

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Instead of packing food into boxes as a way to show love to our neighbors, we are going to give families a \$50 gift card to Kroger to celebrate Thanksgiving. This ministry will impact 552 families in Cincinnati this year and we need to raise \$27,600 to cover the cost of the gift cards. **We will be collecting a tax deductible donation and NOT Kroger gift cards.** Your generosity will be especially needed this year, as COVID continues to impact many people. To donate, you can give online at Realm (please select Thanksgiving Baskets from the drop down menu) or make your check payable to HPCUMC with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo line.



Since gift cards can be impersonal, we are adding a personal touch by putting the gift card in a Thanksgiving Greeting card. You can write a special note to a family or have your children or grandchildren decorate the cards. They can be picked up on the counter of the Welcome Center and must be returned by November 8.

If you know of a family that would benefit from receiving a gift card to Kroger for Thanksgiving, please contact Pastor Kate at ksmith@hpcumc.org or call the church office 513-871-1345.

DID YOU KNOW? Pre-Covid, there was a number of Thanksgiving Baskets delivered by the church to our neighbors, but a majority went to support 16 local agencies to distribute the baskets. 5 of the local organizations are mission partners or ministries of the church: The Warehouse, Rothenberg School, Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC), Wesley Education Center, and State Ave. UMC.

STEWARDSHIP MAILING:

Self-addressed Envelope

Oops, we forgot to include the self addressed envelope in our stewardship mailing. If you need one, for your convenience, we have placed them on the table in the Welcome Center and in the brochure racks around the church. If you have trouble finding one, please feel free to stop in the church office and pick one up. Thanks for your understanding.

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The Compassion of Walter Payton

Christy Gutowski, of The Daily Herald, wrote about a meeting of two Chicago Bears players in the locker room in August 1984:

After ten seasons with the Chicago Bears as place kicker, Bob Thomas was notified by the Bears' management that he was being cut. Thomas, a Christian, waited until he knew the locker room would be cleared of players to clear out his things. He didn't have the emotional strength to face the players he'd grown to love. His celebrated teammate, Walter Payton, another believer, had learned of Thomas' termination and waited alone at the kicker's locker after the others had left. When Bob saw Walter, he buried his face in the running back's chest and allowed his friend and fellow Christian to comfort him.

After Walter Payton's death in the fall of 1999, Bob Thomas recalled that emotional moment in the Bears locker room. "To share your grief with a Hall of Fame running back with that kind of compassion, empathy and ability is really my fondest memory of the guy we called Sweetness."

In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 we read: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Our God is the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort! When we are letters from Christ to the world, ours are the arms that hold the grieving, ours are the hands that lift up those who stumble, and ours are the lips that offer genuine, reassuring smiles to the fearful.

I look forward to connecting with you this Sunday as we celebrate a God of compassion who invites us be Christ's letters of compassion to the world.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy



Senior Pastor
Cathy Johns

Super Serve Saturday – October 16th

Super Serve Saturday (S3) provides different opportunities to serve in meaningful ways throughout Cincinnati. The next Super Serve Saturday is October 16th offering family friendly options, no contact options, and options to serve at home. A big need this month is personalizing Thanksgiving greetings cards to go along with gift cards to be distributed to 552 families for Thanksgiving. 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.

CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

Hyde Park Community UMC		
2021 Operating Income and Expense		
September 2021	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Pledged Income	\$ 1,147,050	\$ 844,922
Unpledged Income	400,000	260,905
Endowment Draw	1,362,203	1,102,935
Other Income	147,200	99,790
Total Income	\$ 3,056,453	\$ 2,308,552
Admin Team	\$ 753, 537	\$ 454,005
Staff Ministry	1,578,770	1,142,244
Apportionments	233,044	174,783
Communication Team	12,525	8,138
Bimel Outreach	218,000	211,638
Comm Min Global Out	183,702	150,728
Connecting Ministries	7,000	1,720
Discipleship Ministry	43,825	25,692
Worship Team	26,050	12,079
Total Expenses	\$3,056,453	\$ 2,181,027
Net Oper Inc vs Exp	-	\$ 127,525

**GLOBAL PARTNER SERVE TEAM
CLUJ, ROMANIA**

We have been invited by our partners in Romania to serve alongside their team to support the new community center in the heart of Cluj, Romania. What we do at the community center depends on the gifts of team that forms which includes Pastor Doug! The visit is planned for March 3–10, 2022 and will include pre-immersion meetings to bond as a team as well as spiritually and culturally prepare to serve in Romania. The cost of the trip is \$550 + airfare (guesstimated at \$1,300-\$1,600), scholarships are available. **An informational meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, October 17th at 2:00pm.** Please visit hydeparkchurch.org and scroll down to the rotating banner and click on the Romania banner to RSVP for the meeting and to receive the link. *If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kate (ksmith@hpcumc.org).*

Not able to go to Romania but want to support the team?

Please consider giving a donation towards The Overseas Mission Trip Scholarship fund. Your gift of any amount will help offset the cost of the trip for people who might not be otherwise able to serve globally.

BOY SCOUTS WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 114 will be taking orders for holiday wreaths, centerpieces, and mini-trees between services on Sunday October 10th, 17th and October 24th.



This year, the Scouts are offering four styles of wreaths, a candle centerpiece, and a decorated mini-tree. All wreaths are 25” and all greenery is made from live Minnesota Balsam Fir. Prices range from \$27 for the Classic Wreath and \$35 for all other products. The Scouts will personally porch-drop all items at the end of November and early December, just in time for your holiday decorating.

Stop by our tables and we’ll be happy to tell you more about these beautiful holiday pieces. If you will not be attending church in person, you can order directly from our scout store on our website: CincinnatiTroop114.com

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Did you know that HPCUMC has a Spiritual Direction Ministry? Spiritual direction or spiritual companionship is a practice that helps us to slow down and notice where and how God is showing up in our lives and to discover what our response might be. It is a journey with another of finding and unveiling what is already there, God’s presence, light, and love. As Quaker author Douglas Steere puts it, “...the Spiritual Director’s job is to... ‘listen’ another’s soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery.” If you would like to learn more about spiritual direction, go to hydeparkchurch.org or contact either of our trained spiritual directors. They would be happy to talk with you. *Christine McHenry, clm2804@gmail.com or Roger Johannigman, rtjohannigman@gmail.com*

TOUR EUB CHURCHES AND UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

Interested in learning about Methodist history in SW Ohio and the first church in Ohio? Never been to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center? **The United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio (UMHSO) is sponsoring two tours:** One of early Methodist and EUB churches east of Cincinnati and the other, the NURFC downtown. **Both leave Anderson Hills UMC, 7515 Forest Rd, Cincinnati 45255, Friday, October 22, 2021 at 1:00 pm and return by 5:00 pm.** The church tour is \$15. Admission to NURFC is \$15Adult, \$13 Sr, Child <10 \$10, payable at door plus parking.

The UMHSO is holding its annual convocation on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Anderson Hills UMC. The program includes historical presentations, historian’s show-and-tell, and a brief business meeting. Cost is \$25 for members (\$30 for non-members/guests) which includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

If interested in attending, please download the registration form at www.umhso.org or contact Rudy Heath 513-489-2164.