Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



November 3, 2023

News at the Park





Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor



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- Locate the "Serve" Tab 1.
- Choose "Serve Through Giving" 2.
- 3. Choose "Donate Today"
- Enter your donation amount







FALL BAZAAR

The Altar & Flower Guild will be holding our Fall Bazaar on Sunday, Nov 19, 2023 before and after church in the CLC. Come out and do your early Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping in support of our ministry. There will be plenty of wares from pastries, jewelry, fashion items, and more.

We look forward to seeing you.







The State of the Church - Hamilton Park United Methodist Church

Here at The Park we consider ourselves Holy Ghost headquarters because we

strive to be infused with the Spirit of God.

This year we intentionally wanted the Holy Spirit in our lives and we started a Fifth Sunday Prayer and Anointing Service with our Prayer Ministry that ushers the Holy Spirit into our prayers and our lives.

We hosted the second annual Holy Ghost Academy to equip the laity with sound biblical teaching.

Our worship services are exuberant and praise-filled and are momentum for other sections of the church.

The laity of The Park are strong leaders. They underwent training in January and receive opportunity for more learning opportunities throughout the year. Each leader received a copy of the Leadership Guidelines printed by the UMC.

Our Church Council leadership is in the capable hands of a veteran church member. Leaders received clear instructions on what was expected of them.

Our Finance Committee is very wisely urging more and more members to give electronically, over 50 % do now.

Together, the Finance Committee and the Trustees lead us through mounting facility maintenance costs. As we strive to monetize our building, we are mounting a Capitol Campaign.

DON'T FORGET

To turn your clocks

back one hour

by 2 a.m. Sunday

Our Older Adults benefit from intentional efforts to keep them connected. There are in person weekly Bible classes and a hybrid monthly gathering.

Our youth and children's ministry remains robust due to constant creative events such as a class on preparing fresh fruit trays to racial dialogue. This ministry has grown to now include a group for recent high school grads. These are the young, young adults.

The Park continues to face out with our weekly hot meal feedings of the needy, our monthly grocery giveaway and holiday community meals in the parking lot.

We partnered with a Masonic Lodge next door to offer the community health fair.

We are excited about our connection with Arapaho UMC through the Journey to justice program of the NTC. This partnership was featured at the Annual Conference in June. We have come together for a bus ride through historic Black Dallas, a presentation of HBCUs and a Pumpkin Patch.

The year 2023 has seen vital involvement and energy for all.

Dr. Sheron C Patterson

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Hamilton Park Church Council Ministry Highlights for 2023

The following are accomplishments that were completed during the 2023 program year:

- A highly successful Officers' Training was conducted with approximately 40 in attendance.
- Prayer Ministry and LSM representatives were invited to offer devotions to open each council meeting.
- A process was developed, in cooperation with Trustees, to facilitate "Planned Giving" to the church by interested families, members, donors.
- The addition of a Cash APP for convenience in giving/donating has been provided by the Finance Team.

Commendations are extended to the Lay Leadership Committee for their untiring work throughout the year to identify & fill leadership positions vital for conducting the work & ministry of the church.

Kudos to our Financial Team & Trustees for working together demonstrating the leadership needed making prudent business decisions in a time of transition in our general church.

Our sincere appreciation to Art Mosley for scheduling and facilitating our virtual meetings. Thank you to the leaders & committee members of each and every ministry of HPUMC.

For 2024

We are looking forward to improving recordkeeping procedures, upgrading Officers' Training content, strengthening business procedures & protocol.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth E. Robinson, Chair

Hamilton Park UMC.... Are you familiar with Basic Life Support?



Would you like to have Basic Life Support Training? Well, you are in luck. American Heart Associate, Ms. Tevia Berry will be available here at HPUMC Saturday, November 11, 2023 to offer CPR and Basic Life Support to interested members of HPUMC and The Life Church DFW. The fee is **Wellness** \$45.00 per person. Payments are to be made to HPUMC or you may zelle payment directly to Ms. Berry. The zelle information will be given at the time of registration. If interested please

contact Dianne Pratt, 214-280-6391. *6 participants minimum and 12 participants maximum each session.

Church Family, we experienced a very meaningful Charge Conference on Sunday night. Our District Superintendent- Rev. Edlen Cowley explained that our annual conference- the North Texas Annual Conference has five Strategic Priorities, and he asked that we make those five Strategic Priorities ours. Additionally, Rev. Cowley asks that we prioritize them for our church. They are listed below. Please take the time to study them and envision them here at The Park.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES





CHUDREN AND YOUTH



CARE AND HEALING





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Gloria Jackson-Marsh has been

appointed to the City of Plano Senior Advisory Board by the Plano City Council effective November 1, 2023, becoming the first African American to serve on the Board. The Ceremonial Oath of Office was administered on Monday, October 23rd by Plano Mayor John Muns at the Plano City Council Meeting. Gloria will be required to complete Anti-Harassment,

Discrimination and Ethics Training upon accepting this position. Gloria was also reappointed to another two year term as a board member for the City of Plano AARP Chapter 2304. Let's be in prayer for Gloria as she followers this new path that God has set before her.





Anyone interested in placing flowers on the Alter one Sunday to honor or memorialize someone, celebrate a birthday or anniversary the Alter and Flower Guild has placed order forms at the entry of the sanctuary, please complete the form and return the for to Billie McCalla - 214-868-2386 or Cherlyn Lacy - 407-491-8620

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 even-

ing 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
Herman & Linda Manning
The Stanley family

The Slatter family
Mable Hilburn
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
The Wright family
Joyce Daniels (Family Death)
Celia Reece (Family Death)

EVENTS

Statewide Election is Tuesday, November 7th



The 2023 Election is Tuesday, November 7. Polls are open from 7 am to 7 pm. The polls close for early voting on Friday, November 3, at 7 pm.

Many people only vote in the general (sometimes called presidential election). But local elections are the ones where we can see how they impact our lives. There are several items on the statewide ballot that are important. For example, Proposition 3 increases the homestead tax exemption to \$100,000 from \$40,000. It also increases funding for

public education.

Here are a few more:

Proposition 7 creates the Texas Energy Fund and authorizes funding to modernize electric generation facilities.

Proposition 8 creates the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund to finance high-speed broadband (internet) access.

Proposition 9 authorizes the state legislature to make cost-of-living adjustments or other benefit enhancements to eligible annuitants of the teacher retirement system.

Go to www.ballotpedia.org to search for more items on the ballot.





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

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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.

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!