

ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

You are invited to donate flowers for Sunday morning worship to honor loved ones and special celebrations in your life such as birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions. You can also donate flowers in memory of loved ones. For the Sunday morning that you choose, a notation will be included in the bulletin.



If you would like to share your gifts with your church family through providing flowers, please contact Amanda Kern in the church office. She will secure the date for you and provide helpful details. Flowers are delivered to the church on Saturday. **You are welcome to take the flowers home with you at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday morning, following the 11:00 worship service.**

NEAL HAMLIN RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 19, 2021

2:00pm Program in the sanctuary Reception following (Welcome Center) Masks are highly recommended and social distancing



TUES MORNING STUDY WITH PASTOR DOUG

Our Class meets on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30 am. **On September 21st (date change) we will resume class with a study of Inspired by Rachel Held Evans.** The following is a summary of the book: “If the Bible isn’t a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her – and it will change you.

Join us on Tuesday, September 21st, 10:00 – 11:30am in the Little Theater (Changed to in person)

Books can be picked up in the Church office, 9:00 – 5:00 (\$10.00 suggested donation).

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A reminder before I share some thoughts with you: The 8:00 worship service begins this Sunday, September 12! This service will be a weekly communion service (replacing the chapel communion service we provided pre-covid-19).

Oneing Through Christ

Paul says in Romans: “Do not be conformed to this world,[c] but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Jesus says in Matthew: “But strive first for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

At an early age we have been taught to think dualistically, either/or, black or white. Early in life dualism is ingrained in us with an occasional reminder and challenge to embrace the “both/and of life”. However, Paul reminds us do not conform to this way of thinking; instead embrace the way of God.

“Oneing” of spirit, mind, and body: Be transformed through the “renewing of your minds,” Jesus says. It’s in our “Oneing” we’re able to discern the will of God. Either/or thinking tends to lead us in a downward spiral, whereas a both/and approach to life empowers relationship building, relationship deepening, and relationship sustaining. To this point Father Richard Rohr shares:

Non-dual consciousness is about receiving and being present to the moment and to the Now, exactly as it is, without splitting or dividing it, without judgment, analysis, negative critique, mental commentary, liking or disliking; without resistance; and even without registering your preferences. In other words, your mind, heart, soul, and senses are open and receptive to the moment, just as it is. That allows you to say, “Just this,” and love things in themselves, as themselves, and by themselves, regardless of how they benefit or make depends on you. . . . You gradually learn to hold everything – attractive and non-attractive alike – together in one accepting gaze.” (Just This, p. 29)

Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness.” Our “seeking” does not mean we look into the future to “Find”, it is a present, in the now, gaze; here, now, in this moment embrace – and God’s kingdom and righteousness will come alive. I look forward to greeting you in Church.

Through Christ,
Pastor Doug



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FALL CLASSES

SOUL BUILDERS CLASS

Book: Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation, by Rev. Dr. Bruce Metzger

Date/Time: Sundays, 11:00am (starts Sept. 19)

Location: Room 205

Questions? Contact Ronda Deel at rodeel@fuse.net.

FAITH WEAVERS CLASS

Study: Women of the New Testament, by Phyllis J. Le Peau

Date/Time: Sundays, 9:30am (starts Sept. 12)

Location: Room 205

Email Mike Hickerson at mikehickerson@gmail.com for more information.

NEW VENTURES

Book: Freeing Jesus, by Diana Butler Bass

Date/Time: Starting Sunday, September 12 at 11:00am

Location: Zoom Class

Contact Joyce Bates or Michael Vilardo for information.

PASTOR DOUG'S CLASS **-CHANGED TO IN-PERSON CLASS**

Book: Inspired, by Rachel Held Evans

Date/Time: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30 (starts Sept. 21)

Location: Little Theater

Books can be picked up in the Church office, 9:00 – 5:00 beginning September 1 (\$10.00 suggested donation).

PETE RUDOWSKI COURSE

Starting in October (Sunday, October 3):

Curriculum: Life Lessons of Psalms

Date/Time: Sunday, October 3, 2021-October 31

at 9:30am (video sent out Monday before Sunday discussion)

Location: Library

Join Rev. Dr. Pete Rudowski in a 5-week series on the Psalms. Every Monday, a video will be sent out for you to watch, and the discussion will be held on Sunday mornings. Email mmenius@hpcumc.org to receive the videos and register for the class.

LETS GET REAL STUDY GROUP

Meets at 9:30 am

Sundays, starting Sept 12

Lisa Sharon Harper's, The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right. Class will begin outside the church (weather permitting) and will move inside (masked and social distanced) Email Amy Burgess at terminallyhappy@hotmail.com for more information.

NEW LIFE FURNITURE DONATION COLLECTION

During the month of September, Soul Builders will be collecting items for New Life Furniture Bank:

- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- New bed pillow
- Twin XL sheet sets

The Mission and Outreach team is supporting this effort with a Heads and Beds Challenge! For every pillow and sheet set donated (up to 25 sets), the Mission and Outreach team will donate money to New Life Furniture to purchase a mattress and frame! Remember, 1 pillow + 1 sheet set donated = money to purchase a mattress/frame from Mission and Outreach!

Items can be dropped off in the Social Hall throughout the month. Or you can contribute by donating through Realm or via check (please write "Monthly Partner Donation" on memo line) that will go towards buying the items.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year in 2020, New Life Furniture Bank fully furnished 1071 homes for 1930 neighbors in need, of which 846 of them were children, nearly 60% were households with a single mother, and over 50% had experienced homelessness. NLFB collected and distributed 1318 beds, 1035 sofas, 867 kitchen tables, 2533 kitchen chairs, and 314 student desks...potentially diverting an estimated 889,621 lbs. of solid waste from entering our landfills.

YOUNG ADULT FALL STUDY

Brews and Evolving Faith

On Mondays starting September 13 through October 25, meet at the downstairs patio of Beans and Barley Coffeehouse and Taproom (Madison Rd) from 7:00 – 8:30pm for Brews and Evolving Faith.

Each week will feature an episode from the podcast *Evolving Faith* so each week stands on its own – come when you can. To view the schedule for the series and find the links to the episodes please visit: <http://hydeparkchurch.org/young-adult-ministry/>. Listen or read the transcript of the episode of the week before the gathering and come ready to discuss.



After a summer break, Super Serve Saturday (S3) is BACK every 3rd Saturday through May starting September 18th. S3 is a great way to get involved with serving with our local partnerships and meet new people. There is something for each age and ability – no superpowers necessary – just a willing, humble and flexible spirit and heart for all! We have adapted to COVID so you sign up to serve knowing there are family friendly options, no contact options, and options to serve at home. Click Super Serve Saturday's rotating banner on the church's homepage (hydeparkchurch.org) to get descriptions of the projects and to sign up to serve.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

As we begin our time back together this fall, the Hospitality Team invites you to be a Greeter on Sunday mornings! Whether you are only able to sign-up for one slot or a slot every month, we appreciate you taking time to help greet and welcome all who enter Hyde Park Community's doors.

Email Meredith Menius at mmenius@hpcumc.org to be added to a date.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our senior adults and each other, the decision has been made to cancel our in-person events until further notice. This includes First Friday Fellowship which is scheduled for next Friday, September 10th; Thursday Edition scheduled on September 16th; and the Strength, Balance, and Flexibility Class which was to start on Monday, September 20th. Our hope and prayer is to reach herd immunity soon so we can begin to be together again. Please contact Diane Weaver with any questions or concerns at diweaver@hpcumc.org or 979-8190. Thank you for your understanding.