

JUSTICE MINISTRY Be Informed About Issue 3

Why is Issue 3 on the May ballot?

In December 2017, Cincinnati City Council passed a Housing Trust Fund Ordinance with the purpose of addressing the crisis of affordable housing in the city. However, inaction of City Hall to fund it, and seeing other city projects receive public monies and tax incentives, a group of housing advocates, including the faith community, garnered enough signatures to require a public vote on whether to appropriate \$50M as a dedicated source of funding aimed at creating 500 affordable homes each year. Several local organizations with whom the HPCUMC Justice Ministry is working are also championing Issue 3. These include the AMOS Project, the Urban League and the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC). In addition, the ORV of the West Ohio Conference and Bishop Palmer have voiced support for Issue 3. To find out more on this important vote the Justice Ministry newsletter has information on opportunities to learn more and get involved with supporters of Issue 3. Find a link to the newsletter on the Justice Ministry page at hydeparkchurch.org/justice-ministry. Visit www.actionforhousingnow.com to learn more about the amendment.

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APRIL DONATIONS FOR IHN

The Soul Builders Sunday school class is continuing monthly donations for the partners of HPCUMC. We will collect items for IHN in April.

Week 1 and 2: Juice boxes and individual sized snacks

Week 3: Disinfecting Spray

Week 4: Adult/baby shampoo and conditioner

You can bring in one item every week or all 4 items. Please leave donations in the social hall and Soul Builders will collect and distribute to IHN at the beginning of May 2021.



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The Warehouse Church OTR Update

Save the Date! Our official in-person launch is on June 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Washington Park and at the Church. We will have a time for the children at 12 noon. We hope you will be able to make it. We will also have outdoor worship and service experiences (weather permitting) on July 11, Aug 1, and September 5. After over a year of waiting, NOW is the time!



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We will release our next Virtual Night of Worship: My Heart's Desire on April 30th at 7:30 pm. Our Worship Director, Robert Johnson, prayerfully envisioned a beautiful worship experience, and has been working with Zeke Plymnesser to make it happen. Our last worship night was viewed by over 600 people. We are praying that this one will bless many as well. Over the Summer, the music department will host some events with food for the community out of The Gathering Place on the first floor...so stay tuned.

Church culture has shifted and many churches, including The Warehouse, are formulating Hybrid Worship experiences—an online campus, and in-person offerings. We have been in a steep learning curve to do this. Right now, even before launching, we have 80 or so people attending our services weekly, half of them online. Our online campus is also launching on June 6th, catalyzed by Victoria Sumner, our Program Director and David McClendon our Tech Director. Our Children's Director, Wanda Baker, is preparing for our first 3-day VBS experience over the Summer. We are praying that our partnerships with Rothenberg Elementary and Wesley Chapel will help to populate this event.

Renovations at The Warehouse continue, if you have not seen the new space, come visit any Sunday at 10:00 am for service. Pastor Sherman is doing a great job spearheading these efforts. Our current series is "Faith on Trial." If you are coming, Text "Visit" or "Welcome" 513-496-1444 to register for social distancing and wear your mask. Our capacity with social distancing is 64 people.

The Bradleys recently shot a video about the Nast Trinity building and its new home, The Warehouse Church OTR for History In Your Own Backyard. It is scheduled to be released this month.

Finally, Pastor Sadell is finishing up her second semester at United Theological Seminary, pursuing an MDiv, and is grateful to have been awarded Hyde Park's Master's Scholarship.

All this and more is happening at The Warehouse Church, where transformation begins. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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P.S. In case you missed it, our Ministers in Training preached the 7 last words of Jesus on Good Friday and it was wonderful! Here's the link. <https://www.facebook.com/warehouseOTR/videos/3033361030320984>



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BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Pastor Dave's Study

Thursdays, April 29 - May 27 Weekly from 6-7:30pm
Social Hall

Book Donation: \$10.00 Class Size: 15 Register early!

You are invited to participate in a study by retired Bishop Will Willimon titled: *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*. This is a 5-week study that encourages participants to explore who they consider the "other" to be in their lives and communities regarding the "other" from a Christian perspective. It is a Bible, book and DVD study.

Register online through Realm under Events, or contact

Pastor Dave at dweaver@hpcumc.org or 979-8184.

Pick up your book before the 1st class in the church office.

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

Six Tuesdays: May 25 – August 3, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

In-person, Welcome Center HPC

Leader: Pastor Cathy Johns

Adam Hamilton's book and videos (filmed on location) will explore the sites of Moses' life from the Nile River to the Reed Sea and from Mount Sinai to the wilderness. This Bible study will include history and archaeological data to deepen our understanding of the scriptures. Class members will read a chapter each week and watch a video prior to class.

Please contact Pastor Cathy Johns with questions. Books are available in the church office. Suggested Donation for Hardback Book: \$5.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

New Ventures Class

Meets: Sunday Mornings 11:00am via ZOOM

Starts: April 11 Ends: May 30

Discussions will be based on Christian articles that challenge us to think about the intersection of faith and life. It is always the desire 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. Currently the class is meeting via Zoom and is open to any who would like to participate. Started by a group of "baby boomers" to address their questions of Christian faith and life in the 21st century, all are welcome to join the lively conversations that are part of each Sunday morning.

Feel free to contact Joyce Bates at joycebates@cinci.rr.com or Michael Vilardo at mpvilardo@gmail.com for more information.

CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

Hyde Park Community UMC		
2021 Operating Income and Expense		
March, 2021	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Pledged Income	\$ 1,147,050	\$ 288,711
Unpledged Income	400,000	95,501
Endowment Draw	1,362,203	374,810
Other Income	147,200	32,859
Total Income	\$ 3,056,453	\$ 791,881
Admin Team	\$ 753,537	\$ 217,323
Staff Ministry	1,578,770	387,678
Apportionments	233,044	58,261
Communication Team	12,525	947
Bimel Outreach	218,000	141,239
Comm Min Global Out	183,702	17,889
Connecting Ministries	7,000	776
Discipleship Ministry	43,825	4,503
Worship Team	26,050	5,490
Total Expenses	\$3,056,453	\$ 834,106
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ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

The Music Ministry announces the spring concert of the Organ Concert Series on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Dexter Kennedy, Assistant Organist at Christ Church

Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and

Organ Instructor at the College

of Wooster, will present a program of organ works by J. S. Bach, George Baker, Elsa Barraine, Jeanne Demessieux, César Franck, and Jean Langlais. Mr. Kennedy is the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interpretation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres (France).

This concert will be offered both in person (by reservation only) and online. For more information, visit <http://hydeparkchurch.org/organ-concert-series/>.



ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY Book Study and Workshop

The Justice Ministry will be addressing the topic of abolishing the death penalty by hosting a book study on Monday, April 26 from 7-8:30pm via Zoom, with a follow-up presentation by the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC) the following week Monday, May 3 from 7-8:30pm via Zoom.

To participate in the book study, please read *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* by Anthony Ray Hinton and be ready to discuss on April 26. Then as a way to put our faith in action, take part in the IJPC's workshop "Abolishing Ohio's Death Penalty" which will focus on sharing about IJPC's work on this justice issue and offer training and tips on how we can become active in these endeavors.

Please contact Pastor Kate (ksmith@hpcumc.org) to register for one or both events!

YOUNG ADULT STUDY

Aiko Bethea with Brews and Brené

We are doing a study on April 19 on Bean and Barley's patio (NEW LOCATION) from 7:00-8:30pm.

The study, "Aiko Bethea with Brews and Brené" will be a discussion on the two episodes of Brené Brown's Dare to Lead podcast featuring Aiko Bethea a diversity, equity, and inclusion expert. On April 19 we will discuss the "Creating Transformative Culture" episode. The podcast can be found for free on Spotify – listen before the gathering and come ready to reflect and discuss.



Contact Kate for more details (ksmith@hpcumc.org) or visit the Young Adult webpage: <http://hydeparkchurch.org/young-adult-ministry/>