

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church



December 15, 2023

News at the Park



Sunday Worship Celebration @ 10:00

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson - Sr. Pastor

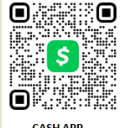


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www.theparkumc.org

1. Locate the "Serve" Tab
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BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Worship Experience for those experiencing grief during Christmas

<https://www.offerhopenow.com/find-a-service>

Blue Christmas Worship Experience offers a safe space for anyone feeling lost or alone during the holidays. It welcomes all backgrounds, beliefs, and struggles, providing support and encouragement through music, prayer, and messages of hope. Join a United Methodist Church near you in the Central Texas and North Texas Conference areas for comfort and a sense of belonging this holiday season.

New initiative designed to address the increasing challenges clergy face across contexts



lives. As part of the Clergy Health Initiative, we will have a dedicated Faith Community Nurse working directly with clergy, helping to build healthy habits and strategies in a one-to-one setting."

According to a [July 2023 study of United Methodist clergy](#) from Wespeth Benefits and Investments (Wespeth), the well-being of United Methodist clergy has declined significantly over the last 10 years. Clergy are seeing higher incidence of diabetes or pre-diabetes, hypertension or pre-hypertension and body mass index greater than 30. Similarly, measurements in social and emotional wellness are trending downward, with reports of work-related stress and financial stress increasing.

"In the Center for Missional Outreach, we see the Clergy Health Initiative as a powerful way to serve our clergy, and in turn, serve the community," said Rev. Andy Lewis, director of missional outreach and assistant to the Bishop for the North Texas Conference. "The Faith Community Nursing program has been helping to address whole-person health in covenant relationships since 1999. Adapting this model to bring care and healing directly to clergy will allow us to come alongside them and support their important work in new and relevant ways."

Work on the Clergy Health Initiative is expected to begin in early 2024.



The Higher Education Ministry Committee will host a reception to welcome home and celebrate our college students and a holiday mixer with the Youth. **All youth, 7th - 12th grade and college students** join the Higher Ed Committee after service, Sunday, December 17th.

HIGHER EDUCATION

October, the Golden Cross Division Board of Methodist Health System Foundation awarded the North Texas Conference and Methodist Health System's Faith Community Nursing program a grant of \$140,000 to support new initiative designed to improve clergy health and wellness. The funds will be put toward [hiring a full-time Faith Community Nurse](#) dedicated to investing in clergy, as well as developing programs and tools to enhance clergy well-being.

"The well-being of our clergy affects the well-being of our entire connection, rippling out to impact families, congregations and the greater community," said Rev. Caesar Rentie, vice president of pastoral services for Methodist Health System. "We know clergy are better able to live into their calling when they are working from a place of wellness and flourishing across all dimensions of their



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)
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Meeting ID: 868 9183 1326
 Passcode: 070614

**Advent Bible Study
 Wednesday
 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.
 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.

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

The Run Ministry of Hamilton Park

**WANT TO
WALK OR
RUN A
5K?**



2023 BMW Dallas Marathon

*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

Hamilton Park UMC CLC

11881 Schroeder Rd - Dallas, TX 75243

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!