

## ONE AND DONE OPPORTUNITY

In 1994, the church's Community Gardeners won a beautification award with our Prayer Garden located between the Chapel and the Education Wing. As we transitioned to an outside contractor to maintain the grounds, the Community Gardeners faded away.

Are there enough green thumbs in the church interested in having their own "territory" on our grounds to revive Community Gardeners? I've always felt that the church lacks a beautiful outdoor meeting space for groups of a dozen or so. With the help of volunteers, perhaps a small Garden of Eden could be created for this purpose. *Interested? Contact Denis Larrick, 2021 Property Team Chair, at dlarrick36@aol.com.*

## ANTI-RACISM: DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES

**Juneteenth Celebration: Saturday, June 19th  
1:00-3:00pm**

**New Vision UMC in North Avondale**

Come and celebrate with the entire Ohio River Valley District as we mark the oldest of all African American celebrations: Juneteenth. Juneteenth commemorates the day of June 19, 1865 when African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation. Join us for music, food, crafts for kids, and fun for all ages.

**A Cincinnati UMC Pastor's Story - July 12 (in person)  
or July 13 (via Zoom) at 6:30pm**

**"I was reported as being a suspicious person..."**

During a pastoral care visit in his hometown of Wyoming, Ohio, Rev. Meschach Kanyion was reported as a suspicious person. Compelled by his experience of implicit bias and racism, he created short Youtube videos sharing his story. Join us for a discussion with Rev. Kanyion on Monday, July 12 at 6:30pm outside at Church of the Savior UMC in Montgomery or join us via Zoom for the discussion on Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30pm. Links to the Youtube videos and to register for the Zoom discussion will be put on the Justice Ministry website late June.

**Outdoor Worship Celebration with The Warehouse  
Sunday, August 1st in Washington Park**

Come, celebrate our faith with other people from around the Ohio River Valley District and support the launch of The Warehouse Church. More details to come.

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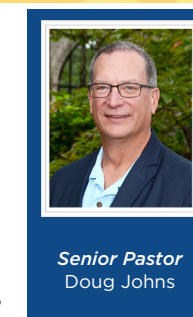
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### New COVID-19 Protocols

On June 2 Governor DeWine rescinded many of the statewide mandates related to COVID-19, specifically stating "masks optional for those who have been vaccinated." On May 23, the COVID-19 Task Force met to consider a recommendation to the Servant Leadership Board (SLB). Consequently, the Task Force recommended to the SLB, and on Thursday, May 27, the SLB approved, the following effective June 2:



Senior Pastor  
Doug Johns

1. Masks are optional if you have been fully vaccinated, and are two weeks beyond final vaccination (for worship and small groups using the facilities during the week). If you have not been vaccinated masks are required.
2. Social distancing is important and will continue to be observed until further notice.
3. Seating for worship will continue to be every other pew until further notice.
4. Offering refreshments/finger foods, between services, will be suspended until further notice.
5. Caring for the safety of our children who are not vaccinated (specifically those under 12) the Children, Preschool, and Youth Ministry Directors will set their own guidelines/protocols for masks, and social distancing, in compliance with the CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines.

In addition, after discussion with the Worship Team, the worship team agreed to resume the 8:00 worship service on Rally Day, September 12. Furthermore, in an effort to provide our faith community multiple options for worship, the 8:00 service will be a weekly communion service, with the organ and Wesley Choir.

We are excited for the many opportunities before us as we continue to make our way into our new "normal," and we look forward to seeing you in-person in the days ahead. May God's blessings abound as together we continue to navigate the waters before us! I look forward to seeing you in Church.

Through Christ,

Pastor Doug



## SUMMER CAMP READING

Can you spend a couple hours in the morning with 2nd & 3rd grade students this summer? No special skills are needed, just a desire to help children who need critical extra attention & encouragement to improve reading proficiency.

Summer Camp Reading runs weekday mornings from June 14-July 23 at Wesley Chapel Mission Center in Over-the-Rhine. You can sign up for a 2-hour time slot (8:00-10:00am or 9:45am-12:00pm) and serve with other volunteers and paid staff. Strict safety protocols will be in place.

To sign up to serve, please visit [hydeparkchurch.org](http://hydeparkchurch.org) and click the Summer Camp Reading rotating banner on the homepage. For any questions, please contact Karen Bruner at [chatbru82@gmail.com](mailto:chatbru82@gmail.com) or 513-787-3549 or Kate at [ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org) or 513-871-1345

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Senior Adult Ministries plans to return in September to meeting for Thursday Edition and First Friday Nite's programs. However we do not have enough volunteer commitments to support the First Friday Nite dinners.

Let's look at this long pause as an opportunity to bring our wish lists and creativity to this ministry! Gather together with your friends (anyone 55 and over) at one of these meetings to share ideas and develop programming which will be meaningful to you.

Come to one of these three meetings—no reservations required—to offer your input:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021	2:00 pm	Library
Wednesday, June 9, 2021	7:00 pm	Library
Sunday, June 13, 2021	10:30 am	Library

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, but want to make suggestions and volunteer, please contact Diane Weaver at [diweaver@hpcumc.org](mailto:diweaver@hpcumc.org) or 979-8190.

## ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UPS

Flowers on the altar in the sanctuary help enhance our worship together. Please call the church office to reserve your spot to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship. Flowers can be designated in honor or memory of a loved one.

Please call Amanda Kern in the church office; she will help you make these arrangements.

## STATE AVE UMC Donation Drive

During the month of June, we are collecting the following items for State Ave UMC's food pantry.

**Cheerios (no substitutions please)**

**Granola Bars**

**Spaghetti**

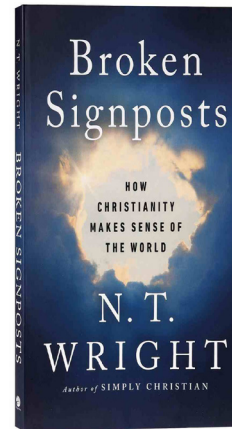
**Spaghetti Sauce**

If you prefer, you can make a donation by going to [onrealm.org/hydeparkchurch/-/give/partnermonthly](http://onrealm.org/hydeparkchurch/-/give/partnermonthly)

The Soul Builders Sunday School Class wants to thank you for your generosity for this project!

## TUESDAY MORNING STUDY With Pastor Doug

Our Class meets on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30. On June 8 we will begin a new study of Bishop N.T. Wright's new book: *Broken Signposts*. The following is a summary of Bishop Wright's book: "These seven broken signposts – Justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, and power – need not remain elusive. By the power of the Spirit of Jesus the Messiah, they can become genuine signposts, mended signals, missional marker posts. They will point clearly, in the mercy of God, to the cross of Jesus and also to His resurrection as the start and the sign of the new creation."



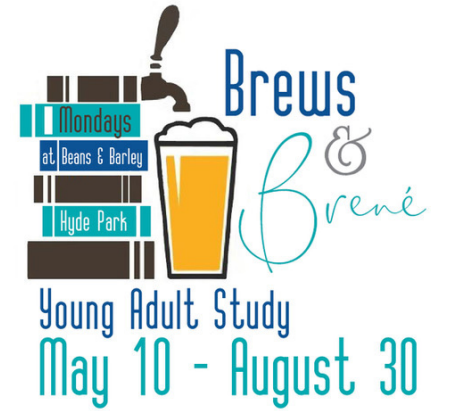
Join us on Tuesday, June 8, 10:00 – 11:30 as we deepen our walk with God through Christ. Books can be picked up in the Church office, 9:00 – 5:00 (\$10.00 suggested donation).

I look forward to beginning this study with you. May God's blessings

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Brews and Brene

On Mondays starting May 10 through August 30, meet at the downstairs patio of Beans and Barley (Madison Rd.) to discuss an episode from one of Brené Brown's podcasts.



Each week will feature a different guest talking about various topics so each week stands on its own – come when you can.

To view the schedule for the summer series and find links to the episodes, please visit: <http://hydeparkchurch.org/young-adult-ministry/>

### Young Adult Sunday Brunch

Every second Sunday, young adults are invited to enjoy summer weather on the patio at Keystone in Hyde Park for brunch at 12:00 pm. There's no agenda, just time set aside to come together and potentially an opportunity to meet and connect with other young adults. Let us know you are coming by 11:30am the day of "party". You can RSVP on the young adult webpage or by emailing Kate Smith ([ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org)). Upcoming brunches are June 13, July 11, and August 8.

## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We are excited to open the doors of our nursery once again! We will have childcare for both the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. Reservations are needed through our website. Masks are required for children who are old enough to wear one.

Please contact Dana Calhoun with any questions or concerns: [dcalhoun@hpcumc.org](mailto:dcalhoun@hpcumc.org) or 513-979-8181.