

CARING MEALS MINISTRY

Want to provide a meal to an individual or family during a life transition? From medical issues and surgeries to births and deaths, this new ministry initiative is a tangible way to come alongside others in our faith community during these times so they have one less thing to worry about.

Email Meredith Menius at mmenius@hpcumc.org to be added to the **Caring Meals Realm Group to receive meal sign-ups** as needs arise. If you would like to donate money for a church-provided meal, please write "Caring Meals" on the memo line or **give online at <https://onrealm.org/hydeparkchurch/give/caringmeals>**.

Thank you for caring for those in our midst to show God's love through a meal. If you know of someone in our church needing this support, or you or your family are going through a life transition and meals would help, please email Meredith Menius at the email listed above to have a Caring Meals sign-up created.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join us **Saturday, June 25** volunteering for Shalom House #27 at 1665 Jonathan Ave (near Walnut Hills High School in Evanston). We will likely be starting the finishing work: painting the walls, caulking, adding baseboard, cleanup. We started building the house in April, and we expect to finish in early July!

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On Tuesday, June 7th, CNN reported that the United States was on pace to match or surpass its worst year on record for the number of mass shootings. We have been shocked and saddened by the recent killings of 10 African Americans in the Tops Grocery store Buffalo, NY, and of 19 Latino students and 2 teachers at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Tx — but did you know there have been at least 246 shootings so far this year? And we had the same number by this time last year.



Pastor Sherman

What should Christians do? Most of us know Jesus Christ was a teacher of peace. In Matt. 5:9 He tells us, *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."* We as clergy are often called to tragic incidents: race riots, wars, gang violence, domestic disputes, to bring God's calming presence. We're at hospitals to pray for healing. We perform funerals. We and our parishioners offer comfort to grieving families. Pastors are called on to answer difficult questions, "Why did this happen?" "Why did 'God' allow it?" We explain that broken people make wicked choices despite God's goodness; but God's desire is for us to live in love, joy, and peace. Evil decisions cause consequences that wreak havoc on innocent lives. This is called Theodicy—the vindication of God's Divine goodness and providence in view of the existence of evil. These shootings, the war in Ukraine, the economy...tell us the world is growing darker and needs God's light and God's people.

What are you prepared to say? What are you willing to do? Faith without action is not faith at all. We all have a response-ability as children of God. Prayer is a constant—there is no question about what we are to do when it comes to prayer, but we don't really engage it for real. We think of prayer as our last resort: not our first and most powerful option. What would happen if we were truly thinking the thoughts and praying the prayers of God in the first place? What else is required of us to facilitate justice as arbiters of truth? Isaiah 1:17 tells us *"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, and plead the widow's cause,"* So...

- Will you vote responsibly, call or write your political representatives?
- Will you engage in local or national activism?
- Will you pray without ceasing?
- Will you offer lament, comfort, and support to grieving victims?

Taylor Schumman's greatest pain was the inactivity of fellow Christians who went on with their lives while she lay in bed traumatized wondering how she would make it through another day. She felt alone and forgotten about, as nothing had changed. Don't wait until you or someone you know becomes a victim before you activate your response-ability as a house of prayer. Pray for and lament with those who are suffering. Lord, forgive us for not doing our part...we lay down our pride...we seek your face, we turn away from our sin and evil, forgive us! Heal our land, comfort the hurting.

Through Christ,
Pastor Sherman
The Warehouse



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DATES FOR MEET AND GREETINGS: NEW SENIOR PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Allen and Rev. Dr. Todd Anderson look forward to meeting you soon. Please contact Amanda Kern in the office, by phone or by email, to sign up for a time to get acquainted with them.

There are several hosts who will welcome you in their home. Two additional hosts are serving here in the Welcome Center at Hyde Park Community UMC. Two gatherings will be held at senior adult resident providers in the area, hosted by Rev. Kate Smith and Meredith Menius, Director of Connecting and Discipleship Ministries.

Pastors Suzanne and Todd are eager to get acquainted and listen to your hopes and dreams for Hyde Park Community UMC. **To sign up: Please contact Amanda Kern at the office: 513-871-1345 or akern@hpcumc.org**

July 6, 7:00 -8:30 p.m. Mariemont

Rev. Dr. Michael and Marcie Vilardo

July 7, 10-11:30 a.m. Deupree House (The Club Room)

Rev. Kate Smith and Meredith Menius

July 10, 4:00-5:30 p.m. HPC Welcome Center

Peggy Landes

July 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cherry Grove Area

Barbara and John Fillion

July 13, 5:30pm (Dinner @ 6:30pm) The Warehouse

July 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Clifton Area

Dr. Bernie and Rachel Foster

July 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. HPC Welcome Center

Pamela Rewarts

July 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Hyde Park Area

Jan Seymour and Bob Whalen

July 26, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Marjorie P. Lee

(Victoria Courtyard Lounge; must be vaccinated and masked)

Rev. Kate Smith and Meredith Menius

July 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Kenwood Area

Kathy Thornton Keith and Bob Keith

July 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Anderson Township

Donna and Steve Dauterman

WESLEY CHAPEL MISSION SUMMER DAY CAMP

This summer, we are partnering with Wesley Chapel Mission Center (WCMC) to support their Summer Day Camp for children going into Pre-K through 5th grade! The Summer Camp takes place Monday – Friday from June 20 – July 29 and serves between 75-100 children a day.



There are opportunities to serve as an Assistant Camp Counselor, Bible Study/Literacy Mentor, Pool Buddy, and Field/Discovery Trip Buddy depending on the days/times you can serve. Anyone ages 12 and older can serve and make a difference!

To learn more and sign up to serve please scan the QR code with your phone or visit: <http://hydeparkchurch.org/wcmc-summer-camps/>



Summer Plans for Your Preschooler?

HPCUMC Preschool is hosting Summer FUN Camp for preschoolers ages 3-5 August 8-12 and August 15-19.

All camps run from 9:00 AM – Noon and cost \$130 which includes all materials and snacks.

Visit <https://www.hydeparkpreschool.org> and complete the form.

Return it to Lindsay Garrison, lgarrison@hpcumc.org.

SOUL BUILDERS JUNE DONATION DRIVE



Please place your donations in the Social Hall anytime during June.

What happens to beloved pets when families find themselves without a home?

Parting with animal buddies is especially traumatic for children. FoundHouse recognizes the importance of pets and provides both space and care at the Day Center while families are in shelter. Donations of supplies and volunteers to help with care are always needed.

Soul Builders Sunday School Class thanks you for your generosity!