

*the*  
**Legacy**

**SOCIETY**



*transforming lives since 1916*



The Legacy Society is an honorary group of Highland Park United Methodist Church members who have declared a gift to support the future needs of the church's mission, vision, and ministries.

While we're all called to give, save, and live off the rest, these generous members choose to support HPUMC and its ongoing initiatives. Their gifts establish new ministries, including planting new churches, expanding community outreach programs, helping make major upgrades to permanent facilities on campus, and so much more.

Thanks to HPUMC Legacy Society members, we're currently able to offer these and other essential ministries and events.



# A CAMP-TO-CAREER MINISTRY

ESTABLISHING NEW MINISTRIES



**“HPUMC is committed to fighting poverty and bringing about racial equity. In 2021, we launched our Camp-to-Career initiative, including Outreach Camp, civil rights pilgrimages, support for college or trade school, scholarship research, dorm decor, and internship opportunities.”**

**Karla Nivens, Racial Justice Director**

Since 1970, the members of HPUMC have been blessing the lives of children and youth by offering them a week of fun in the midst of God’s creation. Campers experience new friendships, increased confidence, and have a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime while becoming more deeply devoted followers of Jesus Christ. In addition to summer camp, we walk with these young people from age 9 to 23, then help them transition to a meaningful life beyond high school. Your gift will insure a positive impact that is rooted in Christ!

# STAFF & VOLUNTEER SUMMER MISSION TRIP

EXPANDING OUTREACH PROGRAMS



The high school and middle school students in HPUMC's Youth Ministry love going on summer mission trips. It's a life-changing experience, but it's only possible with the help of staff members and volunteers who accompany our youth on these annual trips.

**“As our students grow up, they rarely remember a specific sermon or Bible Study that changed their life. Yet, they remember the volunteers who have loved and served them. With your help, we can send volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and life stories to mentor, disciple, and love our students like Christ has called us to.”**

Rev. Chelsea Peddecord, Pastor to Youth and their Families

That's why a fund was established to support these volunteers, paying for the trip costs of those who are teaching and chaperoning the students during these transformative events. Volunteers not only help empower students with physical serving projects, such as roofing and painting, but they also connect with the students and talk to them about their faith.

# RESTORATION MINISTRY

ESTABLISHING NEW MINISTRIES



**“Over the years we have confidentially helped hundreds of women on their journey of restoration. Involvement in this ministry not only offers intervention, but restoration of safety, security, dignity, confidence, community, and relationship with a loving God.”**

**Rev. Camille May,  
Minister of Pastoral Care**

As a community of faith, we wholeheartedly seek to care for and bring hope to those who are living with domestic violence. HPUMC recognizes that intimate partner abuse is experienced by persons from all walks of life, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cultural contexts. We believe all forms of violence are detrimental to the covenant of the human community. In response, we offer a compassionate environment for persons seeking to restore their safety, security, and peace.

Through the generosity of Legacy Gifts, we are creating a partnership with Genesis Women’s Shelter to provide therapeutic care as well as services for victims of abuse. In turn, HPUMC is equipped to provide spiritual support to clients struggling with the effects of spiritual abuse in the Christian context.

# CHANCE'S PIE & COFFEE SHOP

EXPANDING COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



**“Chance’s Pie & Coffee Shop offers individuals with disabilities the opportunity to serve the community with kindness and excellence. Whether through brewing coffee, baking pies, packaging orders, or washing dishes, our crew members are learning valuable job skills. As a Chance’s customer, you are the true beneficiary of the crew’s hard work, passion, and courage.”**

*Stephanie Newland, Associate Director Belong Disability*

Chance’s Pie & Coffee Shop, named after the late Belong Disability Ministry Participant Chance Urschel, empowers those in the disability community to serve, learn life skills, and connect with HPUMC and local community. It embodies Chance’s spirit of service and is a place that is set to inspire and uplift everyone that enters its doors, drinks the coffee, and/or interacts with a crew member.

Chance’s crew members serve coffee and muffins on Sunday mornings at the Sanctuary Hub, the Wesley Hall basement for Cornerstone, and the Tolleson Family Activity Center. You can also find them serving at other HPUMC events as well as on SMU football game days. Many crew members participate in other Belong activities throughout the week including art class, Kingdom Singers, and other recreational classes like basketball, tennis, and karate.



# JOURNEY

ESTABLISHING NEW MINISTRIES



**“Our support groups provide a safe environment to talk about what it means to have dementia. The caregivers meet to talk about their frustrations, challenges, and to share helpful ideas and information with each other.”**

**Trissie Osborn,  
Pastoral Care Associate**

Journey Ministry Memory Care is a respite program that was started in September 2019 to provide much-needed help to families impacted by dementia. It offers a weekly meeting full of faith-based care to those with early-stage Alzheimer’s or dementia and their caregivers.

Journey is a place where participants feel accepted and are safe from judgment. They enjoy activities such as music, art, social time, games, and interesting weekly topics they can discuss.

The caregivers can use this much-needed respite to do whatever they want. Some fill this time with appointments and errands, visits with friends, resting, reading, or going for a walk. When they pick up their care partner, you can tell they are renewed and thankful.

# UPTOWN CHURCH

ESTABLISHING NEW CHURCHES



Our newest campus, Uptown Church, launched in January of 2020 as HPUMC's 40th church plant and continues our long tradition of establishing churches. Today more than 150 people worship each Sunday at House of Blues. Members are finding community in small groups, and serving our city through partners, such as Austin Street Center and CitySquare.

**“Every new high-rise window represents a person/people who need the hope of Christ. Of the hundreds that already call Uptown Church home, many are new to our HPUMC network of churches and are finding hope and life in the local church.”**

Rev. Joy Gonzalez, Campus Pastor

With modern contemporary worship at an iconic music venue, Uptown Church has created a new vision of how HPUMC reaches the ever-expanding urban core of our city.

# CONNECTION

## INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY & FACILITIES

Over the last few years, HPUMC has evaluated how we connect with our congregation, both in-person and online. We have expanded HPUMC's digital footprint, bringing more virtual experiences to the community while continuing in-person programming as well.

HPUMC currently streams Sanctuary, Cornerstone, and Cox Chapel Sunday services online through multiple platforms, connecting with worshippers in a dozen states and at least seven countries. In addition, we've made everything from classes to events and regular Bible studies available online, all while seeking to create a new and growing library of digital content to help build our faith community.

As we expand our digital footprint, we are simultaneously upgrading our facilities and purchasing new equipment for worship venues, classrooms, and brand new studio space. Our digital infrastructure will only continue to grow in the years to come as we continue to take advantage of tools like the HPUMC App, website, and more.



### FACILITY SUPPORT

**With a team working around the clock. HPUMC takes great pride in updating and maintaining it's numerous facilities.**

**16 MEMBER BUILDING SERVICES STAFF**

**OVER 400,000 FT2 MANAGED**

**45 CLASSROOMS**

**75 OFFICE SPACES**

**3 DEDICATED WORSHIP VENUES**

**30 DAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS**

**FULL TIME SECURITY STAFF**

**200-350 EVENTS PER WEEK**



AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AFFECT YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND BEYOND. NOT ONLY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, BUT YEARS FROM NOW. JUST IMAGINE ALL THE LIVES YOUR GIFTS WILL TOUCH!

## HOW WILL YOU ESTABLISH YOUR LEGACY?

Look below for some of the many ways to join the Legacy Society.

- **MEMORIAL GIFTS**
- **CHARITABLE BEQUESTS**
- **CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST**
- **CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**
- **RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS**
- **STOCK**
- **LIFE INSURANCE**
- **HPUMC AS THE BENEFICIARY**

The HPUMC Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee cannot legally advise, but can help you determine which type of gift is best fit for your charitable giving goals and financial objectives.

We also recommend that you consult with your tax, legal, or financial advisors concerning the specific details and consequences regarding the various ways of making a Legacy Gift to Highland Park United Methodist Church.



# LEGACY GIFTS

## SUPPORTING HPUMC MISSION, VISION, AND MINISTRIES

We believe that God calls us to use the blessings He provides responsibly. Undesignated gifts will be allocated under the plan of GIVE some, SAVE some, DIRECT what is left.

- **25%** will be **GIVEN** right back into the community to support ongoing outreach initiatives and partnerships.
- **50%** will be **SAVED** to support our ministry priorities through HPUMC's Endowment Funds.
- **25%** will be **DIRECTED** into identified ministry projects that will continue to advance our mission, but require additional resources beyond our annual operating budget.

The Endowment Funds allow members and friends of HPUMC to designate a gift and help secure the vitality of the church for future generations.

To establish a new fund, a minimum gift is required. Gifts are invested, not spent. Earnings from these investments complement and support church-wide ministry priorities and future needs of the church through the following current funds:

- **LEADING EXCEPTIONAL WORSHIP**
  - HPUMC Maintenance Fund
- **MINISTERING TO FAMILIES FROM BIRTH THROUGH SENIOR ADULTS**
  - HPUMC Benevolence Fund
  - Stickland Memorial Fund
  - Rufus C. Porter Care Fund
  - Belong Disability Ministry Fund
- **FIGHTING POVERTY AND IMPACTING COMMUNITIES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY**
  - Outreach Response Fund
- **DEVELOPING YOUNG LEADERS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**
  - HPUMC Leadership Fund
- **CONTINUING OUR TRADITION TO LAUNCH NEW CHURCHES**
  - HPUMC New Church Fund

Please let us know if you already have included Highland Park United Methodist Church in your estate or financial plans. All requests for information will remain confidential.

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS, TO DISCUSS YOUR LEGACY GIFT,  
OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE COX  
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