

SAVE THE DATE: TIJUANA MISSION SERVE TRIP

Knowing people plan far in advance for the holidays, we ask that you 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).

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.



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Remember and Renew vs. Resolutions

The problem with resolutions is that their power often relies on our own resolve. The resolution starts out strong, but then slowly fades. This Sunday, we're invited not to make another resolution, not to make another promise to just try harder. We are going to do something a little bit different. As we begin this new year, we have an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. This upcoming Sunday we will join Christians worldwide by remembering the story of Jesus' baptism and rekindling our commitment to Jesus and the ministry of the church. Specifically, at the 9:30a service, we will be worshipping with our partners at Samara United Methodist Church via livestream.



Pastor Kate

It feels a little bit strange to be thinking about the waters of baptism when we are often in the midst of piles of snow, icicles, and icy streets and sidewalks in January. Yet, this new year is an opportunity to dive into the waters of God's grace.

Baptism is a sacred sacrament in the United Methodist tradition. We believe that baptism is something that God does and we receive. It's as if God marks us with a seal in baptism that says we are God's beloved children. At the same time, we believe that baptism is a public proclamation of an inward spiritual change—it is about us proclaiming to the people around us that we believe and we seek to live in the way that leads to life. We baptize babies because scripture tells us stories about adults who believe in Christ and subsequently, their entire household is baptized—which surely included children! When we baptize a baby, the parents make the public proclamation on behalf of the child and they vow to bring the child to church, immerse them in a community of faith, and help them to grow to profess God's love on their own.

This Sunday, I'll be preaching about baptism and each person who is baptized will have the opportunity to "remember" their baptism by touching water and recommitting to walk in the way that leads to life. If you aren't yet baptized, but you are curious about it or already know that you want to take this step of faith, please contact Pastors Cathy, Doug, or myself.

Peace,

Pastor Kate



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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 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.

SAMARA, RUSSIA Partnership Trip in June

HPCUMC has had a partnership with Samara UMC for 25 years. Our partners at this young and growing congregation are empowered, energized and very appreciative of our presence and support so they are able to share their faith and learn of our faith journeys. Are you interested in learning more about this relationship and our Russian siblings in Christ? If you have thought about being involved in mission outreach, why not consider joining our mission team this June?

There will be informational meetings Sunday, January 30th at 10:30am and 12:00pm in room 210. Contact Kevin Betts (betts.k@gmail.com) or Pastor Kate (ksmith@hpcumc.org) if you have any questions.



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.

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 or 513-979-8189.

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 10TH-FEBRUARY 28TH
MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM



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 or Meredith Menius at 513-979-8170.