



2022 HPUMC

ANNUAL REVIEW



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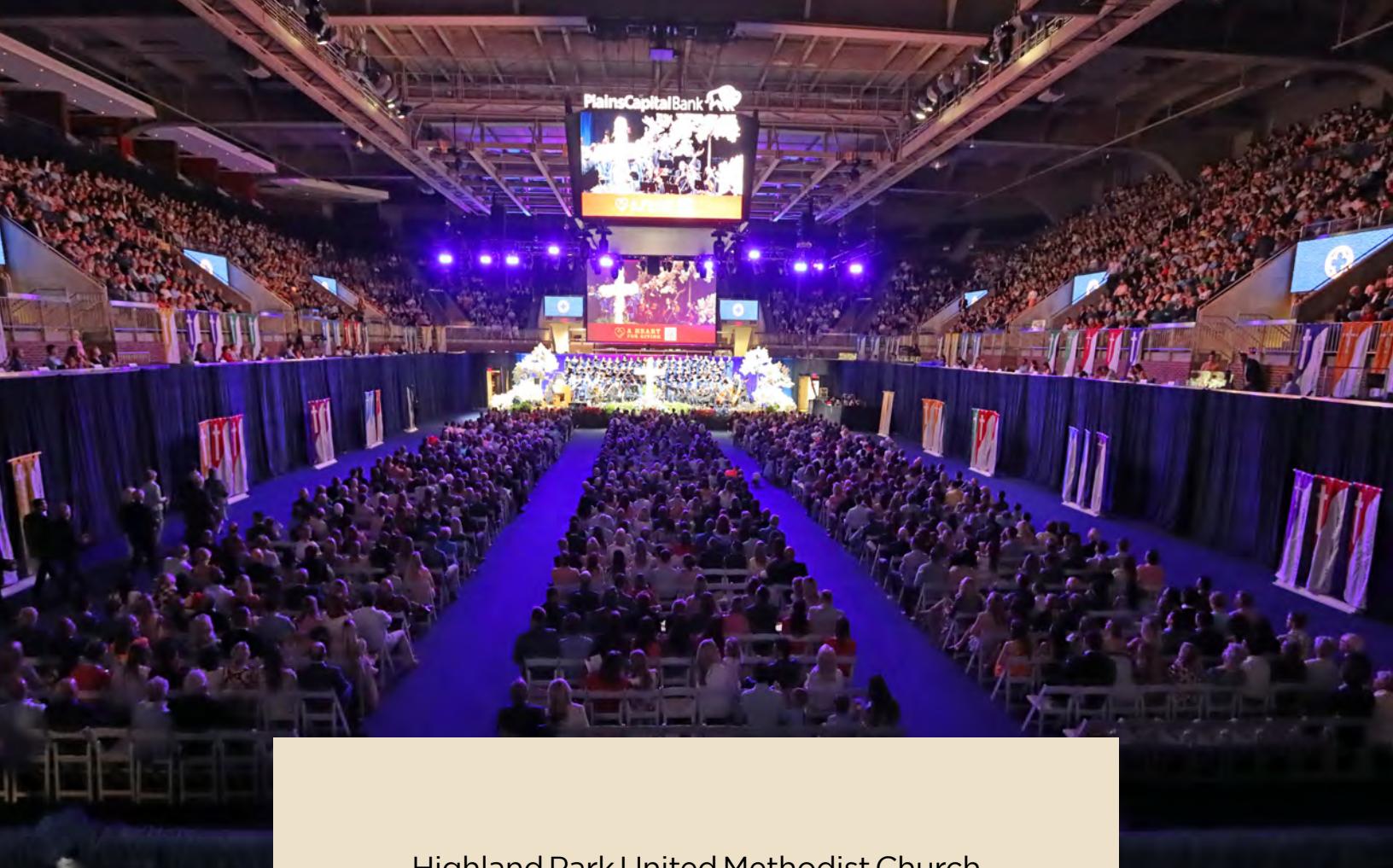
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Highland Park United Methodist Church exists to help people become deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and in 2022 HPUMC lived out that mission. This year made us stronger as a church family as we grew in numbers, in faith, and in our impact on the world.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4



BETTER FOR You

HPUMC is with you from your first steps to every age and stage of life. In 2022 we explored ways to grow, learn and make an impact together. We were better for you.

COMMISSIONED FOR A CALLING

Rev. Tripp Gulledge is a second-year MCLN Fellow who felt God calling him to ordained ministry the summer after his freshman year of college. While majoring in music education, he became involved with the Wesley Foundation and discovered a passion for ministry.

"I was sitting in a session of my home Conference, watching people being ordained that year, and was overcome with emotion. I had this feeling that kind of emotion was probably God calling me into ordained ministry," Gulledge said.

After graduating college and receiving certified candidacy (the church's support to go into ordained ministry), Gulledge began seminary at the SMU Perkins School of Theology. He was commissioned as a provisional elder this year, beginning the process of ordination in the United Methodist Church. He is now following in the footsteps of his father, who is an ordained elder in the Alabama-West Florida conference.



The **Mark Craig Leadership Network Fellows** program has a new class of four interns for the 2022-2023 year. This program develops clergy leaders and equips them to lead powerfully in the local church upon completion. From September to May, Fellows develop preaching skills as well as learn the ins and outs of pastoral care, church administration, and worship logistics, under the direction of Rev. John Fiedler.



Along with Gulledge's commissioning, **Rev. Cottrell King**, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, and **Rev. Chelsea Peddecord**, Associate Minister, Pastor to Youth and Their Families, were ordained in 2022.



**Not only has
in-person church
attendance grown,
but online numbers
are still thriving.**

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary
Cornerstone
Cox Chapel
Kerygma
The Feast



3

ADDITIONAL CAMPUSES

Munger Place Church
The Grove
Uptown Church

1,435

Weekly average worship
attendance across
other campuses

1,966

Average attendance
in person

42

New Small Groups were formed, making our big church feel small and helping all ages find community and grow in the purpose and power of Christ

2,011

Average attendance online



EASTER WORSHIP

Combined Easter service attendance in Arden Forest, Sanctuary, and Moody Coliseum

14,359

600

Kids participate in the HPUMC Kids Ministry



150+

Third graders received personalized Bibles at services offered in the Sanctuary and Cornerstone



In July, HPUMC Kids gained new leadership as **Talesha Burnley** became the new Elementary Coordinator.

HPUMC Kids also formed a new **lay advisory board** of parents and volunteers providing critical feedback on curriculum and programs.

70

Individual students joined the Wesley House retreats

50+

Students joining in on college programming



Summer Mission Trips

What better way to show God's love than by serving the community with friends? This year saw the return of separate impactful summer mission trips for middle and high school students of HPUMC Youth.



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High schoolers worked in Memphis, Tennessee, roofing homes and taking time to experience the Civil Rights Museum

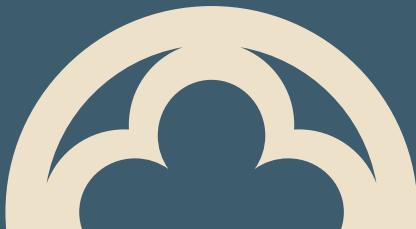
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Middle schoolers worked in Waco, Texas, helping homeowners with beautification projects and organizing a local Goodwill site

BIBLE READING PLAN



HPUMC Bible Reading plans have been translated into Spanish and will be available through a translated app. Our first partner for launch is a Bible college in Monterrey, Mexico which trains future pastors for ministry throughout Mexico and Central America. This project will expand our worldwide reach of digital discipleship.

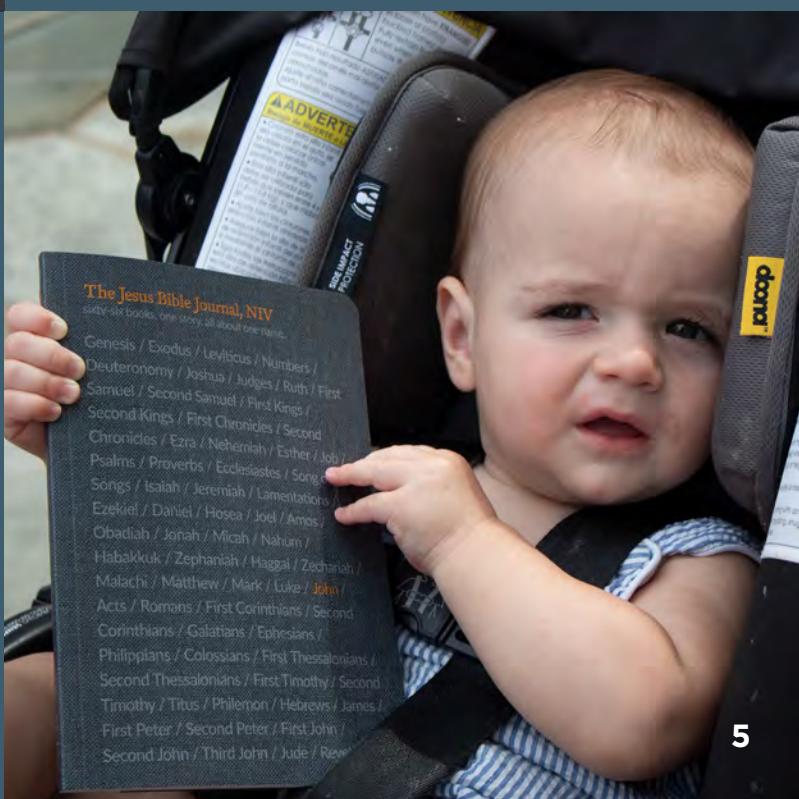


3,850

People receive
weekly emails and
supplemental materials

Participants studying the Gospel
of John together from at least

17 States & **4** Countries



Racial Justice

HPUMC received the Pioneer Unity Award which honors a faith community's dedication and commitment to Project Unity and the associated "Together We" programs. HPUMC was among the first faith communities to collaborate with Project Unity by offering "Together We Dine" events, bringing people of varied backgrounds together to learn from one another.

"We are actively practicing what we preach," HPUMC Director of Racial Justice Karla Nivens said. "Not only are we saying we are working toward our God-given mission of being deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ, but we are leading the charge toward bringing true unity to our church, to our city, and hopefully to our nation."



**If it is possible, as far as
it depends on you, live
at peace with everyone.**

ROMANS 12:18

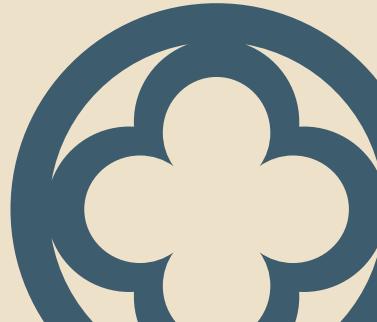


Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team provided resources, meetings, classes, and education surrounding the importance of mental health, recovery from addiction, and restoration for those affected by domestic violence.

Lay advisory members and volunteers of our Recovery Ministry hosted two new panels offering insights from individuals who have experienced addiction and recovery or whose life has been affected by the addiction of another. HPUMC continues to be a safe place for individuals and families seeking transformation and recovery.

HPUMC United Methodist Women hosted their second annual Restore Her Luncheon in support of Restoration Ministry with a presentation from HPUMC's partner Genesis Women's Shelter shedding light on domestic violence and its impact on our community.



CHANCE'S

cafe

Chance's Cafe, a Belong Disability Ministry program, continued to serve up smiles in 2022. In addition to services on Sunday mornings at HPUMC, Chance's is giving back to the community each month. They have served residents of Presbyterian Village North and CC Young assisted living communities as well as Highland Park first responders, with coffee, pies, muffins, and fun. Working through Belong's "To Be Like Me" program, Chance's staff sold over 225 mini pies within an hour at a Jesuit Preparatory School pop-up shop.



In June, **Yvette Cardenas** started as the full-time manager of Chance's Cafe, following her work creating the Scots Café through the Highland Park High School Transition Program. Due to recent growth, Chance's has hired four more crew members, expanded its menu, and increased catering services.

**Chance's expanded their menu
to include even more offerings:**

CHANCE'S *cafe*

PIE BITES

- Chocolate Cream
- Coconut Cream
- Key Lime

MINI LOAF BREAD SLICES

- Pumpkin
- Lemon
- Cinnamon Streusel
- Zucchini (coming soon)

COOKIES

- Chocolate Chip
- Oatmeal Raisin
- Peanut Butter

HOLIDAY 9" PIES

- Pecan
- Pumpkin
- Apple Crumb
- Cherry

CATERING

They also added a catering menu that includes sandwiches, veggie dippers, chips, and desserts.

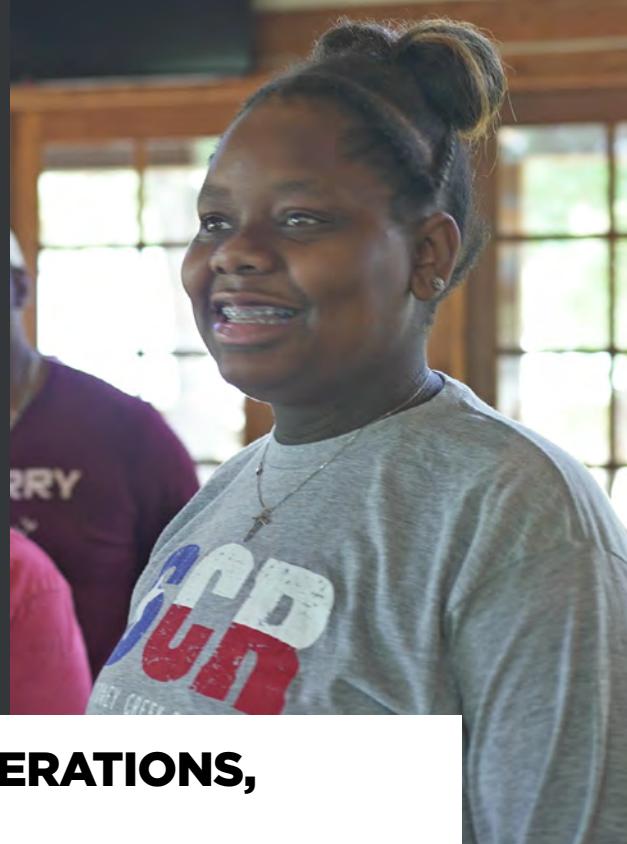


Chance's is going mobile!



BETTER FOR *The Community*

Christians are called to transform the world by alleviating human suffering in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our Outreach Ministries, HPUMC is helping to narrow the gaps for those struggling to receive adequate housing, healthcare, and education. HPUMC is made up of a dedicated and mobilized community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, making a significant and sustainable impact in our community and our world.



CAMP-TO-CAREER: DIFFERENT GENERATIONS, SAME LIFE-CHANGING WORK

Aiana Roberts began attending HPUMC's Camp-to-Career outreach camp when she was just eight years old and continued participating in the program as it followed her through high school, college, an internship, and now graduate school.

Roberts said she first encountered God on a personal level at camp. She was so impacted by the experience that she applied to be an HPUMC Outreach intern for the summer of 2022. After being accepted for the position, she helped with the administrative aspects of our Camp-to-Career Ministry while shepherding young campers just starting out.

Bryan Mack attended camp from ages 11 to 17 and has been working as a Wrangler (adult volunteer) ever since. The most meaningful thing to Bryan has

been watching the transformation in the campers' lives each year. "I know how camp worked in my life, and I see the same positive transition in these kids," Mack said.

Roberts and Mack are just two examples of how the Camp-to-Career Ministry surrounds students and their families with the love of Christ, nurturing them in faith and in the confidence needed to be successful in life.

Since 1970, Camp-to-Career has been impacting the lives of young people in our area through summer camp, mentorship, Civil Rights pilgrimages, guidance on post-secondary education, and career development. These experiences create a runway for participants to break the cycle of poverty while improving the lives of their current families and generations to come.

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New high school seniors in the Camp-to-Career Ministry are working toward their post-graduation transition, and summer 2022 celebrated a return to full-scale camping after a pandemic-induced hiatus





Carpenters for Christ

Carpenters for Christ continues to impact neighbors in Dallas and around the world through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. HPUMC continues to be the largest faith-based partner for Habitat for Humanity in the world.

DALLAS

We have just completed our 123rd home and look forward to celebrating houses number 124 and 125 with the HPUMC community in 2023. Our team has worked side-by-side with homeowners and their families, seeing firsthand the effect of owning a secure home with a yard where parents can plant a garden and kids can play safely. HPUMC congregants and groups both large and small have volunteered to work on these homes, provided lunches for volunteers, and supported this life-changing work with financial gifts.



ZAMBIA

We have now built 139 homes, with access to water and community services, specifically for widows, orphans, and disabled residents of Zambia. Additional land has also been acquired for an additional development.

Royda lives in a home built in the HPUMC-supported community, and she told us, "Before moving into this house, I lived in fear as the house I lived in was not strong enough to withstand wind, the roof leaked during the rainy season and it did not have a toilet. I am happy that I now have a house with a toilet and access to clean water," she said.



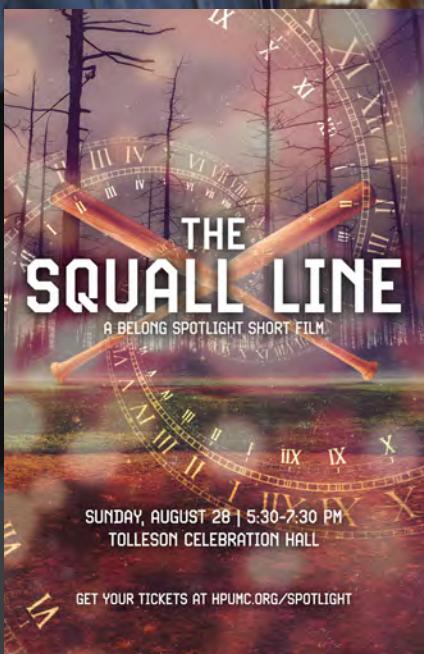
Munger Place Church

On July 1, **Rev. Andy Nixon** became the new campus pastor at Munger Place Church. For eight years, Nixon served as lead pastor of the Loft at The Woodland Methodist Church, one of the fastest-growing contemporary worship movements in Methodism. He was then appointed to be the senior minister at First United Methodist Church in Houston. We are overjoyed that Nixon and his family returned to Dallas and that he is bringing his gifts and talents to Munger Place Church.



This fall, Church At The Square transitioned to a new location in partnership with Austin Street Center. The Table, at this site in South Dallas, aims to serve **more than 100 neighbors** each week for worship, warm meals, and weekly fellowship. "We are excited to be able to reach more neighbors and have a facility to accommodate additional volunteer opportunities and growth potential for the community that The Table will serve," Rev. Cottrell King, HPUMC Associate Minister said.

Spotlight Academy of the Arts



The musical theater team comprised of **27 participants, 14 dedicated volunteers, and eight staff members**, wowed audiences with two sold-out performances during their latest production "In Our Hearts." They also premiered the Spotlight Short Film "The Squall Line."



87

Volunteers provided essential support for all programs, which are offered at no cost

59

Uniquely designed day classes offered

43

Ministry participants engaged in Spotlight programming

Journey Ministry

The Journey respite program lightens the burden of those with early-stage Alzheimer's or dementia, music, art, and memory-stimulating activities.

HPUMC offers a weekly respite program, along with resources, referrals, and support groups to participants, family members, and caregivers.



46

Families participated
in a monthly Night
OWLS respite program

1,250

Belong programming hours
for the 2022 calendar year



29

Families have
benefitted from the
respite program



3

Active Support
Groups are offered
for caregivers



34

Families have
navigated the
available resources
for living with
dementia



15

Participants
served in a
weekly day
program

BETTER FOR *The Future*

When we take a look at HPUMC's history and legacy, we are reminded of how far we have come, the generosity and foresight of generations of church members who got us here, and the amazing opportunities God has in store for us in the future. HPUMC's first church service began in 1917 at a little brown church. Those roots would grow into something bigger than we could ever imagine—a commitment to be better for being here—for our congregation, our church, our community, and our future.

RUFUS "BUDDY" PORTER: A LOVING, LASTING LEGACY

On October 6, 1929 seven-year-old Rufus "Buddy" Porter and his parents transferred to what was then, Highland Park MECS which would later become HPUMC. Little did he know how his legacy, love for the church, and gifts would help transform HPUMC long after he was gone.

Porter's service within the church began when he followed in his mother's footsteps and joined the choir. Soon after, while studying at SMU, Porter left school to serve in World War II and stayed connected to the church through letters.

Once Porter returned from the war, he resumed his studies at SMU and started serving in the church once more, making his first monetary donation of \$3,000 to go toward the music room. As time went on, he served on the church's board of directors from 1959 to 1961, and helped to plan and build a new education wing of HPUMC. He also helped establish the "We Care Ministry" which organized teams to make care baskets for people in need.

His love for music also continued throughout the years, and Porter, along with his sister, Alicia Porter Washam, gifted the church with the Porter Memorial Carillon in honor of their beloved parents. The bells were blessed on November 11, 1984, the installation was completed two years later, and are still ring today.

Since Porter's passing, on November 9, 2007, the Porter Fund has paid for Recovery Ministry events, programming, staffing, Stephen Ministry, grief books, support group materials, and Journey Ministry needs. Porter still wanted to give back to the community, a place that offered him so much comfort, support, and growth for him and his family. Not only did it help teach him how to serve others, it helped show him how you can still help others with their own journey years after your are gone.

Buddy Porter's generosity continues to impact our church's legacy and the people that walk through its doors.





WORKING FAITH
MARK CRAIG LEADERSHIP NETWORK

Mark Craig Leadership Network Podcast

Working Faith, part of the Mark Craig Leadership Network, empowers servant leaders in the public sector to integrate faith into work. HPUMC is launching a new podcast, led by Rev. Chip Robertson, Pastor to Traditional Worship and Executive Projects, and Senior Minister Rev. Paul Rasmussen. The podcast will focus on listening to God's calling and looking at how culture, through a faith lens, is an investment to the bottom line, and so much more.



Technology Upgrades

With the ever-growing need for digital connection, we are actively pursuing a strategic plan to upgrade technology to provide better in-person experiences and connect beyond our campus throughout our worship venues, classrooms, and multi-purpose rooms. Enhancements include updated audio and lighting technology, new streaming platforms, as well as video and recording studios.

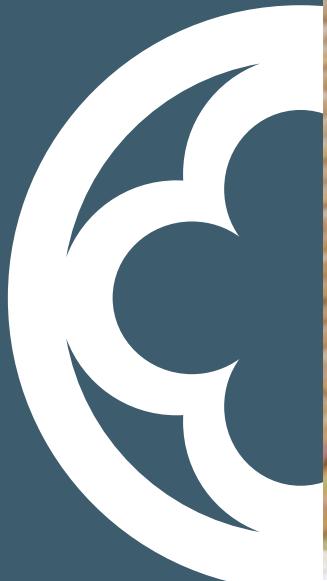
the Legacy SOCIETY

Our people are our legacy. For over a century, Highland Park United Methodist Church has helped grow God's kingdom. Those that came before us laid the foundation for a church rooted in God's faithfulness and guided by His vision.

We strive to meet needs wherever found—in this congregation, in our community, and in the world. Legacy gifts help establish new ministries, plant churches, expand outreach programs and provide stability for the future of the church.

We are grateful for the generosity of those who have declared a gift to support the future needs of HPUMC's mission, vision, and ministries.

Learn more about legacy giving at hpumc.org/legacy



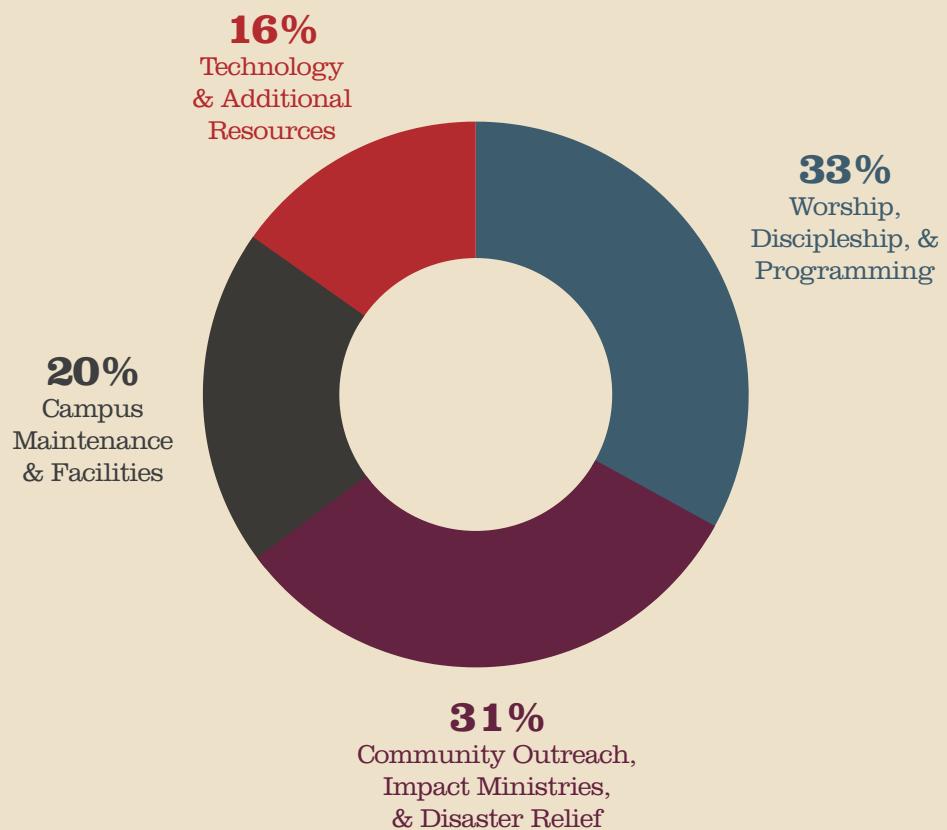


HPUMC continues to impact lives in our church, our city, and beyond—and we couldn't do it without you! We can't wait to see how God will work through HPUMC to advance His kingdom in 2023!

The mission of Highland Park United Methodist Church is to help people become deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ are called to make a difference. With your help, we will change even more lives in the upcoming year and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.



2022 HPUMC OPERATING BUDGET





Thank you to our Church Council and Church Committee members for all of their time and dedication in 2022.

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