

## January 9th WORSHIP WITH SAMARA, RUSSIA UMC

January 9th is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday and at the 9:30am service we will be worshipping via Skype with our global partners at the Samara, Russia United Methodist Church.

*You are invited to attend the 9:30am service to worship with our siblings in Samara, Russia as we worship God in two languages.* It will be a special Sunday with a reaffirmation of your baptism ritual at all of the services.

## CELEBRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

Hyde Park Community UMC		
2021 Operating Income and Expense		
November 2021	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Pledged Income	\$ 1,147,050	\$ 1,097,447
Unpledged Income	400,000	312,268
Endowment Draw	1,362,203	1,310,260
Other Income	147,200	122,852
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,056,453</b>	<b>\$ 2,842,827</b>
Admin Team	\$ 753,537	\$ 544,842
Staff Ministry	1,578,770	1,392,923
Apportionments	233,044	213,624
Communication Team	12,525	10,561
Bimel Outreach	218,000	212,888
Mission and Outreach	183,702	165,058
Connecting Ministries	7,000	2,114
Discipleship Ministry	43,825	26,670
Worship Team	26,050	17,630
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,056,453</b>	<b>\$ 2,586,310</b>
Net Oper Inc vs Exp	-	\$ 256,517

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## Epiphany Sunday

What did Christmas plays look like for you as a child? Were you an angel? A shepherd? A cow? Maybe you were chosen to be Mary or Joseph? Were these performances elaborate and planned months in advance with rehearsals, or were they more of a pick-up format where you were assigned a part when you showed up? Whatever way you experienced these plays growing up, they are a big part of our childhood and form how we view and experience the Christmas story.



Meredith Menius

A backdrop to this Christmas story that is normally left out of the Christmas plays is the role of King Herod and the way in which he used his power to try and stop the coming of Jesus. When we recognize this as a big part of the backdrop to the Christmas story as a whole, we realize that the story is a lot more complicated than maybe we learned as a child. In this context, we recognize that there are powers and systems in place trying to silence something that is supposed to be pure Goodness to our world. Not only that, but we also learn that the Magi, whose intentions were pure in pursuing a conversation with King Herod, are ultimately manipulated and used as a tool for King Herod to carry out a cruel and awful plan. While this is definitely not a part of the story that we would want the children in our churches to act out, we have to recognize that as we grow in our faith in adolescence and adulthood that we have to confront hard realities and contexts of these well-known stories so that we see how God is present and separate from any manipulation or cruel intentions that we experience from other humans in this world.

As we celebrate Epiphany this Sunday, I invite you to enter into this morning with an open heart and an open mind as we explore this journey of the Magi together.

Peace,

Meredith Menius

Director of Connecting and Discipleship Ministries



## HAS ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

### DO YOU HAVE A...

- new address?
- new phone number?
- new email address?
- no longer have a home phone?

*Please check your information in Realm or contact Katie Baumann at [kbaumann@hpcumc.org](mailto:kbaumann@hpcumc.org) or (513) 979-8199 to confirm or change your information.*

## UMW BOOK CLUB

UMW Book Club is back! We're meeting for the first time since early 2020 on **Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 pm** in the church **Parlor** to discuss Beth Duke's *Tapestry*. Duke delivers an emotional and inspiring novel about family, from the roots that ground us to the branches that allow us to take flight.

*All are welcome even if you don't have time to read the book.*

## SAVE THE DATE: Tijuana Christian Mission Serve Trip

Plan in advance and save the date for **December 28, 2022 to January 2, 2023 for an intergenerational trip to serve alongside our partners at Tijuana Christian Mission (TCM)**. This trip is open to all and we will serve in a variety of settings: TCM (an orphanage with two sites), Women with a Purpose (a women's shelter), and Baja Family Outreach (a church located in a former active dump). We hope for all generations to be represented in this trip as it is open to adults, 6-8th grade serving alongside parents/caregivers, and high schoolers can apply to go by themselves.

*If you would like to know more information about this trip, please contact Pastor Kate ([ksmith@hpcumc.org](mailto:ksmith@hpcumc.org)).*



Soul Builders Sunday School Class thanks you for your generosity.

### DID YOU KNOW?

State Avenue UMC is a beacon of Christ's light in Lower Price Hill, serving God and neighbor since 1904. In this extremely poor neighborhood, a small congregation with a dedicated volunteer base manages the food pantry, serves meals, and organizes activities, with a special concern for the children in the area. Lay pastor Annie Burton was recently appointed to provide spiritual leadership. Email questions about volunteering to [stateavenuemethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stateavenuemethodistchurch@gmail.com).

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you requested one, please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelope Box in the Welcome Center.

*If you would like a box, please contact Anna Lawson at [alawson@hpcumc.org](mailto:alawson@hpcumc.org) or 513-979-8189.*

## ONE AND DONE OPPORTUNITY

### Greeters needed for Sundays

Each Sunday it would be wonderful to have Greeters at our doors to welcome our members and visitors.

*Please contact Donna Dauterman at [hospitality@hpcumc.org](mailto:hospitality@hpcumc.org) or Meredith Menius at 513-979-8170.*

## SUPER SERVE SATURDAY

January 15th

As a way to bring families, multiple generations, and people of all background together Super Serve Saturday (S3) provides different opportunities to serve in meaningful ways throughout Cincinnati. January's S3 is happening on January 15th.

This month we are partnering with Wesley Chapel Mission Center, New Life Furniture Bank, The Center for Respite Care, and Meals on Wheels.

Visit the Super Serve Saturday's page to get descriptions of the all projects and to sign up to serve.



## YOUNG ADULT STUDY

Enjoy your favorite brew and meaningful conversation with other young adults. On Mondays through February 28, meet in the downstairs area of Bean and Barley Coffeehouse and Taproom (Madison Rd). from 7:00 – 8:30pm for Brews and Love is the Resistance study.

The Brews and Love is Resistance study uses a 6-part series from the podcast Why Tho? Each week will feature a different episode from the series talking about various topics, so each week stands on its own – come when you can.

On Mondays after a holiday weekend or long weekends (January 3, January 17, and February 21) we will be taking a break from the study enjoying a game night downstairs at Bean and Barley.

Feel free to bring a friend, a favorite game, and/or come ready to play and enjoy your favorite brew!

Scan the QR code to see the schedule for the series and episode links.



JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>-FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM

