



SERVE IN PLACE CINCINNATI

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Due to COVID-19, Summer Impact Cincinnati is pivoting this year to empower people to support the continued work of local partnerships to serve our neighbors in new, creative, and safe ways. Serving as a resource to individuals, families, groups, and churches, Serve in Place Cincinnati will be an information hub detailing how people can serve, share the love of Jesus, and transform their community while their lives are transformed as well. Not only will this resource be in place this summer as we continue to “shelter/stay in place” but it will serve as an ongoing resource. The long-term goal of Serve in Place is to encourage, support, and empower congregations and the community to serve locally and establish or strengthen partnerships with local organizations.

<https://www.summerimpactcincinnati.org/serve-in-place>

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24/7 Help

During the time when our nation was suffering through polio, many people had to live in iron lungs. Powered by electricity, these iron lungs helped people keep breathing. Hospitals installed battery powered units to protect against power outages. Family members who cared for a loved one at home would use hand pumps to keep the patient breathing in case the electricity failed.



Pastor
Cathy Johns

During this season of stress and tension, it is tempting to believe that we are weak and that our power is limited. As God's children we are promised that we have power accessible to us at all times; The Holy Spirit is standing by, ready to come to our aid. It is power that not only lifts us up and encourages us, but gives us strength to transform the world with the love of God.

In the book of Acts we read these words of Jesus to His disciples: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

This weekend we will continue our series called “Working our Core.” As we continue our study on core beliefs, we will explore the most misunderstood part of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit.

The gospel lesson for this weekend is John 14:15-27, part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his disciples prior to His crucifixion. Please join us online at 9:30 am or 11:00 am through our website(hydeparkchurch.org) or our Facebook page. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday morning!

Peace,

Pastor Cathy

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Rescheduled for March 2-12, 2021

The Pilgrimage that Pastors Cathy and Doug were to lead in July has been rescheduled. Join Pastors Cathy and Doug as they lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 2-12, 2021. The group will visit sites sacred to the Judeo-Christian faith, read Scripture, sing songs of the faith, and walk where the patriarchs, Jesus, and His disciples walked. This Spiritual Pilgrimage will be transformational as the Bible comes alive, using all our senses as we encounter the Holy sites.

Pastors Cathy and Doug will hold an Information Meeting on **Sunday, June 28th at 3:00pm in the Library.** Brochures can be found in the literature racks throughout the Church. Invite a friend to join you; all are welcome! For further information, contact Pastor Doug Johns: djohns@hpcumc.org or 513-979-8195.

JOB POSTING

Wesley Chapel Mission Center (wcmcotr.org), an after school ministry in OTR is looking for a new Executive Director to succeed the current Executive Director, Becky Costello, who is retiring latter this year. The Executive Director (ED) of Wesley Chapel Mission Center is responsible for the leadership and management of WCMC. A key component of the position is possessing a passion for children and families in the urban core. This person is accountable for programs and organizational capabilities and, along with the Board of Directors of WCMC, is responsible for ensuring that WCMC advances and upholds the vision and mission statements of the organization. If interested in viewing the job description please contact Pastor Doug, djohns@hpcumc.org.

Send resume and cover letter, along with salary expectations/ requirements to wcmcexecutivedirectorsearch@gmail.com by August 15. Desired (but flexible) start date is November 1, 2020.

STRENGTHENING OUR CORE: Body and Faith

In High School, I identified as part of the Jock culture. I lettered in Basketball, in Track (I actually ran on the men's varsity team) and in Field Hockey. I also played LaCrosse and played Ultimate Frisbee one semester for fun. I recall the grueling days of training: running through the local neighborhood in the snow with high top sneakers on, and doing 'suicide' sprints and intervals around the track. We would think, "Come on coach, we just want to play the game!" It didn't seem to phase our coaches that our real desires were shooting the winning shot, blocking the opponent's goal, and crossing the finished line first.

On alternate days to actually scrimmaging or playing, we'd be in the weight room. Strength Training, we were told, was as crucial to our success as athletes as any drill on the court or field. So we endured squats and lunges with weights, curls, bench presses, and calf raises - all in an effort to be prepared for the real challenges to come. They wanted to ensure that we would respond appropriately and with power in the moments that would determine whether or not we would win or lose the game.

I still exercise now, even though I'm well into middle age. The hardest area for me to keep in shape is my core. I have read that it's an area of opportunity for every mature adult. Fit abdominals and strong core muscles don't just happen, though they look great on TV ads. They strengthen posture, protect internal organs, and support flexibility. All that additional flab around the core, from failing to use our bodies and engage them in resistance exercise makes heart disease and diabetes more likely.

Paul told his protege Timothy that, "Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:, NIV) So, if strengthening the core of your body is vitally important, imagine what fortifying the core principles of your faith will do!

-Sadell Bradley

CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

Hyde Park Community UMC		
2020 Operating Income and Expense		
May, 2020	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Pledged Income	\$ 1,148,931	\$ 486,622
Unpledged Income	553,398	166,524
Endowment Draw	1,355,164	764,584
Other Income	161,883	60,210
Total Income	\$ 3,225,376	\$ 1,477,940
Admin Team	\$ 870,326	\$ 398,714
Staff Ministry	1,568,880	638,606
Apportionments	261,345	108,890
Communication Team	17,000	5,353
Bimel Outreach	217,500	177,885
Comm Min Global Out	186,800	97,492
Connecting Ministries	15,000	2,699
Discipleship Ministry	60,875	8,018
Worship Team	27,650	5,052
Total Expenses	\$3,225,376	\$ 1,442,709
Net Oper Inc vs Exp	-	\$ 35,231

ENDOWMENT OPPORTUNITIES

An offering given each week is but one way of demonstrating your Christian stewardship. Remembering to include the cause of Christ in your estate plan to HPCUMC is another meaningful way to do so. Unless you have a valid will, your state of residence has written one for you, and it does not include any gift to HPCUMC or a favorite charity. To learn about next steps for a will that could benefit your heirs and the HPCUMC Endowment, contact Michael Vilardo at 316-1540 or Doug Johns at djohns@hpcumc.org for guidance on what your next steps could be.