



Isn't it the best feeling when you find the perfect gift for someone you love? Now, imagine God as the gift giver on that very first Christmas morn. God gave to humanity the perfect gift in the form of a tiny baby. In giving us Jesus Christ, God made his plan tangible so we could see and feel God' presence. May this Advent season be for you a time to soak up the wonder of God's perfect gift.



Grace and peace,
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Spread The Light



2018 Advent Devotional

Every year we celebrate Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. There are many traditions throughout the Advent season that help us prepare for Christ's birth, one of which is the lighting of the Advent wreath. In this year's Advent Devotional, each week we'll explore the different candle themes and what it means to spread the light of hope, peace, joy, love, and ultimately, the light of Christ. Click [here](#) to download a copy!

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.

December 10: *The Man Who Invented Christmas*

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

Tower Arts presents: Christmas at Highland Park

Sunday, Dec 9 | Sanctuary | 2:30 PM & 6:00 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.

Tower Arts presents: Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec 16 | Sanctuary | 6:00 PM

Sung continually at King's College since 1918, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has become one of the most cherished of all holiday traditions. Come to an intimate

evening of candlelight, song and scripture as the Chamber Singers of HPUMC join in the 100-year-old tradition!

Purchase Tower Arts tickets [here](#).

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 Wednesday, 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.

Serving Opportunities

Be The Light!

Christmas 2018 Greeters: Christmas is our one chance to welcome those who never go to church another day of the year. We need your help to make this one chance a lasting impact. Please click on this [link to sign up](#) to greet for one of our many Christmas Eve services!

Altar Guild: Prepare communion before any worship service in the sanctuary. First Sunday of the month. For more information and to sign up, please contact Susan Rogers at Rogerss@hpumc.org or call 214-523-2266.

Tour of Lights

Monday, December 17th | 6PM (FULL) & 8PM (5 SPOTS LEFT) | Room 120



Travel with us by chartered bus to view the Christmas lights of the Park Cities. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in room 120 at 7:30 PM. There are only 5 spots left so reserve your seat on the 8 PM tour at warnerlauri@hpumc.org or 214.523.2246. Fee is \$10 per person and can be paid at the "bus door".

Big Holiday Sing

Sunday, December 23 | 9:30 – 10:30 AM | The Great Hall



The Fellowship Class is sponsoring a morning of Christmas singing and all are invited! Lewis Warren, our "conductor" for the morning, is a magnificent, young talent who studies at the Boston Conservatory of Music. Hope you'll join the choir of voices before or after worship on this special morning.

Encore Travel



Alaska

Where The Wild Things Are

August 19 – 30, 2019

EO is sponsoring 4 nights on land and 7 nights aboard the Celebrity Millemium with a series of lectures and discussions led by John and Diana Holbert. The adventure includes Denali Natinal Park, Seward, the Hubbard Glacier, Ketchikan, Skagway, and the inside passage.

Click [here](#) to see the trip brochure.

Information Meetings

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - Room 385 - 12:15 PM

Monday, January 7, 2019 - Room 386 - 7:00 PM

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 [here](#) to learn more about HPUMC's Congregational Care services and frequently asked questions.

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