# ONE & DONE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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"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. Thank you for your willingness to serve with us in Christ.

#### **Host A Livestream Sunday Worship on Facebook**

Do you miss gathering with your HPC family each week? Why not sign up to host a Livestream? If you have a Facebook account and a welcoming personality, contact Sara Pease, spease@hpcumc.org, 513-979-8192.

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### The Main Thing

You have heard it said (may have said it yourself): "The Main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." For the Christ follower, at our core, the foundation on which all else is built, is "love". Love of God, love of self, and love for those God loves. John, in his first letter writes: "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them . . .



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because as God is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:16b-17) This love becomes tangible in the world when we love as we have been loved by God through Christ Jesus. The "main thing" is God's love for you and me, and how we mirror that love to others.

Father Richard Rohr writes, "It takes great inner freedom to be a follower of Jesus. His life is an option, a choice, a call, a vocation, and we are totally free to say yes or no or maybe. You don't not have to do this to make God love you. That is already taken care of. You do it to love God back and to love what God loves and how God loves!" (Eager to Love, p. 23)

When we love God and love those God loves, it's a self-surrender to the One in whose image and likeness I'm created; and I find an anointing to love and accept the unique "me", which in turn empowers to love and accept the unique you. It is in this loving we find ourselves living in the eternal flow of abundant life Jesus came to give.

It is in knowing (experientially, as well as intellectually) of our "Belovedness" that we are moved to loving those God calls God's Beloved. John puts it this way: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." In God's love we find a "Oneing" with our creator, participants in the eternal flow of God's love. Stay healthy, safe and blessed!

Through Christ,

Pastor Doug

### INTERESTED IN JOINING HPCUMC?

We're pleased to offer both our Spiritual Gifts and United Methodism 101 classes in a small group, socially-distant setting in our Welcome Center. We require both of these sessions for membership at HPCUMC, but they can be taken in any order and there's no commitment necessary to come and learn something new! *Please contact Sara Pease (spease@hpcumc.org*, 513-979-8192) to register.

\*Spiritual Gifts (September 12 at 4:00 pm)- designed to shine a light on your individual strengths as a part of our church community.

\*United Methodism 101 (September 27 at 4:00 pm)- an introduction or refresher on the roots of our United Methodist faith.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK Donation Drive

Last year, we incorporated supporting a local partner into our Rally Day celebration. The response was great so we will continue to include a mission and outreach component to Rally Day each year. This September, we will be collecting



needed items for families working with Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) to find sustainable, safe housing. Now through September 30, you can drop off your donations to the church in the Social Hall. For a list of items we are collecting, please visit hydeparkchurch.org and click on the rotating banner for Interfaith Hospitality Network to view the list.

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP BOARD APPLICATIONS

Criteria and Applications for those interested in serving as a member of the Servant Leadership Board are available on the Welcome Center Desk. *Please contact Pastor Cathy Johns or Jan Betts, Chair of the Servant Leadership Board, for more information.* 

### **UMCOR AND HURRICANE LAURA**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Hurricane Laura Hurricane Laura struck as a Category 4 hurricane leaving in its wake wide-spread damage. Our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was on the ground in Louisiana and Texas the morning after offering assistance and hope. You can contribute to the massive recovery effort one of two ways:

- Go to UMCOR's web site: www.advance.umcor.org.
- Mail your check to the Church, Attn: Disaster relief. (Or bring a check to the church office) *Put in the memo line: Hurricane Laura*

Thank you for your support for our brothers and sisters hit the hardest by this natural disaster.

### MASTER SCHOLAR SADELL BRADLEY

Hyde Park Community is proud to partner with United Theological Seminary's "Master Scholar" tuition program, through Bimel Endowment. The Master Scholar tuition program provides a full ride tuition scholarship to a qualifying student. HPCUMC is proud to announce that our "Master Scholar" is our very own Pastor Sadell Bradley. HPC will be supporting Pastor Sadell in her seminary education over the next 3 years. The following was received from Pastor Sadell in gratitude for the opportunity to attend seminary.

Pastors Doug & Cathy Johns Hyde Park United Methodist Church 1345 Grace Ave, Cincinnati OH 45208

It is with a grateful heart that I announce to you both, and to the congregations of Hyde Park United Methodist Church and The Warehouse Church OTR, that I have been accepted in the Masters of Divinity Program at United Theological Seminary. I have also applied to and been admitted as a Master Scholar, with a full-scholarship sponsored through the gracious generosity of donors at HPCUMC. My matriculation is scheduled for September, 2020, LORD willing, given the crisis we are now enduring.

Attending Seminary has been a desire of mine for some time, so this is an unbelievable blessing that the LORD has wrought through you. I am extraordinarily appreciative of this opportunity. I am especially thankful for Pastor Doug's guidance and assistance with navigating this terrain. One of my dreams has been to use this academic experience to pour into the next generation of leaders, particularly leaders of color and women. I am hopeful that much glory to God, more effectual ministry service, and benefit for Christ's Kingdom will come through this phenomenal open door. I pray as Paul did, that your bountiful and cheerful giving will result in many giving glory to God! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15) I will be sure keep you updated on my progress and I am believing for fruit that remains.

The LORD Bless You.

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Sadell Bradley, Pastor, The Warehouse Church OTR



# IT IS WELL MEDITATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thank you for tuning in to "It is Well," daily devotions provided by our clergy staff and Dr. Michael Vilardo and Dr. Pete Rodowski. We hope they have brought encouragement and strength to your spirit. In September, they will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thanks again for connecting with us through "It is Well."

# LISTEN TO SUNDAY LIVE WORSHIP ON YOUR PHONE!

**NEW!** The church offers PhoneLiveStreaming! Any church member or friend can listen to the 9:30 am worship service each week on any type of phone. This is especially helpful for people who do not have computers. You can use this service in several different ways.

- 1. You can call **513-472-8621** by 9:30 am on Sunday morning to listen to the service.
- 2. You can call **513-472-8621 and press "1"** to set it up so you will be called every Sunday morning at 9:30 am and automatically be connected to the service.
- 3. You can call **513-472-8621** when it is convenient so you can listen to the most recent service in case you missed it, as the last one is archived.