

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Phillipians 4:6*

Our church has a very active and deeply committed prayer ministry. In the past it was a group of ladies, the Prayer Circle, who met each week to lift prayer requests up to the Lord on behalf of the church members. And until Covid, these ladies met every week to pray together as a group for the needs of others—and they will continue to meet again once it is deemed safe to gather.

There is also the Electronic Prayer Chain which has existed for a long time—not as long as the Prayer Circle—but as long as computers started to be in our homes. This group of prayer servants (approximately 65 people) receive a list of prayer requests each week and they are faithful to pray for the needs of others. They may also receive emails during the week with urgent prayer requests.

### How to submit a prayer request:

- Send a prayer request through the link, [prayerministry@hpcumc.org](mailto:prayerministry@hpcumc.org), which can be found under “Care and Prayer” on the church website.
- Submit your prayer requests when you are registering your attendance on Sunday mornings for on-line services.
- Call the main church office (871-1345) or Diane Weaver (979-8190) to leave your prayer request.

### A few other things:

- Your name will be included with the prayer request unless you indicate you want to remain anonymous.
- You will need to submit a prayer request each week for it to remain on the prayer list.
- Let us know if support beyond prayers is desired as we are here to care for you during this difficult time.
- If you feel called to be a prayer servant, please contact Diane Weaver, [diweaver@hpcumc.org](mailto:diweaver@hpcumc.org) to be added to the prayer team list.

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## Happy and Healthy New Year!

This Sunday is known as Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Baptism is one of the two sacraments in the United Methodist Church. Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, "we are initiated into Christ's holy church, ... incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit." The Introduction to the Baptismal Covenant says, "All this is God's gift, offered to us without price."

"Baptism is the ordinary means of rebirth and initiation into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ." At baptism, we take on our Christian identity as a disciple. Baptism seals our covenant with God and with our universal Christian faith family.

Our baptism liturgy asks us several questions. Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject evil, repent of your sin? Do you accept the freedom and power of God to reject evil, injustice, and oppression in all their forms? Do you confess Jesus as Savior, trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as Lord alongside people of all ages, nations and races? Will you nurture one another in faith? Baptism is both a personal and communal experience in worship.

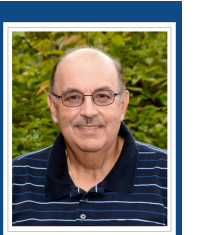
As United Methodists we believe the "mystery of God" is at work through this sacrament. In baptism, God pours out, through the Holy Spirit, an amazing amount of God's divine grace. By baptism we are commissioned into ministry. As the Body of Christ, we are called to be witnesses of the redeeming work of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Because baptism is an act of God, initiating us into the church, "the sacrament is to be received by an individual only once." This Sunday we will commemorate and celebrate in worship a faith experience by participating in a "Reaffirmation of Baptism Ritual." We will be extending the baptismal font into your homes for this renewal of covenant commitment.

Let us start the 2021 New Year off by "remembering our baptism and being thankful." Let us claim or reclaim who we are as a "beloved and blessed" child of God. I look forward to being with you in worship on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday!

Blessings, in Christ,

Pastor Dave



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**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](http://www.hydeparkpreschool.org).  
**Contact Julie Vail, [jvail@hpcumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:spease@hpcumc.org) to RSVP.**

**Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 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 2:00 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](mailto:joycebates@cinci.rr.com) or Michael**

**Let's Get Real Group**  
Sundays at 10am via Zoom  
**Starts January 10, 2021**

This winter we delve into *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. 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. **Contact Amy Burgess at [terminallyhappy@hotmail.com](mailto:terminallyhappy@hotmail.com) or 256-3389.**

**Soul Builders Class**  
Sundays at 11am via Zoom  
**Starts January 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. 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](mailto:rodeel@fuse.net) or 871-7965.**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

A Stephen Minister is a lay person who has had 50-hours of intense training by a HPCUMC pastor and a leader team. They are Christian care-givers who companion others through some of life's most difficult transitions. The Stephen Minister listens and shows compassion by walking with the person going through difficult times. They help others work through their thoughts and feelings. 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*

## 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 8:00am - 12:00pm

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 8:00am -12:00pm 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/60b0d44aaaa29a5fd0-january>**