

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

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.

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Investing in the Mission & Ministry of Hyde Park Community UMC

Paul reminds us in his second letter to the people of Corinth: "You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." You are a letter of Christ to the world through your financial investment in the mission and ministry of HPCUMC.

As we prepare to make our 2022 commitments, I write to thank you for your generosity in 2021. Because you gave:

- The Senior Adult Ministry continues to reach out to church members. Phone calls, emails, and the U.S. Mail offer encouragement, support and hope. Volunteers have delivered groceries to people's homes, hot meals from restaurants delivered, gifts of flowers and candy express Christ's love.
- The 8:00 worship service has resumed, featuring weekly communion and the Wesley Choir.
- In-person worship resumed, and on-line worship continues to be enhanced. The number of people joining us on-line continues to grow.
- Stephen Ministers offer Christ's love through quality one on one care.
- Our Preschool held their annual Summer FUN Camp with 128 children ages 3-5 participating. As a "5 Star Step Up to Quality" Preschool (the highest award) we offer a quality, in-person educational experience.
- The United Methodist Women serve our community in God's love and grace.
- The Warehouse offered the OTR community 3 different outdoor events in Washington Park, touching the lives of over 1,000 people. 193 people worship on-line, and in-person worship continues to attract new families/ individuals weekly.
- Super Serve Saturday offers tangible support to our Community Ministry Partners through intergenerational teams of people. The Summer Camp Reading Program embraced children in OTR, improving reading skills.
- Support for our Global Mission Partners offers hope and assurance as they navigate the pandemic.
- The Organ Concert Series continues to bless the community. This year we live-streamed the concert for the first time.
- 26 people attended Family Camp.
- In-person Children's Sunday School resumed in August; Children's Choir resumed in September; New this fall a Youth Choir has formed.

I look forward to Commitment Sunday, October 24, when alongside you Cathy and I will make our 2022 commitment, investing in the mission and ministry of HPCUMC! Cathy and I pray with you for God's guidance as you make your decision to invest in the ministry of Jesus Christ through HPCUMC; "You show that you are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." I look forward to seeing you in church.

Through Christ,
Pastor Doug



Senior Pastor
Doug Johns

ALTAR FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

You are invited to donate flowers for Sunday morning worship to honor loved ones and special celebrations 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.**

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

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? Here is the breakdown of baskets received from local organizations to be distributed to our neighbors:

- 75 – Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses (delivered by HPCUMC)
- 75 – Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC)
- 65 – Parkside Christian Church (delivered by HPCUMC)
- 50 – Rothenberg School
- 50 – New Vision UMC
- 44 – Interparish Ministry
- 40 – State Ave. UMC
- 38 – Calvary Hilltop UMC
- 28 – Wesley Education Center
- 14 - Visions
- 10 – The Warehouse
- 10 – Hoops Ministry
- 10 – West Union Southern Baptist Church
- 6 – Refuge Ministries
- 5 - Talbert House
- 5 - Hope in Action

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.*

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, go to hydeparkchurch.org or contact either of our trained spiritual directors. *Christine McHenry, clm2804@gmail.com or Roger Johannigman, rtjohannigman@gmail.com*

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.