

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



December 8, 2023

News at the Park



Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor



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Dr. Sheron C. Patterson Announces Her Retirement



The book of Ecclesiasties teaches us that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

It is with bitter sweet emotions that share with you, with 35 years to my credit, my season as an active, itinerant United Methodist pastor is coming to an end. I submitted my request for retirement to bishop Seanz and his cabinet and that request has been approved.

My retirement will be effective July 1 2024. I however will be starting a sabbatical effective April 1, 2024. My last day pastoring here at the church will be Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Hamilton Park UMC is a vital congregation that continues to make a difference in so many lives. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for your support, love and teamwork.

We accomplished a lot during my tenure and I will look back with pride at all we did together.

In 1981 God called me into ministry, and I did not know what was next. I graduated from Spelman College and came straight to Dallas to attend seminary at SMU. I completely trusted God to lead me into ministry and I am trusting God to lead me out. Dallas has been good to me, I'd only planned to be here 5 years, and it has been 43.

I have watched many of you retire and it looks like fun. I am going to the house and sit down, rest, reflect and restore. Immediately upon retirement we anticipate splitting time between Texas and NC. We do anticipate moving to N.C. full time.

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson



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Calling all high school and college seniors and their parents!

College and high school seniors or their parents, please register with the Higher Ed Committee. Please see Denise Jackson, Dianne Pratt or any Higher Ed Committee Ministry member. Also, if you are a parent of any current college student, please make sure we have their current school address. Again, you can see Denise Jackson, Dianne Pratt or any Higher Ed Committee Ministry member.

Join us in December for Advent



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86891831326?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86891831326?pwd=MFRnU0Q1aUdnMmc3RDJlQW9uSERUQT09)
 pwd=MFRnU0Q1aUdnMmc3RD
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Meeting ID: 868 9183 1326
 Passcode: 070614

Advent Bible Study Wednesday

December 13th
 December 20th
 @7:00 PM



Holiday at the Park

CANCELLED



WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sunday
December 24th
10:00 AM**

**Special Music
From our Music
Ministry**



NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**Sunday
December 31st
10:00 AM**

**New Year Toast
In the CLC
After Worship**

“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

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.
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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.

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)
- Jason Harkey

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

EVENTS

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

An Opportunity to Serve!!!

Path 2 Nourishment
Saturday, December 2nd
@ 10:00 am (CLC)



Save the Date

Saturday, January 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
Hamilton Park Leadership Gathering

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)

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



PURSUE AND EMBRACE DIVERSITY



TELL OUR STORY

Swing Dance

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Friday's @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Contact Kathy

for additional info

972-768-0116

FREE Lessons

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!