

## PROPERTY TEAM PROJECTS

TDG Facility Services has done a good job of taking care of our property since they came on board in December 2020. But the list of things to do is long, and little things go to the bottom of the list. They will eventually get to them, but we can help them make our grounds look much better with little One and Done's.

I am the Chapel sign on Meier Ave. I need some TLC. I used to light up at night, but that was years ago. My cross is bent, my paint is faded. My pole needs cleaning and painting. Can you take me home and paint me and make me light up again? You will be reimbursed for your expenses if you desire.

We are Memorial Markers placed under trees around our grounds. We need help. If you have a power saw that can cut plastic lumber, you can make a difference. A plastic 4x4 that can be cut and put deep into the ground will keep vandals from pulling us out. You can take our metal base and put it on a new plastic base and plant us back where we came from. You will be reimbursed for your expenses if you desire.

We are the benches behind the church. The three of us get a lot of use, but we need to be sanded down and refinished. Could you take us home and give us a good sprucing up with a rugged outdoor clear coat? You will be reimbursed for your expenses if you desire.

I am the light that shines over the Sanctuary Entrance door. I am still good for many years but I could use a good cleaning and a coat of gold spray paint. Would you be willing to take me home and restore me? You will be reimbursed for your expenses if you desire.

*If you are interested in taking on one of these projects, please contact our Property Chair, Denis Larrick at [dlarrick25@aol.com](mailto:dlarrick25@aol.com).*

## 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. Several local organizations with whom the HPCUMC Justice Ministry is working are championing Issue 3. These include the AMOS Project, the Urban League and the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC). To find out more on this important vote the Justice Ministry newsletter has information 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](http://hydeparkchurch.org/justice-ministry). Visit [www.actionforhousingnow.com](http://www.actionforhousingnow.com) to learn more about the amendment.*

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### What Charlie and His Friends Missed

Several years ago we had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful country of Thailand. Dianne, Doug's sister, was a GM executive stationed in Singapore and invited us to come and see Thailand with her, her treat. We thought for about two seconds and then of course said, "Yes!"

We visited several Buddhist temples. As we saw the spectacular architecture and serene settings arranged for Buddhists, something began stirring in my soul. Charlie, our guide, explained some of the basic tenets of Buddhism. The same question kept rising up and I finally asked it: "What time does the community gather together each week to worship?" My question was foreign to him. He simply said that families would come together to the temple to worship at their leisure; there was no appointed time for them to gather together. I asked a second question: "Does the community gather together for high holy days at the same time for any kind of corporate worship?" He smiled and simply said "no," noting that on high holy days families would come to the temple on that day but there was no appointed time.

I remembered giving thanks to God later that day for my Christian faith. Jesus built His ministry around community, calling His disciples together to form a band of women and men who would change the world with the love of God. Jesus taught that we are to love God and love neighbor. The gathered community is part of the DNA of Christianity!

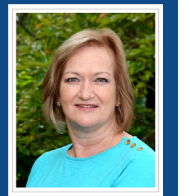
During this past year, we have felt the pain of the absence of community. Even though life has not returned to pre-COVID days yet, we rejoice in the ability to gather again with Christian friends. The community of faith brings us many things, including a place to share our hearts, deepen our walk with Christ, and grow together as people who follow Jesus, the Risen Christ.

Eugene Petersen wrote: "There can be no maturity in the spiritual life, no obedience in following Jesus, no wholeness in the Christian life, apart from an immersion in, and embrace of, community. I am not myself by myself."

This Sunday, the Confirmation Class of 2020 (yes, last year's class) will be confirmed and become members of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Please join us in welcoming these young people officially into our faith community as full members. We look forward to serving alongside these wonderful youth who will share their gifts among us.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday! We will observe social safe distancing and wear masks, but reservations are no longer required.

Peace,  
Cathy



Pastor  
Cathy Johns

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

### Interested in Joining HPCUMC?

We're offering our Spiritual Gifts and United Methodism 101 classes in-person in our Welcome Center this Spring! Both sessions are required for membership, but they can be taken in any order and there's no commitment necessary to come and learn something new about yourself or our faith!

**\*Spiritual Gifts (Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 pm)** Designed to shine a light on your individual strengths as a part of our church community.

**\*United Methodism 101 (Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 pm)** An introduction to or refresher on the roots of our United Methodist faith.

Please contact Sara Pease ([spease@hpcumc.org](mailto:spease@hpcumc.org) or 513-979-8192) to register.

## 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](mailto: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

## 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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,056,453</b>	<b>\$ 791,881</b>
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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,056,453</b>	<b>\$ 834,106</b>
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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, 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, take part in the IJPC's workshop "Abolishing Ohio's Death Penalty" which will focus on sharing about IJPC's work on this issue and offer training on how we can become active in these endeavors.

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

## WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

### No Reservations Needed!

We are thankful to announce that beginning Sunday, April 25, reservations are no longer necessary for Sunday morning worship. For everyone's safety, the following protocols remain:

- enter the building from the south side (parking lot)
- masks required while in the building
- observe social safe distancing
- sit in pews designated for each service(9:30 and 11). This promotes social safe distancing and allows our ushers to walk through the pews to receive the offering)
- continued suspension of coffee fellowship until the mask mandate is lifted.

Thank you for your patience as we carefully move forward.

## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

Welcome our church family back to in-person worship by greeting them at the door! Masking and social distancing will be observed. Please contact Sara Pease at [spease@hpcumc.org](mailto:spease@hpcumc.org) (or 513-979-8192) to sign up.