

CELEBRATING OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Today is World Communion Sunday, a day when Christian churches around the world have agreed to celebrate Communion as a sign of our oneness in Jesus Christ. The day is a powerful reminder of our unity in Christ despite the theological, political, linguistic, and cultural differences in the church around the world.

We are also using this as an opportunity to celebrate our global partnerships by having bread recipes from each country: Mexico, Haiti, Romania, and Russia on the altar (we will still be using the regular elements for communion). **You are invited to try out the different breads from each country and learn a little more about our partnerships in between services in the Welcome Center.**

Special thank you to our bread bakers: Jude DeWitt, Janet Bell, Donna McMullin, Logan Hardin, Shannon Zambetti, Sami Lindhome, Kate Warren, and Rachael Colaw.

WEST OHIO CONFERENCE

Committed, Connected, Community Events

This fall, Bishop Palmer will travel throughout the conference. He encourages ALL United Methodists, laity and clergy, to gather at one of his "Committed, Connected, Community" Events. *There will be a time of preaching, teaching and testimony.*



Mason UMC
Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.
6315 Mason Montgomery Road Mason, OH 45040

LOOKING FOR LITURGISTS!

As we resume a regular liturgist (8:00am & 9:30am) and worship host (11am) schedule for our Sunday services, we are updating and adding to our liturgist list.

We recently sent out a sign up invitation to those on our current list. If you were not included but would like to be, please contact Amanda Kern akern@hpcumc.org

If you are interested but are new to it and would like to be trained, please reach out to Amanda in the church office at 871-1345 or Pastor Suzanne, sallen@hpcumc.org

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Stewards of Abundant Life: Offering Our Prayers

World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. The practice of designating the first Sunday of October as World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in the United States in 1940. This was a predecessor organization to the National Council of Churches. Following World War II this practice took on a global nature as a way to heal the brokenness of a broken and war torn world.

Luke 18: 1-8 In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is advocating for the work of the kingdom of God. In addition, he is addressing systemic racism and injustice of the Israelite people at the hands of their colonial oppressor – Rome. The context is a teaching on prayer, but more is going on. The parable of the persistent woman confronting a corrupt and unjust Judge is a not so veiled metaphor on two fronts. One, of course, is the obvious to the 21st century readers regarding the treatment of the Jews by Rome. Even the casual reader of the Gospel picks this up from commentary throughout all four Gospels about armies, taxation, emperors, governors and the like, meeting out oppression through unjust systems and methods. But there is more, much more.

The other is what really riles the first century Jew which is the collaboration of the Temple authorities and the educated clergy, who operate in close proximity, kissing the ring of Caesar and his authority through the system known as "The Peace of Rome" or Pax Romana. While the Pax Romana seems benign, it was the height of Roman Imperialism and Colonialism. Nearly 70 million people from those of central Europe all the way South to the Northern coast of the continent of Africa, and East through the Middle East.

Prayer is one of the 5 components of membership in the United Methodist Church. Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness are major components in the Wesley way created by our founders John and Charles Wesley. As we begin our new series, prayer is deeply connected with the Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday.

The call to persistence in prayer is one of the spiritual disciplines taught by Jesus not as a way to stay in touch with God, but to give hope and a forward focus in difficult days.

For our celebration this year at Hyde Park Community UMC, we are offering bread that comes from the four mission partnership nations that we participate with – Russia, Romania, Haiti and Mexico. In the Welcome Center between services you will be able to sample bread baked by our members from these four nations.

Pastor Todd



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ROCK THE BLOCK: LOWER PRICE HILL

We invite you to Rock the Block in Lower Price Hill on Saturday, October 29th from 9am – 3pm for anyone ages 10 and older.

Rock the Block is an extension of Habitat's neighborhood revitalization efforts for all residents in Lower Price Hill.



Our goal is to recruit 40 people to create 2 work teams for landscaping and exterior painting. **No experience is necessary to serve and all tools/equipment, lunch, and a Rock the Block work t-shirt is provided.** Childcare for those 9 and under will be provided for free at the church. *To learn more and sign up to serve (sign up deadline is October 9), please scan the QR code.*



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

After a two-year hiatus, we are excited to restart the tradition of packing Thanksgiving Baskets for our neighbors on **Sunday, November 20th**. This ministry shows love to our neighbors by providing a generous meal for 552 families in Cincinnati (through a basket or gift card) and there are many ways to get involved.

- You can help before and/or after the worship service you attend in prepping, packing, and/or delivering the Thanksgiving Baskets on Sunday November 20th (all ages welcome)
- You can write a special note (or drawing for young children) to a family to be delivered with the basket or gift card
- You can donate towards the Thanksgiving Basket fund to cover the cost of the food and gift cards (\$27,600 is needed to cover the cost).

To donate, scan the QR code with your phone to give through Realm or make your check payable to HPCUMC with "Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line.



If you know of a family that would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Pastor Kate at ksmith@hpcumc.org or call the church office 513-871-1345 by November 1.

JUSTICE MINISTRY

News for October, 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 October monthly newsletter.



October 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.

The next Super Serve Saturday is October 15th and the project this month is partnering with the United Women in Faith (formally United Methodist Women) to help prepare for the Christmas Craft Sale with proceeds benefiting local missions.

The UWF (open to all, not a serve project just for women) projects will take place at the church and will include making soaps, crafts, and fleece blankets.

We are also partnering with New Life Furniture Bank, Meals on Wheels, Wesley Chapel Mission Center, and The Center for Respite Care. Visit our website (hydeparkchurch.org) or scan the QR code with your phone camera to get descriptions of the projects and to sign up to serve.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are a wonderful expression of praise! Please let us know if you would like to provide flowers for the altar; Amelia Florist will supply them. The memorial or honor designation can be printed in the bulletin.



If you would like to donate flowers, please

call Amanda at the church office at (513)871-1345. We will make arrangements with the florist so they are here on the Sunday you desire.

WESLEY EDUCATION CENTER DINNER AND AUCTION

Wesley Education Center for Children and Families Dinner and Auction
October 20th 6:00pm
Summit Hotel in Madisonville

Wesley Education Center for Children and Families, located in Avondale, is one of the oldest Ministry Partners of HPCUMC. It is a recipient of financial donations from the church and has been supported in multiple ways by the church's women's group UWF (formerly UMW).

Established in 1920, it is Cincinnati's oldest childcare facility with support by the Methodist Church going back to its founding. Today it serves over 40 infants and pre-kindergarten children, most of whom are in low-income African American families. It has proudly earned a 5-Step Up to Quality rating.

Wesley Education Center will hold a special 100-year celebratory dinner and silent auction on Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 pm at the Summit Hotel in Madisonville. All are welcome to attend. Keynote speaker will be Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, who attended the daycare as a child; John Lomax will serve as Emcee. Ten percent of Wesley's operational budget comes from donations and the proceeds of this annual fundraiser, which had to be postponed the last 2 years due to COVID. *Feel free to access Wesley's updated website on www.wesleyed.org for more information.*

Ruth Circle members have supported Wesley as their UWF project for over 40 years. They invite you to help make this event a success by doing the following:

1. Attend the dinner and auction. Contact Ann Flanagan (871-9536 or annflan55@gmail.com) or Peggy McDaniel (oldeagleeye@hotmail.com or 513-236-9362) for tickets, which are \$75/seat. Discounts through UWF may be available.
2. If unable to attend, consider a cash donation (send to Wesley Education Center, PO Box 36260, Cincinnati, 45236-0260) or donate a silent auction item. Hand-made or store-bought items or gift cards are VERY welcome. Contact Ann Flanagan or Peggy McDaniel if you have an item to contribute by October 10, and we will be happy to make pickup arrangements.
3. Donate such items as diapers, wipes and clean clothing by placing them in the plastic bin labeled "Wesley Education Center" located in the closet opposite our church office.

Wesley thanks you for your continuing support as it provides essential services to today's inner city families into the next 100 years.