

## SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS AT HPC!

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 10:00am-12:00pm

*Wings of the Morning* Ministry Talk and reception to honor our guests Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo from North Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### RALLY DAY EVENT, SEPTEMBER 11th

**Worship, Summer Jam rescheduled plus more family fun! Look for more details to come soon!**

## DATES FOR MEET AND GREETINGS: NEW SENIOR PASTORS

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](mailto:akern@hpcumc.org)**

Rescheduled dates are listed below:

**AUGUST 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Kenwood Area**

Kathy Thornton Keith and Bob Keith

**AUGUST 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Anderson Township**

Donna and Steve Dauterman

**No confirmed date for Marjorie P. Lee as of yet. (Will be in August)**

## HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022**

**12:00pm-6:00pm**

Giving blood saves lives and it is needed now more than ever.

The church is holding a blood drive on

Tuesday, Aug 23, from 12:00-6:00 pm.

The Hoxworth donor bus will be in our parking lot during that time.

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to register!

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Weaver at 979-8190 or [dianeweaver@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dianeweaver@cinci.rr.com).



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*"Now faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1*

Got faith?

Often we talk about faith as something clear and concrete, something we either have or don't have. But as we reflect on the stories of individuals of great faith in the scripture, in our faith tradition, and in our family and community, we discover that faith is a lifelong journey with many moments of hope and assurance that are intertwined with and informed by questions, challenges, and doubts. As we look back over the journey of faith, we realize that they all work together to help us experience God in even deeper and more profound ways.

The journey of faith is much like the experience of love. There is a moment when you realize that you love someone and you make a commitment to them. But that is just the beginning of understanding what love is and what it means to love that person. Love stretches us and helps us grow throughout our lives in ways we would never have on our own. True faith is the same.

I am always struck by the testimony of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. He was already living a life of faith and practice and was serving as a priest in the church of England. But his questions and doubts opened him up to attend a gathering with his brother Charles that was taking place on Aldersgate Street. While there he had an experience that sparked his faith to grow in even more transformational ways.

"As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his 'heart strangely warmed.' Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. 'while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death'" ([www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)).

This testimony from Wesley is often shared, but it is only one of many times that Wesley wrote in his journal of experiencing new insight and assurance of God's grace and love that allowed him to take the next step of growing and living in faith.

Because he was willing to share the stories of his faith, doubt, and moments of assurance, many ever since have been encouraged to grow in faith and take the next step in their faith journey.

Our August worship series, *Spiritual Autobiography: Growing Together in Faith*, is an opportunity for us to reflect on and share our faith stories so that we can get to know each other better and encourage one another in our journey of faith. During this series we will have the opportunity to hear the faith stories of our pastors, congregation members, and to grow in faith together.

I look forward to hearing your stories and making this journey of faith with you!

Peace and hope,

Pastor Suzanne



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## AUGUST DONATION DRIVE

New Life Furniture Bank provides new & gently used furniture & household items to families and individuals in the Greater Cincinnati area who are leaving homelessness, escaping abuse, and living in extreme poverty.

**For the month of August, we will collect these items:**

- New bed pillows
- Small pots and pans
- Towels of all kinds
- Plastic food containers

Please deliver your donations to the Social Hall anytime during August.



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New Life Furniture Bank was founded in 2006 by Holly Young and Tim Nabors as a small ministry of Milford First UMC, in partnership with InterFaith Hospitality Network (now FoundHouse Interfaith Housing Network). In 2009 they became a 501(C)3 and served 6 households. These days, New Life Furniture Bank serves well over 1,300 households per year and partners with 50 social service agencies throughout the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Dayton areas.



**Use the QR code to buy the items online:**

## HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

- **No longer have a home phone? Does the church have your cell number?**
- **new address?**
- **new email address?**

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.

## HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

### AUGUST 13

We will be dedicating Shalom 27, the new home of Biensant Avant and her two daughters, Alexis and Alana, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 13th. The house is located at 1665 Jonathan Avenue in Evanston. Please join us for light refreshments, house tour, dedication program and celebration!

Join us for an intergenerational community band on **Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> for 9:30 worship.**

**Do you play an instrument? Have you played an instrument in the past? It's time to dust it off, We need you!** If you need an instrument, or if you have one you can offer, please let us know so we can connect players with instruments.

**Rehearsals:**  
Monday, Aug 15 at 7pm & Saturday, Aug 20 at 10am

**RSVP requested for planning purposes, to Brenda Portman, [bporman@hpcumc.org](mailto:bporman@hpcumc.org)**

## FOUND HOUSE HOUSING/HOSTING UPDATE

Due to a number of reasons, but primarily transportation and staffing, Found House made the difficult and costly decision to place families back in hotels for the remainder of the summer. This gave Found House the additional time to work with a key group of host congregations including HPCUMC who are ready to go back to in person hosting.

Our church will be hosting families September 11-18 and November 13-20. To sign up to be present with the families in the evening and to provide meals, please click the banner on the home page of our website.

## CUB SCOUT FAMILY INFO NIGHT

Pack 113 Cub Scouts welcome you! Stop by the Refectory on **Wednesday, Aug 31st 6:30pm @ HPCUMC.**

We are a family scouting program who welcomes all youth members from K-5th grade who are interested in joining! Come to sign up and learn more!

## JUSTICE MINISTRY

**News for August, 2022** The Justice Ministry seeks to inform the HPCUMC congregation and community about topics of justice, exploring underlying causes and sources of injustice and encouraging actions that seek fairness and equity for all.

Learn more through the Justice Page on our website where you will find a copy of their August monthly newsletter.

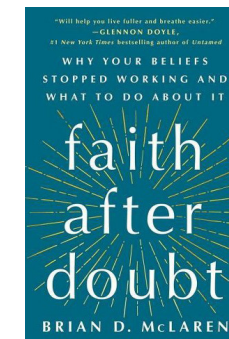


## PASTORS STUDY: STARTS AUG 16th

Join Pastor Todd and Pastor Suzanne on August 16, 23 & 30th as they team teach this 3 week thought provoking study. It complements the August worship series, **Spiritual Autobiography.**

There are two options:

Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30am and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm.



Using his own story and the stories of a diverse group of struggling believers, Brian D. McLaren, a former pastor and now an author, speaker, and activist shows how old assumptions are being challenged in nearly every area of human life, not just theology and spirituality. **Sign up on Realm or with Amanda in the church office. Books will be available for a \$10 donation. Scan the QR code to register!**

### Tues Morning



### Tues Evening



## A FEW GOOD MEN & A MEAL

A Few Good Men and a Meal will be restarting on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm!** Lunch will be at Bob Evans in Kenwood (8057 Montgomery Road, 45236). Fellowship over food is the primary goal of the group!

Please notify Dennis Wilson of your interest in attending by the Sunday prior to the lunch (August 7th). His contact information is [dswilson@fiotics.com](mailto:dswilson@fiotics.com) or 513-607-2640.

## SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS IN GOSHEN, OHIO

On July 6, we experienced powerful storms with our neighbors in Clermont County. Thousands of residents need our help. We ask that you continue to pray for our neighbors and give as you are able. You can donate by writing a check to HPCUMC with "Tornado Goshen" on the memo line and put it in the offering or scan the QR code with your photo app to donate online.

