

Welcome to ENCORE and our bi-monthly digital newsletter! Encore is HPUMC's ministry for older adults and its purpose is to help enrich the mind and spirit while in supportive community. Join us as we care for each other and grow to become more deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ. All are welcome!



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> **Encore's Thanksgiving Feast and Program** *Tuesday, November* 20th | 12:00 PM | Great Hall



All are invited to an Encore Thanksgiving! Let's gather for feasting and friendship. We will share in a traditional thanksgiving meal and be entertained by Scott Ayers and Richard Stanford as they bring to life the stories behind a few of our favorite hymns. The meal is \$15 and can be paid by cash or check at the door. For planning purposes please RSVP by 11/15/17 to warnerlauri@hpumc.org or 214.523.2246. In addition to our celebration, we'll help our friends at Dickinson Place fill their pantries. Please bring to the Thanksgiving feast nonperishable goods for our neighbors in need. Here are a few suggestions:

Canned tuna, chicken or salmon Peanut butter Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili) Low-sodium canned vegetables Canned fruit in its own juices Canned food with pop-top lids

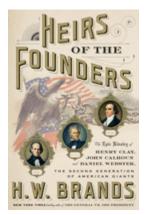
One Big Class Sunday, November 25 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM | Great Hall



Join us for our One Big Class celebrating Advent with special guest speaker Rev. Elizabeth Moseley. All are welcome!

Authors LIVE! Presents: H. W. Brands

Thursday, December 6th | 7:00 PM | Wesley Hall



In *Heirs of the Founders, New York Times* bestselling historian, professor, and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist H. W. Brands narrates the story of America's second generation of political heavyweights and the ways in which their clashes and compromises shaped our democracy. Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, and John Calhoun took upon themselves the task of completing the unfinished work of the Founding Fathers, wrestling for four decades with Constitutional issues and sparring with each other. In riveting style, Brands unveils the drama of these relationships during a precarious time in early United States history.

No reservation are required to attend this free event.

A book signing follows the presentation for those who choose to purchase books.

An Author's Reception will be held at 6:00 PM by reservation only. It is \$30 to meet the author and receive a signed book. Register to attend the reception by calling 214.523.2240 or by emailing stanfordr@hpumc.org. You may pay at the door by cash or check.

Tower Arts presents: Christmas at Highland Park

Sunday, Dec 9 | Sanctuary | 2:30 PM & 4:00 PM



Journey to the manger and experience the beauty of Christmas at HPUMC along with the Chancel Choir and members of the DSO. Our annual holiday tradition is the perfect way to enjoy Christmas with your family and friends. Select your show and time and purchase tickets <u>here</u>.

Advent Worship and Lunch

Wednesday, December 12th | 11:00 in Cox Chapel | 12:00 in Great Hall



We invite you to Cox Chapel for worship on December 12th at 11 AM. Following worship, the Encore community will share in the traditional lunch in Great Hall. Join us for fellowship, a Christmas lunch and a special presentation from our young friends from the HPUMC Day School. The meal is complimentary but a reservation would be appreciated. RSVP to warnerlauri@hpumc.org or 214.523.2246 by Thursday, December 6th.

Tour of LightsMonday, December 17th | 6PM & 8PM | Room 120



Travel with us by chartered bus to view the Christmas lights of the Park Cites. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served! There is limited space so reserve your seat early at warnerlauri@hpumc.org or 214.523.2246 and indicate if you prefer the 6PM or 8PM

tour. Fee is \$10 per person and can be paid at the "bus door". Spots are limited to 25 per tour so RSVP soon to Lauri at <u>warnerlauri@hpumc.org</u> or 214.523.2246.

Christmas Eve Eve at Austin Street Center

Sunday, December 23rd | 2929 Hickory Street, Dallas, TX 75226



Set-up/Decorate, Serve Dinner, or Clean-up as we serve a beautiful Christmas Eve Eve dinner to 400 guests staying at Austin Street Center, a homeless shelter and HPUMC Community Partner. Sign ups start at 1pm and extend until 8:30pm. Children are always welcome at Austin Street Center! For more information and to register, click <u>here</u>. Contact Tamika Perry, <u>perryt@hpumc.org</u> if you have questions.

Congregational Care



The Congregational Care staff is available 24 hours a day for emergency and crisis calls. As persons within the congregation experience an immediate need for help, ministers can be reached at the church during regular office hours by calling 215.523.2111. After 5:00 pm or 12:00 pm on Fridays, please call 214.521.3111, and follow the prompts for an emergency response.

Click <u>here</u> to learn more about HPUMC's Congregational Care services and frequently asked questions.

Bible Studies and Ongoing Communities

Life Resources Advent Studies Now Available!



To see a full list of Advent studies and to register, please visit <u>http://www.hpumc.org/life-resources</u>

Monday Friends First Monday of each month | Room 120 |12:00 pm - 2:30 pm



Enjoy a light lunch and some of the highest American Film Institute rated movies. While this is a free program, donations are welcome. RSVP with Susan Rogers at 214-523-2266 or rogerss@hpumc.org.

Movies coming up -

December 3: The Man Who Invented Christmas

The journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of "A Christmas Carol," a timeless tale that would redefine Christmas.

January 7: Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Five years after the events of <u>Mamma Mia!</u> (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

February 4: Crazy Rich Asians

This contemporary romantic comedy, based on a global bestseller, follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month | Room 216 |1:00 - 3:00 PM



If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, tie fleece and want to partake in a special act of service (making blankets and prayers shawls for the hurting and sick), please consider offering your talents to HPUMC's Prayer Blanket Ministry. While making blankets, we pray for the recipient's comfort and God's healing hands. Our hope is that these blankets, made with prayer, will be a source of love and security. Create in community with other blanket makers or knit from home. If you have questions, contact Arang at 214-523-2138 or <u>Cistullia@hpumc.org</u>

GroupLife



Joining a group that meets regularly for fellowship, spiritual growth and service is one of the best ways to make this large church seems like a small church home. Click <u>here</u> to see all the Sunday morning classes we offer or contact Lauri Warner at 214.523.2246 to help you find the perfect class for you.

Tuesday Knights Men's Group *Tuesdays* | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Room 244



This group of multigenerational men meet regularly throughout the year to discover, expand and strengthen their faith through Bible study, guest speakers and discussion on life issues. Serving in the community at places like Habitat for Humanity and Body & Soul is also an important aspect of the group experience. Click <u>here</u> for more info.



UMW is a multi-generational community of women who come together to share their love of God through supportive fellowship and meaningful mission service activities. UMW members enjoy inspiring monthly lunch or dinner events with the entire membership, and also enjoy meeting monthly with their Circles in a small group setting. <u>http://www.hpumc.org/umw/about-us</u>

Wellness Classes for All Ages Pilates / Yoga / Aerobic Dance / Tai Chi



At HPUMC, we believe we were created and called to worship God with our whole selves, including our physical bodies. Each body is a sacred and unique gift from God. HPUMC offers a variety of group fitness classes aimed at helping you love and care for your physical body. We currently offer at the church Aerobic Dance, Holy Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi designed for all ages! For more information please contact Susanne Lankford at 214.523.2274 or click <u>here</u> to go online.



Mackinac Island and the Holland Tulip Festival May 9 - 16, 2019

Travel with us this spring to a place where time stands still Mackinac Island. Enjoy the island as well as seasonal experiences around Lake Michigan, two unforgettable nights at the historic Grand Hotel, the Holland Tulip Festival, and Greenfield Village.

Only 4 spots left! Click here for pricing and brochure.



Journeys of Paul Cruise October 20-31, 2019

We invite you to join us as we retrace the steps of Paul's fourth and final journey. We'll explore ancient Rome, Athens, Corinth, Taormina and Malta. We'll also be visiting Santorini and Mykonos. In addition, we will have the Dean of Perkins School of Theology to guide us with special lectures on Paul and his journeys. Don't miss this opportunity to make the Bible come alive with Richard Stanford, Rev. Walt Marcum and Dr. Craig C. Hill.

Information Meetings

Sunday, November 18 at 12:15 PM in room 120 Monday, November 19 at 7 PMPM in room 120

Register Early & Save \$100 if you register by December 31, 2018

Click here for pricing and brochure.