

## POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias will decorate our church on Thursday, December 24th. They may be picked up and taken home on Tuesday, December 29th. **Cost is \$12.00 per Poinsettia.** Registration is Free. **Deadline to order is Wednesday, December 16th.**



Due to IRS regulations, your purchase of Poinsettias is NOT tax deductible.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY Care for Hurting People

### What is a Stephen Minister? Do you have a need for one?

A Stephen Minister is a lay person who has had intense training by a HPCUMC pastor and a leader team. They are Christian caregivers who companion others through some of life's most difficult transitions. This can be the loss of a loved one through death or divorce. It can be someone who has been diagnosed with an illness or someone elderly who has lost their independence or experiencing loneliness. The Stephen Minister listens and shows compassion by walking with the person going through these difficult times. The relationships are always confidential, one-on-one, male-to-male and female-to-female. Usually they meet in-person, but they will make "tele-care" calls while under C-19 restrictions.

To know more about the whole Stephen Ministry process, please contact Pastor Dave at [dweaver@hpcumc.org](mailto:dweaver@hpcumc.org) or call 979-8184

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## Advent and Christmas Update December Schedule

As we enter this season of Advent, a season of hope and light, know that you are loved and remain in our prayers.

Hamilton County is experiencing both a rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths as hospitals near capacity. 10 of 27 staff members have tested positive within the last month. Fortunately, all are well and only experienced mild to moderate symptoms. We have not received any reports of persons who contracted the virus at church, but it is spreading.

Governor DeWine, Bishop Palmer, and our COVID-19 Task Force have provided helpful guidance. The Servant Leadership has voted to suspend all in-person worship through December and January. This will include Christmas Eve Worship. While we grieve this decision, we believe that this is what loving our neighbor looks like in this season of our lives. We want to do our part to keep everyone safe and lighten the load on medical staff and area hospitals.

We at Hyde Park Community and the Warehouse will continue to offer meaningful worship and programming online to keep you connected this season. Please join us for:

**Online Worship on Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Family Service), 6:00 p.m. (Communion), 8:30 p.m. (Canterbury Brass), and 11:00 p.m.**

**Warehouse Online Worship: 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

"Share the Glow" will be a creative way for you to safely participate in candle lighting in your own homes. Supplies will be available soon; watch for details.

Please visit our website to see exciting music and outreach ministries, including ways to participate in giving and serving those in need. An expanded version of this letter is posted on our website and includes ways you can connect and serve: [www.hydeparkchurch.org](http://www.hydeparkchurch.org)

May God richly bless you and your loved ones this Advent and Christmas and fill your hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy Johns



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## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Lay members of the church have provided a devotion which speaks to the sermon scripture reading each week during Advent.

Participate by spending time in reading and reflecting upon their devotion. They have provided you with a few questions to pray and ponder over as a guide.

*Pick up your copy in the Welcome Center or go to [hydeparkchurch.org/advent-devotional](http://hydeparkchurch.org/advent-devotional)*



## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

### Christmas Gift Cards for 6th Graders and Teachers/ Staff at Rothenberg School

We have "adopted" the 6th grade class, 34 students, and the hard working teachers/staff at Rothenberg School in Over-the-Rhine for Christmas. This year their wish list is simple - gift cards!

You can contribute by donating money or buying the gift cards yourself. The gift cards requested (\$25/person) is for Target or Walmart. If you would like to donate a gift card, please return it to the church by December 14. If you would like to donate money instead, you can give whatever amount you'd like and we will purchase the gift cards for you.

Please mark checks "Rothenberg Christmas" or give online by choosing "Local Alternative Giving" since the alternative gift locally is to support Rothenberg.



**PLEASE ORDER BY DECEMBER 10th. DRIVE BY PICK UP ON SUNDAY, December 13th or FREE delivery!**

## CHRISTMAS ALTERNATIVE GIVING

Looking for a last-minute gift idea, wanting to honor a loved one, or having trouble finding a gift for the person who "has everything"? Consider giving an Alternative Gift! This is an opportunity to make a financial donation in honor of a loved one that shows a child they are loved locally or globally.

There are local and global options for Alternative Gifts. If you give to the local alternative gift, you will be supporting the students and teachers at Rothenberg School in Over-the-Rhine. If you give to the global alternative gift, you will be supporting orphans at Tijuana Christian Mission in Mexico and Roma orphans through the Alfa Grup. Any amount can be given!

Each donation includes a beautiful Christmas card (online version is available or you can come and pick up the card at church) and an explanatory note to give to a loved one. You can donate via check (write local or global alternative gift) or online through realm.

## CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE SERVICES

**4:00 p.m.** Online Family Service with scripture readings and music from our childrens choirs. Meditation by Rev. Doug Johns. Candle lighting in homes and Carols.



**6:00 p.m.** Online Communion Service, with scripture readings and meditation from Rev. Kate Smith. Music from Matthew Covert the praise band, and Handbells choir, directed by Jenny Cauhorn. Candle lighting in homes and Carols.

**8:30 p.m.** Online Worship with Canterbury Brass with scripture readings and meditation by Rev. Dr. Cathy Johns. Music led by Ben Owen, Director of music. Candle lighting in homes and Carols.

**11:00 p.m.** Online Worship with scripture readings and meditation by Rev. Dave Weaver. Music led by Ben Owen, Director of Music. Candle lighting in homes and Carols.

## 2020 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The IRS has strict rules governing the tax year in which charitable donations can be deducted. A donation mailed to the church with a postmark on or before December 31, 2020, will be recorded as a 2020 donation. A donation postmarked after January 1, 2021 will be treated as a 2021 donation even if the check is dated earlier.

Don't miss the opportunity to receive tax benefits and the satisfaction of supporting the mission and ministry of HPCUMC!



## MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER

- Follow along with the **Carol-Along Advent Calendar Youtube series.** A new Advent/Christmas carol will be posted every day until Christmas! Go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search Carol-Along Advent Calendar
- Queen City Bronze, our resident community handbell group directed by Carillon choir director, Jennifer Cauhorn, will present a concert of holiday music at **4:30 pm on Sunday, December 13th.** It will be livestreamed through the church's Facebook and website.
- We will gather under the Ault Park pavilion to sing Christmas carols together (masked and distanced)! **Sunday, December 20th** at Ault Park Pavilion at 1:00pm. *Be sure to dress in warm clothing and BYOC (bring your own cocoa). Music books and unbridled Christmas joy will be provided.*

