

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.

Provide a meal for Sunday Evening Youth fellowship

—Yes! I will help with Sunday Evening dinner for 25 people. Diane Dinsmore will contact you specifically to see what date works best for you.

Sunday Morning Volunteer for Preschool or Elementary

—no long term commitments or teaching responsibilities! Just come assist the lead teacher and share God's love with our little ones. Contact spease@hpcumc.org to set up a date.

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Symbols of Freedom

When you think about symbols of freedom, what do you see in your mind?

Some possibilities:

- An eagle in flight
- In West Africa: Fawohodie
- The American Flag
- The Buddha in a lotus position with his hand touching the ground
- The Statue of Liberty
- A photo of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
- In Japan: wooden sword that was symbolic of a gladiator's freedom

Symbols that we embrace reflect our values and help shape our thoughts and our hearts. This Sunday begins a new sermon series on Galatians called *Set Free*. Christians possess powerful symbols that point us to the power and freedom found in the gospel of Jesus Christ:

The descending dove: The Holy Spirit, which falls upon Christ's followers, past, and present

The Bread and Cup: the sacrament that reminds us of the love and sacrifice of Jesus

The Cross: celebrating the depth of God's love for us as Christ gave His life to redeem us all

The Empty Tomb: celebrating Christ's Resurrection and new life found in our Risen Lord

As we begin this journey through Galatians, I invite you to embrace the freedom that is ours through Christ:

"For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

May God richly bless you with love, hope, joy, freedom, and peace in 2020!

Pastor Cathy



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2020 WINTER CLASSES

Soul Builders

Sunday Morning, 11:00am-12:00pm, Room 205

In Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus, released in September 2019, Jim Wallis argues that our cultural and political crises stem, in part, from how the American church has become disconnected from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

10-session study starts January 5. Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite seller, and receive a copy of the 25-page study guide at the first class. Join us for lively and respectful discussions of challenging issues. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Ronda Deel at rodeel@fuse.net.

FaithWeavers

Sunday Morning 9:30am-10:30am Room 205

Enter the World of the New Testament. Professors N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird will guide you through how to read the New Testament, the world of Jesus and the early church, deep studies on both Jesus and the Apostle Paul, lectures on every book of the New Testament, as well as how to live the story of the New Testament today.

In addition to numerous studio lectures, on-location sessions, filmed around the world, will immerse you into the world of the New Testament.

Questions? Contact Micheal Hickerson at MikeHickerson@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Monthly Sunday Brunch

January 5, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 3

Book of James Bible Study

Mondays from 7:00 pm-8:30pm at Unwind in Hyde Park starting January 6 - February 24

Contact Pastor Kate Smith (ksmith@hpcumc.org) for more information.

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.

PASTOR DOUG'S STUDY

Tuesday Morning Social Hall-10:00 am-11:30am

Book Study: *Cost of Discipleship*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the most important theologians of the twentieth century, illuminates the relationship between ourselves and the teachings of Jesus.

What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the aristocrat? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? Drawing on the Sermon on the Mount, Dietrich Bonhoeffer answers these timeless questions by providing an influential reading of the dichotomy between "cheap grace" and "costly grace." "Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote, "is the grace we bestow on ourselves...grace without discipleship...Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

Everyone is welcome! Join us when you can, miss when you must.

Questions, please contact Pastor Doug Johns at djohns@hpcumc.org or 979-8195.

2020 RUSSIA TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The rumors are true, there will be a Russia trip in 2020! Right now, we are still finalizing the dates, but the block of time is August 19 - August 31.

There will be informational meetings regarding the trip on Sunday, January 5th at 3:00pm in the Library AND Sunday, January 26 at 10:30am and 12:00pm in room 210. If you are interested in going, please plan to attend one of the meetings even if you have gone to Russia before as each trip is unique. Tell a buddy, bring a friend!

Here are some of the details that we DO know:

- We will be attending, as guests, at their annual conference in Moscow
- There will be time during those annual conference days for cultural immersions/experiences of Moscow
- We will travel back by train to Samara with our hosts (another cultural immersion!)
- Pastor Doug will be bringing the Good News to the church in Samara on August 30
- The ministry focus while in Samara will be supporting the church's 2020 Kingdom Vision

More information will be available at our informational meetings so please bring questions. If you have any questions before the meeting, please reach out to Kevin Betts, Russia guru, at betts.k@gmail.com or at church.

MISSION TRIPS FOR 2020-2021

Over the next two years, there will be amazing opportunities to partner with our brothers and sisters in Russia, Mexico, Haiti, and Romania. In the next few months, there will be information sessions for each trip. Please prayerfully consider serving on one of the upcoming teams.

Russia: Mid-late August, 2020

Mexico: December 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021

Haiti: January 23-30, 2021

Romania: July 18-28, 2021

Information meetings:

Russia: January 5th at 3:00pm in the Library, January 26 at 10:30am and 12:00pm in Room 210

Mexico: February 9 and 23 at 10:30 am and 12:00 pm in Room 210

Stay tuned for Haiti and Romania's informational sessions happening in the spring of 2020. *If you have any questions about these trips, please contact Pastor Kate Smith (ksmith@hpcumc.org).*

NEWCOMERS BRUNCH

January 12, 2020 10:30am-11:00am

You are invited to be our guest at a warm and delicious brunch in the Social Hall. Please join us for this informal time where you can meet some others who are newcomers to Hyde Park Community UMC and our pastors. Our hospitality team simply wants to say, "We are glad that you are here."

RSVP to Dave Jennings at djennings@hpcumc.org or 513.979.8192

CONFIRMATION 2020

- Anyone in grades 7-12 are welcome
- We meet each Sunday in room 301 from 9:30-10:30am
- Contact Dana Calhoun for more information at dcalhoun@hpcumc.org