

HIGHLAND PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Confirmation 2008 Class!

CALENDAR FOR APRIL & MAY –
INCLUDING CONFIRMATION WEEKEND!

Training for Adults Going on the Sky Ranch Retreat

Wednesday, April 23rd, 6 p.m.
In the Confirmation Room

Yep, ya need to be there if you are planning to go on the retreat with us. We have a lot to go over. And – yes – we can use additional parents (non-leadership team members) to help us. If you are interested, give Walt a call at 214 523-2235.

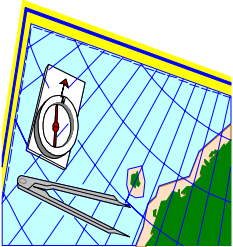
Final Parent Meeting for the Year

Wednesday, April 23rd, 7 p.m.
In the Confirmation Room

Immediately following our training session for the adults going on the retreat, we will have our final parents meeting. We will be going over: the retreat, your child's decision on being confirmed, confirmation weekend, and promotion into 7th grade.

Spring Retreat to Sky Ranch

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27



We'll end the year with a total blow out – incredible fun, faith shaping experiences, processing our decision concerning whether or not to be confirmed. Visit the Confirmation class web page at www.hpumc.org/pages/Youth_Confirmation_2008_form to register for this fun event. PS – Walt is about to start calling everyone who has not signed up. Save him (and yourself) a call – sign up now.

Dinner With Mark Craig

Sunday, May 4th - 5:00-6:30 p.m.

In Wesley Hall

Cost: \$10 per person (payable at the door)

Mark will not be able to be with us on the retreat or on confirmation Sunday. He will be attending his own son's graduation from college that weekend. So this is our time with Mark. We will have a wonderful dinner catered by S&S, be greeted by the youth staff who will be working with our class after confirmation, and then Mark will be sharing with the class members and they will have an opportunity to ask him questions. Make your reservations for your family and plan to attend. Let Walt Marcum know how many from your family will be attending by emailing him at marcumw@hpumc.org



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR CONFIRMATION WEEKEND

Saturday, May 17, 2008

10:00-11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Rehearsal for the Confirmation Service – for Class Members & Parents!

This is for all members of the class and their parents. Dress casual. We will do a *complete* walk through of the service. We will go over where you will sit, when you come up, where you will be at the altar, what happens while you are up front, when parents will come up and what they will do in the actual confirmation, the role of the teaching team including the giving of the confirmation certificates and crosses, etc., etc., etc. The idea is that at the end of the hour all of us will be totally comfortable with what will happen the following day. Note: Be there a few minutes early so that we can start on time – then we will be out before 11:00 a.m. Several class members have events they need to go to immediately after the rehearsal. So, think 9:50 a.m.

Sunday, May 18, 2008

9:30-10:45 AM: Regular Confirmation Class in the Basement

1:30 PM: Meet in the Sanctuary

Dress in Sunday morning church attire. This is a *formal* worship service. Girls wear dresses. Boys wear coats and ties. When you arrive, check in and let us know you are there. Those who have leadership in the service (about half the class) will have a few minutes for one last practice. We will begin the service promptly at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 PM: Confirmation Service – With Child Care

Yes, you can invite as many people as you would like. That is one of the reasons we do this service in the afternoon. The service should last around an hour and a half. The worship service itself is about thirty minutes long, then it will probably take a little over an hour to confirm the members of the class who have chosen to be confirmed. The 2008 Confirmation class is an extremely large class, but we are planning the service in such a way that it will be personal and meaningful, but not excessively lengthy. You can arrange for CHILDCARE for the confirmation service by calling Galye Bennett at 214 523-2228. This has to be done no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th.

Note: There will be an offering taken at the confirmation service. This offering goes in its entirety to underwriting the costs of our confirmation program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Class Portrait at the Altar, Optional Professional Family Photos & Reception with Refreshments

Immediately following the confirmation service, all class members and our teaching team will gather at the altar for our formal class portrait. Mr. Brad Bradley of Bradley Photography will take our formal portrait as a class. The church will be purchasing a large copy of this portrait for the youth office. You can order your own smaller version of this group portrait: \$4 for a 4 X 6, \$8 for a 5 X 7, or \$15 for an 8 X 10. Mr. Bradley will also be available to take individual family photographs for those families who would be interested. These can be purchased at the same prices. Proofs will be available in the youth office a couple of weeks after the service and the pictures can be purchased through the youth office. There will be a reception with refreshments in the Reception Area just outside the sanctuary following the service.

6:00-8:00 PM: Cookout & Pool Party at the SMU Pool – Rain or Shine! (\$10)

What a way to end the day! We'll meet at the SMU pool (just a few hundred yards North and East of the church). Bring \$10 and your swimsuit. We will have a cook out and will be serving burgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks. In addition we will have *exclusive* use of the pool – including the diving boards. There will be three SMU life guards on duty, as well as the youth staff and parents who attend. Parents and younger siblings are welcome. (Please, no younger siblings without parent supervision.) Make it a family event! We have reserved both the outdoor pool and the indoor pool – so we have a swim party no matter what the weather is!

Sunday, May 25, 2008

9:30 A.M.

Confirmation Class Promoted into the Youth Program

Believe it or not, the Sunday after confirmation, our class will be a part of the youth program and they will have their Sunday school class on the third floor.