



NewSong

**HPUMC
Children's Music Ministry
Handbook**

Come, Sing & Soar With Us!

2008 – 2009

“Sing unto God a New Song!”



Our Mission

NewSong, HPUMC Children's Music Ministry, provides children with opportunities to learn the joys of praising God through music. In our NewSong Children's Choirs we:

- ❖ **Teach children how to find and develop their singing voice;**
- ❖ **Teach children how to read music;**
- ❖ **Teach hymns and songs of the faith;**
- ❖ **Teach and instill an understanding of worship;**
- ❖ **Participate in worship;**
- ❖ **Teach scripture and Bible stories through song; and**
- ❖ **Enjoy fellowship with other children of our congregation.**

Guided by leaders who love children and music, our children will be blessed by the joys of music, and they will also be a blessing to our congregation. Thank you for being an active part of your child's music education at Highland Park UMC. Together we will provide our young musicians with a rewarding musical experience and spiritual growth.

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NewSong Stuff

Sunday Morning Schedule:

WeeSong Choir for 4/5 year olds

Sundays from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. (Between 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday School). Details follow on next page.

Room 142

Director: Jill Montgomery (“Miss Jill”)

GladSong Choir for Kinder/Primer

Sundays from 10:30 – 11:00 (Between 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday School). Details follow on next page.

Room 262

Director: Chelsea Stern (“Miss Chelsea”)

SpiritSong Choir for 1st & 2nd Graders

Sundays from 10:30 - noon

Room 236 – Meet for Snacks

10:45 – Room 233 for Rehearsal

11:40 – Room 362 for Worship LIVE

Noon – Room 236 – Parents Pick Up

Director: Terrie Preskitt (“Miss Terrie”)

JoyfulNoise Choir for 3rd – 5th Graders

Sundays from 10:30 - noon

Room 236 – Meet for Snacks

10:45 – Room 244 for Rehearsal

11:40 – Room 362 for Worship LIVE

Noon – Room 236 – Parents Pick Up

Director: Judi Davidson (“Mrs. D.”)

Sign In Procedure:

For children in **WeeSong Choir** for 4/5 year olds and **GladSong Choir** for Kinder/Primer, please place a **NewSong Sticker** on your child's **Sunday School Name Tag** – available at their **Sunday School classrooms**. This tells their teachers and the **NewSong Staff** that they stay with us for **Choir after Sunday School**. If you are an **“11:00 Family”**, bring your children directly to room **142 (WeeSong)** or **262 (GladSong)** at **10:30**. **“11:00 Families”**, please sign in outside the choir rehearsal room, and let us know that your child will be going to **Sunday School after choir**. Make a name tag for them. We will take them to their **11:00 Sunday School class**. Pick them up there at **noon**.

For children in **SpiritSong Choir** for **1st** and **2nd** Graders, please help your child place a **NewSong Sticker** on their **Sunday School Name Tag** each week. This tells their teachers and the **NewSong Staff** that they stay with us for **Choir after Sunday School**. If you are an **“11:00 Family”**, bring your children directly to **Room 236** at **10:30**.

For children in **JoyfulNoise Choir** for **3rd** – **5th** Graders, please remind your child to go to **Room 236 (Creative Arts Room)** after **Sunday School for Snacks and Choir**. If you are an **“11:00 Family”**, bring your children directly to **Room 236** at **10:30**.

Pick Up Procedure:

WeeSong Choir for 4/5 year olds and **GladSong Choir** for Kinder/Primer:
9:30 Families: Pick up your child at **11:00** in room **142 (WeeSong)** or **262 (GladSong)**.

11:00 Families: After choir, your child will be taken to their **Sunday School Class**. Pick up your child at **noon** in their **Sunday School classroom**.

SpiritSong Choir for **1st** and **2nd** Graders, and **JoyfulNoise Choir** for **3rd** – **5th** Graders – Please pick up your children in **Room 236** at **noon**.

Communication Procedures:

Weekly emails will give you the latest NewSong information!

Please call or email Terrie if your child will be missing a rehearsal, a worship leadership opportunity, or if there is a situation in your family of which you would like to make us aware. preskittT@hpumc.org; 214-523-2205.

We are here to minister to your child, so if there is a serious illness in your family, or the loss of a family member or pet, we will do our best to comfort your child.

NewSong Awards

This program is designed to recognize our young musicians for their dedication to their church choir program and for learning key songs and sayings of our Christian faith. The last Sunday of each month will be “Celebration Sunday”. We will have special take home treats, and celebrate those with perfect attendance for that month.

New children are always welcome to join our program, so spread the word, and invite your child’s friends!

- 1. Each chorister will start the year with a cross necklace.**
- 2. This will be kept at the church and worn every time we sing in worship.**
- 3. Beads are added to the necklace to recognize:**
 - Attendance each week;**
 - Singing in Worship;**
 - Singing in other special events;**
 - Participation in Spring Musical.**

At our Awards Presentation on April 20, the children will receive their cross and all of their accumulated beads.

In addition, our 3rd graders receive a Hymnal of their very own, and our 5th graders receive a special Pewter Cross to signify their leadership in our program.

NewSong Volunteers

It takes a village of volunteers to keep our busy program running smoothly. As a parent of a child in one of our choirs, we encourage you to be an active member of our Parent Team. We have a job for every parent! Contact Terrie - (214-523-2205) - preskittT@hpumc.org

Communications-

Candy Winslow and Terrie Preskitt-Brown

- ❖ **Sending Weekly emails including:**
 - **Important information**
 - **Parent Volunteer reminders**
 - **Upcoming Activities & Worship Opportunities**

Rehearsal Management Team - Volunteer one Sunday a month!

Parent Volunteers are needed each week in Rehearsal to:

- ❖ **Take attendance each week**
- ❖ **Help calm wiggly singers**
- ❖ **Accompany children to restroom as needed during rehearsal**
- ❖ **Fill out absentee cards each week**
- ❖ **Register new members**
- ❖ **Greet children with a smile!**

PLEASE consider signing up to help one Sunday a month.

Attendance Incentive Team - Volunteer 1 hour a month (JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong) or 1 hour a quarter (WeeSong & GladSong)

- ❖ **Parent Volunteers are needed to Update Beads on Necklaces for each child the week before the children sing in worship. This takes about an hour, and can happen during the day on Tuesday or Wednesday.**

Worship Sunday Team - Volunteer 1 ½ hours a month (JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong) or 1 ½ hours a quarter (WeeSong & GladSong)

- ❖ **Helping children with robes and necklaces on singing mornings**
- ❖ **Sitting with the choirs in the front pews after they sing**
- ❖ **Hanging up awards necklaces and robes on singing mornings after worship**

Celebrations/Special Events Team - Volunteer one Sunday a month!

- ❖ **Special Take Home treats on Last Sunday of each month**

Spring Musical Team

Chairperson: Lynn Mahurin

- ❖ **Costume Committee**
- ❖ **Hospitality Committee (Meals and Snacks)**
- ❖ **Props Committee**
- ❖ **Sets Committee**
- ❖ **Publicity Committee**
- ❖ **Set Up and Tear Down Committee (Strong Arms & Backs Needed)**

All Parent Volunteers must have a new Background Check on file every 2 years – if you have not completed a check in the last 2 years, please do so. Return to Terrie. Thanks for keeping our children safe!

Contact Terrie Preskitt (214-523-2205) – preskittT@hpumc.org to volunteer!

NewSong Calendar 2008 – 09

Children's Music Ministries of HPUMC

Regular Rehearsal Schedule

WeeSong Choir for 4/5 year olds

Sundays from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Room 142

GladSong Choir for Kinder/Primer

Sundays from 10:30 – 11:00
Room 262

SpiritSong Choir for 1st & 2nd Graders

Sundays from 10:30 – noon
10:30 – Room 236 – Meet for Snacks
10:45 – Room 233 - Rehearsal
11:40 – Room 362 - Worship LIVE
Noon – Room 236 – Parent Pick Up

JoyfulNoise Choir for 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders

Sundays from 10:30 – noon
10:30 – Room 236 – Meet for Snacks
10:45 – Room 244 - Rehearsal
11:40 – Room 362 - Worship LIVE
Noon – Room 236 – Parent Pick Up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
9/7/08	Regular Rehearsals PLUS	See above
	NewSong Kick Off Party	Pick up your child at noon, and bring them across Hillcrest to Biggers Recreation Center for family fun, pizza, bounce houses, parent info, FUN!
9/14/08	Regular Rehearsals	
9/21/08	Regular Rehearsals	
9/28/08	WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong sing in 11:00 Sanctuary Service (Regular Pick Up Time)	September Special Take Home Treats! JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong parents: bring children to room 236 at 10:30 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to the Sanctuary to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in the Sanctuary after the children sing. Pick up children at noon in room 236.
10/5/08	Regular Rehearsals	
10/12/08	Regular Rehearsals	
10/19/08	Regular Rehearsals	
10/26/08	WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong sing in 11:00 Sanctuary Service (Regular Pick Up Time)	October Special Take Home Treats JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong: bring children to room 236 at 10:30 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to the Sanctuary to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in the Sanctuary after the children sing. Pick up children at noon in room 236.
11/2/08	WeeSong & GladSong Sing in 11:00 Kerygma Service in Great Hall JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong - Regular Rehearsals	WeeSong and GladSong: Meet at 10:30 am in room 142 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to Great Hall to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in Great Hall after the children sing. Pick up children at noon (WeeSong in 142, GladSong in 236)
11/9/08	Regular Rehearsals	
11/16/08	Regular Rehearsals	
11/23/08	WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong sing in 11:00 Sanctuary Service (Regular Pick Up Time)	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong: bring children to room 236 at 10:30 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to the Sanctuary to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in the Sanctuary after the children sing. Pick up children at noon in room 236.
11/30/08	Regular Rehearsals	November Special Take Home Treats
12/7/08	Regular Rehearsals	
12/14/08	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Sing in 8:30 Sanctuary – Entire Service	JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong: Meet at 8:00 am in room 392 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to the Sanctuary to find a seat. The children will remain in the Sanctuary for the entire service. Meet your child after the service in room 392 to take them to

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	WeeSong & GladSong Sing in 11:00 Kerygma Service in Great Hall	Sunday School or home at 9:30 am. No Regular Rehearsals for JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong WeeSong and GladSong: Meet at 10:30 am in room 142 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to Great Hall to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in Great Hall after the children sing. Pick up children at noon (WeeSong in 142, GladSong in 236)
12/21/08	No Rehearsal for WeeSong or GladSong SpiritSong and JoyfulNoise – regular rehearsal for those singing in Christmas Eve Services	
12/24/08	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong 3:30 Call for 4:00 Service 5:00 call for 5:30 Service	Christmas Eve Family Services in Wesley Hall Singers wear Christmas Holiday Best! Meet on the stage in Wesley Hall.
12/28/08	NO REHEARSALS	NO REHEARSALS
1/4/09	NO REHEARSALS	Epiphany Celebrations on 2 nd Floor JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong are invited to join Miss Terrie to prepare special music for our Epiphany Celebration at 11:00. Meet her in 236 at 10:30 for King's Cake, instruments, crafts and the Three Kings' Arrival!
1/11/09	Regular Rehearsals Resume	
1/18/09	Regular Rehearsals	
1/25/09	Regular Rehearsals	Special Take Home Treats
2/1/09	Regular Rehearsals	
2/8/09	WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong sing in 11:00 Sanctuary Service (Regular Pick Up Time)	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong: bring children to room 236 at 10:30 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to the Sanctuary to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in the Sanctuary after the children sing. Pick up children at noon in room 236.
2/15/09	WeeSong & GladSong Sing in 11:00 Kerygma Service in Great Hall JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Regular Rehearsals	WeeSong and GladSong: Meet at 10:30 am in room 142 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to Great Hall to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in Great Hall after the children sing. Pick up children at noon (WeeSong in 142, GladSong in 236)
2/22/09	Regular Rehearsals	Special Take Home Treats
3/1/09	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Sing in 8:30 Sanctuary – Entire Service WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal	JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong: Meet at 8:00 am in room 392. No Regular Rehearsals for JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong Youth Choir Dessert Theater! 4:00 & 7:00 – Wesley Hall Make plans to bring your family to this fun event!
3/8/09	Regular Rehearsals	
3/15/09	Regular Rehearsals	
3/22/09	Regular Rehearsals	
3/29/09	Regular Rehearsals	Special Take Home Treats
4/5/09	Palm Sunday WeeSong & GladSong Sing in 11:00 Kerygma Service in Great Hall JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Sing in 9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary followed by Regular Rehearsals	WeeSong and GladSong: Meet at 10:30 am in room 142 to put on robes and necklaces. Parents go to Great Hall to find a seat. Out of respect for our Lord and the congregation, please do not vacate seats in Great Hall after the children sing. Pick up children at noon (WeeSong in 142, GladSong in 236) JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong: Meet at 9:00 am in room 236. Parents pick up JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong children at noon in room 236 as usual.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
4/12/09	Easter Sunday No Rehearsals – Enjoy worship with your family.	
4/17/09	JoyfulNoise Musical Rehearsal 4:30 – 6:30	Room 391 – Staging Rehearsal with Mr. Andy Long
4/18/09	JoyfulNoise Musical Rehearsal 10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Room 391 – Staging Rehearsal with Mr. Andy Long
4/19/09 am	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Present announcements at 9:30 & 11:00 in Sanctuary WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal	JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong Meet at 9:00 am in room 236. JoyfulNoise and Parents pick up at 11:10 in room 236.
4/19/09 pm	Afternoon – JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong Musical Rehearsal 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Wesley Hall – Staging Rehearsal with Mr. Andy Long
4/21/09	JoyfulNoise Musical Rehearsal 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Wesley Hall – Staging Rehearsal with Mr. Andy Long
4/23/09	SpiritSong & JoyfulNoise Musical Rehearsal 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Family Work Night Wesley Hall – Staging Rehearsal with Mr. Andy Long
4/24/09	SpiritSong & JoyfulNoise Technical Dress Rehearsal 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Wesley Hall – Rehearsal with Lights and Microphones
4/25/09	SpiritSong & JoyfulNoise Dress Rehearsal 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Wesley Hall – Dress Rehearsal with Costumes, Lights and Microphones Followed by Lunch Celebration and Prize Drawings
4/26/09 am	Musical Day!!! WeeSong Regular Rehearsal GladSong Regular Rehearsal SpiritSong & JoyfulNoise Musical Presentations for Sunday School	Musical Day!!! Morning - JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong: Meet at 9:00 am in room 392 Parents pick up JoyfulNoise and SpiritSong children at 11:25 in room 392
4/26/09 pm	JoyfulNoise & SpiritSong meet in Wesley Hall at 3:00 pm WeeSong & GladSong meet in Wesley Hall at 3:45 pm 4:00 Musical with Prelude by WeeSong and GladSong	Musical Day!!! - Afternoon
6/8/09 – 6/12/09	Amp It Up Music Camp	Afternoons after VBS