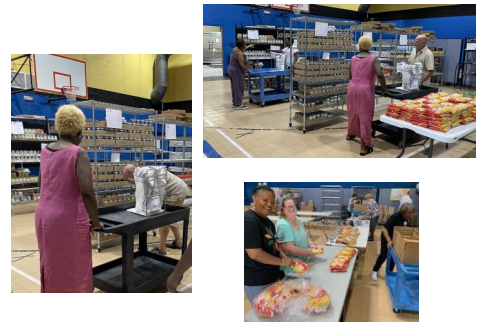
DBC is also engaging in new partnerships.

A South Dallas nonprofit has identified three local sites – including DBC – for an 18-month pilot program to increase access to groceries and healthy food through online ordering. Under the test program, clients will shop at DBC's food pantry in person and place online orders to fill any remaining gaps. The supplemental groceries will be delivered to DBC in refrigerated trucks for pick up the next day.

The partnership with this renowned nonprofit will also bring renovations to DBC's physical building, the addition of a new 10-seat computer lab and staff to support the lab's operation, benefit screenings and workforce development programs.

"We know that this important project will help our clients stretch their budgets even further and encourage healthier eating habits. In the next few months, we will announce the names of the wonderful nonprofits that are helping DBC innovative and grow to the next level in food distribution," Russell said. "We are looking forward to the ways our collaboration will improve lives and connect our community to valuable solutions and resources."

To learn more about DBC, including how to get involved, visit www.dallasbethlehemcenter.org.



Peace Prayer

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be
 consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
 pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.”

—Francis of Assisi



Anyone interested in placing flowers on the altar one Sunday to honor or memorialize someone, celebrate a BD or anniversary--the Altar and Flower Guild will be set up in the foyer after service to take orders and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your patronage,
 HPUMC Altar & Flower Guild



College & Career Devotion

Praise and Prayers to the events on Wednesday evenings? These are mostly those who are age 25 and younger who have graduated from our Ignite Youth Ministry. We meet each Wednesday evening from 8:30-9:00pm via zoom. Please contact Kathy via email or text for zoom address.



- Andrekia Chandler
- Jody Livingston
- Pam Williams
- Roger & Shirley Bouyer
- Shirley Pleasant
- Don & Diane Anderson
- Herman & Linda Manning

- Robert & Eric Phifer
- The Stanley family
- The Slatter family
- Mable Hilburn
- James Bebe
- Cathy Parker
- James White
- Joan Humphreys
- Kathy Turner
- Caroline Ramos (child)
- The Robertson family

- Geraldine Vine
- Ellen Long
- Shirley Dillard
- Shaun Martin (H)
- Breseha Jones & family
- Doris Vance - (Family Death)
- Pam Polk
- Eartha Walls
- Kathy Turner

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

EVENTS

Swing Dance

Hamilton Park UMC CLC
11881 Schroeder Rd - Dallas, TX 75243
Friday's @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Contact Kathy
for additional info
972-768-0116

**Oct 6th & 20th
Lessons**

Thank you for participating in Kroger Community Rewards. As a result of our participation in this program, Kroger has donated approximately \$500 to Hamilton Park United Methodist Church. If you shop at Kroger and have not linked your Kroger Plus Card to HPUMC, please follow the steps below.

Go to: www.kroger.com/communityrewards

1. Sign in or create your digital account.
2. Search for your organization.
3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
NPO# QU468 - Hamilton Park United Methodist Church
4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

Catch the Spirit of 66



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT PRESENTED BY

Status and Role of Women

THE SPIRIT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

Everyone is invited to a Spirit filled Friday Night Out of FUN.... FOOD...GAMES!
FRIDAY October 13th, 2023
6pm to 8pm

66th Anniversary of HPUMC

An Evening
of Games...Food &
Fun

Come one
come ALL
Bring A Friend!

2nd Timothy 1:7

**HAMILTON
PARK UMC**
11881 Schroeder Rd.
Christian Life Center

Discernment Academy

Oct. 16: The purpose of this six-week Discernment Academy is to help participants discover their leadership style, strengths and weaknesses, intercultural competency and learning style and then to incorporate those discoveries into their leadership practice into a post-Christendom context. [Register](#)

LSM Basic Class

Oct. 21 and 28: This course is the foundation for all the other Learning & Leading courses for Lay Servant Ministries, and is required to become a Certified Lay Servant and Lay Speaker. This in-person class is at Mt. Zion UMC. [Register](#)

WANT TO WALK OR RUN A 5K?



Join The Park Walk/Run group! Participants will meet on Saturdays at 9am to train for a 5K in December. If you would like to participate, contact Jessica Propps at Jessica@paragonrunningdtx.com

OCTOBER 29TH

Charge
Conference

@ 5:00 PM
In the CLC

**GUEST SPEAKER:
DWIGHT HARRY**

**SUN, OCT 8 AT 5 PM
DINNER (\$10)
LOVERS LANE UMC**

RSVP: LLUMC.ORG/MEN

**The Carpenter's
MEN**



66th Anniversary Event

"Remembering the Times Sock-Hop"

Saturday October 28th from

6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Candlelight for our Charter Members

Entertainer: Trina Jeffrie (aka Sister Cantaloup)

Hosted by the Prayer Ministry

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)

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!