

## ONE & DONE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve at HPCUMC?

"One & Done" are opportunities to serve, usually for just an hour or so at a time, and when you are done...it's done.

Sound simple? It is! Opportunities are listed below. **Please check the one you like, fill in your contact information and place it in the offering plate. We will contact you asap.** Thank you for your willingness to serve with us in Christ.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

\_\_\_ \*On Saturday 11/23, call families getting deliveries on Sunday to confirm delivery

\_\_\_ On Sunday 11/24 assemble boxes in church parking lot at 8:00 am

\_\_\_ On Sunday 11/24 assemble baskets in church parking lot starting at 10:30 am

\_\_\_ On Sunday 11/24 deliver 1-2 baskets to neighbors starting at 11:30 am

\_\_\_ Provide financial assistance for baskets (\$50/basket but any amount is appreciated)

\_\_\_ \*On Monday 11/25 deliver 50 baskets to Rothenberg Schools in the morning

\_\_\_ \*On Monday (11/25), Tuesday (11/26), or Wednesday (11/27) help Rothenberg schools give baskets to families during the school day

\*Pastor Kate will follow up with you.

### Christmas Bash and Live Nativity Community Welcome Event on Saturday, December 14th

Opportunities are listed below: (We will follow up with you on details, times and other information)

#### Carpenters needed:

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to come help the Family Ministry Team construct a simple outdoor Stable for the Live Nativity.

#### Outdoor lights set-up crew:

\_\_\_ Yes, I am available to help set-up the outdoor Christmas Lights on Saturday, November 30th from 9:30-11:30am.

#### Live Nativity Characters:

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to participate as one of the Nativity characters, in full costume, during this event.

#### Event Volunteer:

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to help by serving at the event.

I would prefer to help with: \_\_\_ Registration \_\_\_ crafts \_\_\_ activities/games

\_\_\_ food/drinks \_\_\_ greeters \_\_\_ anything you need

#### Food Donation:

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate cookies for the hot chocolate bar. Cookie donations will be collected the week of the event.

#### Christmas Lights Donation:

\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate gently used or new white Christmas lights for the outdoor Live Nativity. Donations can be dropped off in the Family Ministry Office.

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### Are We Able?

When Jesus was confronted and questioned by the religious elite about which law/commandment was the greatest (there were about 897 individual laws at that point) Jesus proclaims that the entirety of the law is summed up in two, *"to love God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your whole mind (Mark adds strength); and to love your neighbor as you love yourself."* (Matthew 22:37-40) Earlier in Matthew's Gospel Jesus proclaims in the "sermon on the mount": *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."* (Matthew 5:17)

The Christ comes to fulfill the law: Love God and love those God loves. In doing so Christ invites us to follow. Are we able? In answering the question one 20th Century theologian invites us to consider, "Remember, as soon as your 'love' needs or wants a reward in return, you have backed away from Divine Love, which is why even our common notion of a 'reward in heaven' can keep us from the actual love of God or neighbor! A pure act of love is its own reward, and needs nothing in return. Love is shown precisely in an eagerness to love."

Let's do it! Let us answer the call to follow Jesus in this way of love. Let us embrace a love for "the other" that reflects how we have been loved by Christ. Let us embrace a love for our enemies, and those who persecute us, that reflects the unmerited, undeserving love of God. As we embrace our own belovedness, let us embrace all God has created and calls beloved! To this end we are in this together; it is a privilege to serve in ministry with you, see you in church.

Through Christ,

Pastors Cathy and Doug Johns



Senior Pastor  
Doug Johns

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## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Join us on Sunday, November 24th from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Share your blessings by contributing, packing, and/or delivering 552 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. \$50 covers the cost of each basket. Make checks payable to HPCUMC Thanksgiving Baskets.

If you have any questions contact Pastor Kate at [ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org) or Susan and Earl Crossland on Sunday mornings or [thellama@fuse.net](mailto:thellama@fuse.net).



## S.A.M. senior adult ministry

### Strength, Balance, and Flexibility Class

Monday Mornings at 11:15 am in the Social Hall. The group will meet on November 11 and 18. Wear comfortable clothes and enjoy the company of others. Reservations are appreciated (Mary Pearce at [mnbpearce@fuse.net](mailto:mnbpearce@fuse.net)) but not necessary. No Fee.

### November 14

#### Thursday Edition, Little Theater

Refreshments at 10:00 am with the program from 10:30-11:30 am. No reservations are required.

“Where Did Satan Come From?”

Did you ever wonder why Satan is portrayed as a guy in a red cape with horns and a pitchfork? Bettye Beaumont will join us to examine what the Bible says about Satan, as well as the influence of Dante and John Milton on our concepts of Satan and Hell. We'll use art examples and group discussion to help grapple with this age-old concept of good vs. evil.

### A Few Good Men and a Meal

A Few Good Men and a Meal will be having dinner together on Tuesday, November 19th at Bob Evans at 8057 Montgomery Road at 7:00 pm. Please contact Dennis Wilson by Monday, November 18, ([dswilson@fioptics.com](mailto:dswilson@fioptics.com) or 513-232-5211) if you plan to attend. Craig Rambo will be leading a discussion over dinner. These get-togethers are held monthly at Bob Evans and alternate between lunch and dinner.

## ADVENT RETREAT

### A Charlie Brown Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7

8:30 am-12:30 pm

Welcome Center

Cost \$10.00

In keeping with the preaching theme this Advent, we will explore what this iconic story can teach us about how we might engage the world and prepare ourselves for the true meaning of the season. Please join us for our Advent retreat led by Anne Reed. The Rev. Anne Reed, MTS has been a deacon in The Episcopal Church for 30 years. In 2018 she became the Executive Director of the Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Glendale, where she also serves as a trained spiritual director/companion.

Please register via the website (payment, childcare request etc.) starting on November 3rd. Includes continental breakfast. Childcare provided.



## ADVENT STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Led by Pastor Dave Weaver

Please join us in a Bible and book study titled, "Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience." We will meet for five weeks on Tuesday nights in the Library starting November 19th from 6:00pm-7:30pm, ending Dec. 17th. In 1741, John Wesley preached his famous sermon titled "The Almost Christian" in which he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly, striving to be altogether Christians. Our authors will help us explore how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, connecting our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. Book cost is \$10.00. Childcare is provided by request.

Please register online through Realm under Registration Events or with Amanda Kern at 979-8176. Deadline to register is Sunday, November 17th.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Do you want to receive News and Happenings online? HPCUMC emails are sent through Constant Contact, a permission-based email-marketing tool. Neither Constant Contact or HPCUMC will ever share your information without your permission. If you would like to receive News and Happenings online each week (on Fridays) please email us at [communication@hpcumc.org](mailto:communication@hpcumc.org).

## INVEST IN THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF HYDE PARK COMMUNITY UMC

Commitment Sunday, October 27, was a wonderful day of worship as we expressed our gratefulness for God's amazing blessings and made our 2020 investments, with gratitude, in the ministry and mission of Hyde Park Community UMC!

We continue to receive commitments and invite you, if you have not done so, to invest in the mission and ministry of Hyde Park Community by submitting your 2020 commitment. Together, the reach of the Body of Christ expands our city, the nation, and world; and lives are transformed. Thank you for your investment, ensuring Hyde Park Community's faithfulness to God's call!

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adult Study - Almost Christmas

How often do we ALMOST experience the fullness peace, joy, hope, and love - but it seems like we don't totally get it or live into it? Start your week off by taking a break and join other young adults in meaningful discussion as we journey towards Christmas. We will meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm starting November 18 - December 9. Eric Bodge will be hosting these gatherings at his house (4216 33rd Ave. in Oakley) and will provide appetizers. Bring whatever you'd like to drink and a friend, but there is nothing to read or prepare beforehand. Each session will stand on its own so please come when you can!

### Sunday Brunch

Every third Sunday come and enjoy a spread of sweet and savory brunch items starting at 12:00 pm at Pastor Kate's house. Upcoming Sunday brunches are November 17 and December 15. There's no agenda, just time set aside to come together and potentially an opportunity to meet and connect with other young adults. Email Kate for the address ([ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org)).

## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

### November 11, 6:00pm

Hyde Park Community annually holds a Charge Conference to review the membership list, elect leaders, and set pastors salaries. Monday, November 11, 6:00 is our Annual Charge Conference. All members have voice. The Servant Leadership Board has voice and vote.