

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



November 10, 2023

News at the Park



Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor

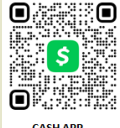


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Remembering Mr. Carlyle CHAPMAN, JR.



On October 10, 2023 Carlyle Horatio Chapman, Jr. passed on to his eternal rest. A respected attorney, Carl was a partner in the Dallas law firm Locke Lord for twenty years. He was a loving husband to his wife, the late Gloria Jean Oglesby Chapman, a Dallas Cowboys fan, a great dancer, an avid bid whist player, and a devoted father, friend, and partner. He was an active member of the Dallas community, having served on multiple boards and organizations, especially the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Carl was born in 1948 to Mr. Carlyle H. Chapman, Sr. and Mrs. Gloria Dix Chapman of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended Southern University for one year before transferring to Indiana University, where he majored in political science and met his future wife.

After graduating cum laude from IU, Carl earned his doctorate of jurisprudence at the University of Michigan Law School. Upon his graduation in 1973, the Dallas labor law firm of Mullinax Wells recruited Carl, and he practiced there for over a decade. Carl then partnered with friend and colleague Foster Reese to form one of Dallas's few Black law firms, Chapman & Reese, where Carl focused on worker's compensation litigation. Carl and Foster Reese dissolved their successful firm in 1994, and Carl accepted the offer of a partnership in employment law at the esteemed firm of Locke Lord, where he worked until his retirement in 2014.

Carl firmly believed in the democratic principle of jury trial and sought to stem its replacement by binding arbitration and other modes of jurisprudence that he viewed as less democratic. Therefore, he was a dedicated member of the American

Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). He served successively as President of the Dallas Chapter of ABOTA, President of Tex-ABOTA, and President of the ABOTA National Foundation. As an ABOTA leader in these capacities, Carl delivered numerous speeches and presentations across the country, advocating each citizen's right to trial by a jury of their peers in civil as well as criminal litigation.

An active community member, Carl devoted his time and expertise to a range of organizations. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi fraternity (known as "the Boule"), Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, and the Board of Trustees of The Hockaday School. Among the organizations to which he volunteered his time were the KERA- TV public broadcasting channel and the City of Dallas.

Carl had a bright smile and loved to laugh. In addition to dancing with his wife, playing cards with his friends, and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and Michigan Wolverines, Carl loved stories: movies like 'Star Wars' and 'Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark,' novels by authors such as Walter Mosley, Ken Follett, and Sylvia Day, and the occasional play. Ever the attorney, Carl also loved to argue a philosophical or political point and keenly taught his children the arts of logical dispute and lively debate over the dinner table. He was well loved and will be sorely missed.



Carl is survived by his children, Erin D. Chapman of Washington, DC and Carlyle H. Chapman, III and his wife Lyndsey of St. Louis, MO.



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.

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

The “Service of the Longest Night”



For those who are suffering during the Christmas season due to loss, depression or illness, a non-traditional service can help

On Christmas Eve, churches around the world will be filled with brightly dressed, happy families singing "Joy to the World" with big smiles on their faces. And of course, that's wonderful.

But what if you have just lost a dear loved one? What if you are going through a divorce, a serious illness or feeling alone or depressed? For people who do not feel like celebrating, trying to fake joy at a traditional Christmas service can make their situation feel even more painful and take energy they may not have. This is where the Service of the Longest Night can help.

Because we don't know exactly when Jesus was born, early Christians set Christmas to be during the time of the Winter Solstice, the day of the year with the least daylight and the longest night. The alternative Christmas service, called the Service of the Longest Night, was born out of the idea that suffering people need a little extra light and hope at this time of year.

I organized my first Service of the Longest Night, which I called "Blue Christmas" then, as a layperson more than 20 years ago for people in my grief support group who told me they just could not force themselves to attend their usual Christmas services. I particularly remember one young woman who had lost a baby, her sister and her father all in the same year. She attended our Longest Night service that year and told me afterwards it helped her make it through the worst year of her life and brought her closer to God.

In fact, this service became such a meaningful part of her faith journey that she has followed me through the years, as I became a pastor offering this service at different churches. This dear young woman is not the only one who has felt this way; some have made the Longest Night service part of their holiday tradition, even after returning to their "regular" Christmas services.

Over two decades, I have refined the basic candlelight service I started with and now include communion. Each year I seem to think of a new "tweak" to try to make it better. I will give an overview here, and I am happy to share the script I have developed.

Our service begins with Scripture readings of comfort and hope, including passages about light coming into the darkness. A candle ceremony follows with readers lighting different colored tapered candles representing grief, courage, memories, love, faith, hope and peace. As we light each candle, we read a short

inspirational paragraph and a prayer related to the topic the color represents.

We invite congregants to come forward to the tiered candle rack on the altar, which, in our case, holds around 100 white votive candles. We encourage them to light candles in memory of loved ones they are missing. If they haven't lost a person, we suggest lighting a candle as a reminder of the Light of the World.

Our Service of the Longest Night features gentle, yet uplifting, music from one singer and an acoustic guitar. Some of the music we have used includes hymns like "It Is Well with My Soul," modern music like "Held," or even secular music such as "Bridge Over Troubled Water." We intersperse short devotionals focused on subjects such as the simplicity of the original Christmas, the assurances of God's Presence, eternal life and heavenly reunions.

At the end of the service, we invite people to take home the white candles that they lit earlier as physical reminders of their loved ones' lives. Those who haven't lost loved ones may take candles to represent the hope we have because of Christmas. Participants throughout the years have told me that burning these little white candles throughout their holiday meals and gatherings brings extra comfort and meaning to what can be difficult days.

The Service of the Longest Night provides a lifeline for people who are hurting by acknowledging that all of the emotions have a place at Christmas time. I have seen faith deepen in individuals who are suffering when they realize that Christmas is not just about joy.

By acknowledging our current pain and reaching for God's future promises, we open ourselves to hope, and the day when we can once again sing "Joy to the World." But in the meantime, there is the Service of the Longest Night.



Rev. Dawn Anderson is the Associate Pastor of Care, Recovery and Small Groups at Lovers Lane UMC

**"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 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

To my Hamilton Park Church Family:
 Words cannot express my deepest appreciation and love for you that was shown to me, and on behalf of my family, during the celebration of life for my brother.
 Thank you for all the cards of condolences, support and the beautiful plant that were received and forever will be cherished.
 What a blessing it is to be a part of a loving and giving church family and community.
 May God continue to bless you.
 Love,
 Joyce Daniels and family

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
 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

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



**MULTIPLY
JESUS
FOLLOWERS**



**CHAMPION
CHILDREN
AND YOUTH**



**MAXIMIZE
CARE AND
HEALING**



**PURSU
AND
EMBRACE
DIVERSITY**



**TELL OUR
STORY**

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 \$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.*



**PROUD TO BE AN
AMERICAN PARADE**

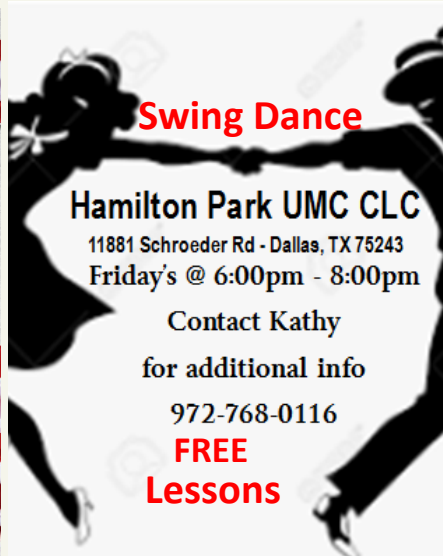
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NOVEMBER 9, 2023
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Please RSVP by Oct 19th

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Barbara.Trujillo@risd.org



Swing Dance

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

Contact Kathy
for additional info
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**FREE
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.

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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!