

CARING FOR EACH OTHER DURING THE CORONAVIRUS

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

You do not need to be a member or attend HPCUMC in order to serve, donate, or help. We have an opportunity to work together in order to care for each other. **Please share with others!**

Update: A new daily food distribution site for children is opening at State Ave. UMC (690 State Ave) on Tuesday, March 24 and The Warehouse food distribution site ended on Sunday, March 22.

Update: Starting Sunday 3/22 the church building will be open from 10:00am-3:00pm daily to receive donations at the Welcome Center.

- Distribute free lunches everyday to children.
- Donate Food to Madisonville Education and Assistance Center(MEAC)
- Donate food and supplies to Rothenberg Preparatory Academy
- Donate blood
- Please see our website for a complete list of what you can do to help.

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Canoeing the Mountains: Holy Week 2020

In "Canoeing the Mountains," by Tod Bolsinger, we read about adaptive leadership. Explorers Lewis and Clark were seeking a waterway from the east to the Pacific Ocean, journeying by canoe. What they discovered instead was The Rocky Mountains. They needed to leave their canoes behind to find new navigational tools for the days ahead.

The Coronavirus has forced all of us to adapt. It has been a beautiful thing to watch our church family continue to care for one another and our community during this season of social distancing. Rev. Kate Smith and over 80 servant volunteers from both the church and community have given away 1300 bagged lunches to children and families in need. Family Ministries and our preschool staff are posting creative online resources. Diane Weaver and servant volunteers are organizing a phone caring ministry. Please contact Diane if you would like to serve. Small groups of musicians have stepped forward to lead worship. Sunday School members are connecting through Zoom meetings. People are remembering the church with their offerings and attendance, worshipping online and giving their offerings electronically. Thank you for your faithful prayers, online worship attendance, and financial support; they are life-giving.

You are invited to join us for Holy Week 2020:

- Palm Sunday, April 5, online worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- (Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion will **not** be observed this year)
- Good Friday, April 10, online worship at 7:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 12, online worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Thank you in advance, for continuing to support the work of the Church. Now more than ever, keeping our membership vows makes a huge difference! Let us continue to lift up Christ through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Remember friends: God does make all things new! This storm will pass. This Holy Week we will remember The Passion and Death of Christ and celebrate His Resurrection. May God bless you this Holy Week; you remain in our prayers.

Joy in our Risen Lord,
Pastor Cathy



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FEEDING CHILDREN DURING COVID 19

On Tuesday, March 17th, our church started distributing meals daily to children as a way to fill in the gap while school buildings are closed and children are learning from home. The Warehouse, the second campus of HPCUMC, was an additional distribution site from Thursday, March 19 – Sunday, March 22 before the second site was moved to our partner church, State Ave UMC, in Lower Price Hill. Any child 18 and under can come and pick up 3 shelf stable meals daily, they do not need to live in the Hyde Park or Lower Price Hill to receive the meals. So far, over 1,500 meals have been distributed and 86 people have stepped up to help out. The best part is, over 60% of the people serving are from the community, wanting to lend a hand! Not only is this feeding initiative a mission of the church it is an effective outreach!

We can use your support as we continue this feeding ministry through at least April:

- Share about this resource for children on social media and in your networks
- Serve yourself and invite a friend to serve with you that you've been wanting to invite the church – we are following social distancing practices along with plenty of gloves and hand sanitizer (and hopefully masks coming soon) to keep everyone safe.
- Make homemade masks for people volunteering to use and drop them off at the church or email Kate (ksmith@hpcumc.org) to pick them up

ABSENTEE BALLOTS DUE APRIL 27

As you know, voting in Ohio in the primary election has been extended. Many people are unaware of the process to vote now and there is a limited time to do so.

In order to vote in Ohio, you must apply to your Board of Elections for an absentee ballot and that ballot must be taken or mailed to the respective Bd of Elections **by April 27**.

Here is the link for requesting the absentee ballot

<https://tinyurl.com/rtsdyl7>

YOU CAN MOVE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

Giving made easy, electronic giving is an efficient and simple way to invest in the mission and ministry of HPCUMC. By using the QR code you will be taken to our secure website to make your offering. Thank you for your commitment to HPCUMC as we partner with God in God's acts of new creation in our city, nation and across the globe.



Instead of pointing your camera at the QR code, you could text HPCUMC to 73256 and follow the instructions. If moving your giving online is not your preference, here are some other options:

- 1) Mail a check to the church at 1345 Grace Ave, Cincinnati Ohio 45208
- 2) Use your bank's Bill Pay feature
- 3) Call Anna Lawson, Director of Finance, at 979-8189(voicemail) or email alawson@hpcumc.org and she can help you

MUSIC TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

During this time of social distancing, the handbell ministry is finding ways to stay connected. They are communicating regularly through a text group created by director, Jenny Cauhorn. In addition, Jenny has been emailing the choir with links to handbell videos on YouTube to help feed their inner handbell musician.

Handbells are a social instrument. The larger handbell community has found ways to continue to play and share music even though they are not able to meet and perform in traditional ways. An example of this is shared in this YouTube video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWmITEd8UJo>. The performer took a piece of music and created a quartet, then recorded himself playing each part. The result is amazing!

A few members of the Carillon Choir are preparing to perform during the live-streamed Palm Sunday service this weekend.

Join us for the Palm Sunday service to see this musical offering!



ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES TODAY!
Deadline is Sunday, April 5.

Cost: \$12.00 per Lily.
ORDER ONLINE TODAY at <http://hydeparkchurch.org> or contact Amanda Kern, (513) 871-1345 or akern@hpcumc.org
Easter lilies can be picked up on Tuesday, April 14. Church office hours the week of 4/12 are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm

CALL CHURCH MEMBERS DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

We have a special request to support our church family during this difficult time. Our church needs 52 people who are willing to call members of our church family to see how they are doing during this time of uncertainty and disease. Would you be willing to do this—reach out to other church members by phone to share our concern for them, and to identify any basic needs or prayer requests they have?

THE PROCESS: Our new church directory just arrived in the mail last week and that is the information we will be using. There are 52 columns of names in the directory which is why we are asking for 52 people to reach out to others. You are being asked to call the people and families in one column of the directory.

- If you are willing to participate in this effort, notify Diane Dinsmore by email (ddinsmore@hpcumc.org) and you will be assigned a page and column of names from the directory. You will also be provided with a script that will guide you during each call.

ELECTRONIC NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

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.