

SUNDAY, JAN 10 IS BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

We will commemorate and celebrate in worship by participating in a "Reaffirmation of Baptism Ritual." At home please have a bowl of water ready for worship as we "Remember our Baptism."

CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

Hyde Park Community UMC		
2020 Operating Income and Expense		
November, 2020	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Pledged Income	\$ 1,227,361	\$ 1,042,831
Unpledged Income	474,968	308,416
Endowment Draw	1,355,164	1,322,161
Other Income	167,883	129,182
Total Income	\$ 3,225,376	\$ 2,802,590
Admin Team	\$ 870,326	\$ 764,139
Staff Ministry	1,568,880	1,388,326
Apportionments	261,345	239,565
Communication Team	17,000	10,312
Bimel Outreach	217,500	198,385
Comm Min Global Out	186,800	151,124
Connecting Ministries	15,000	3,719
Discipleship Ministry	60,875	14,190
Worship Team	27,650	17,129
Total Expenses	\$3,225,376	\$ 2,786,889
Net Oper Inc vs Exp	-	\$ 15,701

ENDOWMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for the HPCUMC Endowment is available at the Welcome Center desk and in the various literature racks.

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Epiphany Blessings!

The Epiphany (*Manifestation of the Lord*) marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas (January 6). The Epiphany is an ancient celebration of the Church that predates the first official celebration of Christmas. Originally The Epiphany focused on the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of Christ.



Pastor
Doug Johns

The focus of Epiphany, for the Western Church, is on the Magi (Three Kings), the gifts they gave to the Holy Family, and the light that lead them. Therefore, the principal symbol of The Epiphany is the star proclaiming the light that dispels the darkness. It is the manifestation (Epiphany) of the light of Christ to the Gentiles (represented in the Magi) that John talks about in his Gospel: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan in their book, *The First Christmas*, write: "Archbishop Oscar Romero, a twentieth-century Christian martyr killed by the powers that ruled El Salvador, once said that we are called to be Easter Christians in a Good Friday world, in a world still ruled by Herod and Caesar. So also, we are called to be Christmas Christians in a world that still descends into darkness. Darkness does not have the final word - unless we let it." (p.243)

It is our choice to embrace the gift of light in the midst of darkness this Epiphany. As we remember God's gift of light, through the incarnation of God in Christ Jesus, we embrace the fact that we are "Christmas Christians in a world that still descends into darkness". We stand firm on the promise that the darkness will not overcome the light of Christ. Consequently, we too like the Magi, bow in homage presenting the gift of ourselves to the Christ as we partner with God to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

As we begin the new year, still making our way through a pandemic, my prayer is that you and I will embrace the light of Christ in the midst of the uncertainty and chaos that swirls around us. Emmanuel, God is with us!

Through Christ,
Doug





HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

January 1 CLOSED

January 4 Regular Office Hours resume



Register your preschooler, age 2.5 to 5, NOW for the 2021-21 school year at HPCUMC Preschool! Registration materials are located outside the Preschool office and on our website, www.hydeparkpreschool.org. **Contact Julie Vail, jvail@hpcumc.org / 513-979-8191**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

We're offering our winter membership classes via Zoom. They can be taken in either order, so you're welcome to join both or attend one and take the other later. **Please email Sara Pease at spease@hpcumc.org to RSVP.**

Sunday, January 10 at 2 pm- Spiritual Gifts: shine a light on your individual strengths as a part of our church community. Facilitated by Sheila Brown and Denise Harpring.

Sunday, February 7 at 2 pm- United Methodism 101: an introduction or refresher on the roots of our United Methodist faith plus the history and mission of HPCUMC. Taught by Pastor Cathy Johns.



Damin Spritzer has requested to postpone her concert until the 2021-2022 season due to travel concerns. We look forward to welcoming her then. **However, we will still have a concert!**

January 31, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

(In Person and Live Stream)

Graeme Shields & Brenda Portman
Local composer/organists performing works by Graeme Shields & Brenda Portman *(including several premieres)!*

NEW CLASSES START IN JANUARY

New Ventures Class

Sundays at 11 a.m.

begins on January 3rd

A discussion of the book, "Holy Envy" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Discussions always seek to encourage participants to share differing views that cause us to wrestle with biblical principles, traditional church teaching and contemporary applications of dynamic Christian faith. Class is meeting via Zoom and is open to any who would like to participate to join the lively conversations that are part of each Sunday morning. **Contact Joyce Bates joycebates@cinci.rr.com or Michael**

Let's Get Real Group

Sundays at 10am via Zoom

Starts Jan. 10, 2021

This winter we delve into *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo and understand how racism is a construct not restricted to "bad people." We will delve into defensive moves that we implement when challenged racially. We will discuss racism, how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, what the Bible has to say about racism, and what we can do to actively engage in creating change. Come join us for this study! **Contact Amy Burgess at terminallyhappy@hotmail.com or 256-3389.**

Soul Builders Class

Sundays at 11am via Zoom

Starts Jan. 10, 2021

"Words of Life"...Bible, book and DVD study by Rev. Adam Hamilton
In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace. **Contact Ronda Deel at rodeel@fuse.net or 871-7965.**

"IT IS WELL" DEVOTIONS

Continues into 2021

"It is Well," devotions recorded by our clergy staff, Rev. Dr. Michael Vilardo, and a few of our global mission partners will continue through March 2021. *A special thank you is extended to Rev. Dr. Pete Rudowski for his previous service on the team.*

Thank you for continuing to tune in for words of encouragement on our website on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the new year.

THE CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE DONATION DRIVE

Help those recovering from medical procedures at The Center. We will be collecting the below NEW (not used) items through January 2021. Drop off to the church any day from 9:00a-5:00p in the Social Hall (right off the Welcome Center).

Seasonal items for cooler weather:

- Thermal sets for men and women (all sizes)
- Hoodies (all sizes)
- Jogging suits (all sizes)
- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Scarves

Personal care items:

- Undergarments for men and women (sizes medium to XL)
- Shower shoes (see picture – please, no flip flops)
- Fingernail clippers
- Cotton balls
- Combs and hair brushes
- Fingernail polish
- Fingernail polish remover

SERVING IN JANUARY:

Super Serve Saturday is on hiatus until the weather gets warmer in order to serve in outdoor settings and when the spread of COVID lowers. We are *hopeful to resume the 3rd week of March or April!*

In the meantime - there are still ways to make a difference in Cincinnati!

Weekly Distributing Meals to Children

John P. Parker Elementary School in Madisonville
Wednesdays from 8:00a - 12:00p

Thank you for willingness to help distribute meals to children while they are learning from home! We are partnering with Cincinnati Public Schools and UMC Food to serve free meals to-go to children (18 and under) at John P. Parker Elementary School in Madisonville (5051 Anderson Place, 45227).

With distribution times being from 8:00a -12:00p there will be two shifts per day. If you would like to serve the whole 4 hours, please sign up for both shifts. Distribution will take place outside (*so please dress accordingly*). Those serving are able to maintain social distancing while families coming for food will stay in their cars for no contact pick up. Please bring and wear a mask.

Visit the Church Website to Sign Up Now or Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44aaa29a5fd0-january>