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COLLEGE STUDENTS SPEND THEIR SUMMER MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HPUMC was fortunate enough to have several incredible young men and women spending their summer working with the church to impact lives around the world and right here at home. Here are their stories:



Long-time HPUMC member **Matt Merrill** is entering his junior year at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. This marked his second year as a summer intern with the Missions Department. In 2007, Matt interned in Dallas, but decided this year to take the leap to global missions, serving in Matamoros, Mexico for 10 weeks. He worked with medical mission and community assistance at Casa Bugambilia, a United Methodist refuge in a very economically deprived area. Matt spent most of his time mentoring children and assisting with the

daily operations of the refuge.

Also a long-time member of HPUMC, **Mallory Adams** joined us for her first summer as an intern in the Missions Department. Entering her sophomore year at The University of Oklahoma, Mallory wanted to spend her summer exploring mission opportunities focused on music education and ministry with children and youth. Utilizing her skills and interests in the arts, Mallory worked with the summer music camp at HPUMC and ArtsVision camp at St. Paul UMC. She explored community agencies and ministries including Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Wilkinson Center and the North Texas Food Bank. She participated in two book studies, helped with the Night Owls program, and joined the youth department on the junior high Navajo mission trip.



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WOMEN'S HOMEBUILDING DESERT RETREAT OCTOBER 2-6

\$375 + purchase own airfare to El Paso*

Maximum occupancy is 40 participants
REGISTER TODAY!

FINAL DEADLINE: September 1!

Meetings: Team Meeting: Aug 31, 5 p.m., University Park UMC
Team Dinner: Sept 28, 6:00 p.m.

Registration forms at www.hpumc.org/pages/juarez-women
For more information, contact faubionr@hpumc.org.

*When purchasing airfare, note the following:
On Thursday, Oct. 2, arrive by 1:00 p.m.; On Monday, Oct. 6, depart after 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 31

Five Ways to Worship...



Rev. Mark Craig
8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Jeff Hall
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Walt Marcum
Great Hall, 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Paul Rasmussen
Contemporary Service
Wesley Hall, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Paul Rasmussen
Wesley Hall, 8:30 a.m.

...within One Church

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Ryan Gunter is also a long-term member of HPUMC, entering his sophomore year at Texas A&M University. This was his first year as an intern in the Missions Department. Ryan's interests in the medical field helped to shape his mission experiences this summer as he helped with the Night Owls program and traveled to Matamoros, Mexico to experience the medical mission of Casa Bugambilia. Ryan also helped with ArtsVision camp at St. Paul UMC, assisted at Medi-Send and visited various community agencies and ministries including Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Wilkinson Center and the North Texas Food Bank. He participated in two book studies and joined the youth department on the junior high Navajo mission trip.



Entering her sophomore year at Texas A&M University with a major in Special Education, **Mollie Huffines** joined the Health Ministry as a summer intern. Working primarily with the Night OWLS program, Mollie was able to use her skills and interests in working with children with disabilities. Mollie assisted with planning and implementing Night OWLS programs, completed research on unique diagnosis of special needs and developed the resource room for families and volunteers. In addition, she assisted in VBS to incorporate children with special needs and served in the children's day camps at HPUMC. Mollie's greatest contribution as a summer intern was her demonstration of the loving acceptance of children with special needs.

Majoring in communications at Baylor University, **Annie Turner** spent her summer interning with Project Transformation with funding from HPUMC. Annie worked with elementary children (K-5) and was the designated arts and crafts expert. She participated in planning and delivering Bible lessons and afternoon enrichment. As a longtime member of HPUMC, she reached out to the HPUMC community to donate art supplies and crafts and solicited volunteers for the PT Reading Program. She facilitated the Good News Class' sponsorship of weekly Thursday afternoon pool visits, which of course brought a huge grin to all of the children's faces! She also enjoyed contributing to worship during Tuesday night worship services, morning devotionals and Pleasant Mound Sunday Services. Annie claims that the greatest lesson she learned from the children was to revel and delight in the simplest joys. She looks forward to more amazing moments with Project Transformation.



**NextStep
HPUMC's Orientation**

New to the church? Want to know more? If so, this class is for you! You'll learn about HPUMC's history, worship opportunities, Methodist beliefs, ways the church supports the congregation, the many fellowship and serving opportunities, the secrets to parking.

A tour of the church campus also is provided.
Contact Connect & Serve to register, luederl@hpumc.org or 214.523.2246.

Day 1 – Sunday, September 14
Day 2 – Sunday, September 21
10:45 a.m.–noon in room 258
Children's Sunday school and nursery care are provided.

Coming Soon...

Meet & Greet
Sun. • Sept. 14 • Noon
Fellowship Area (outside the Sanctuary)

Sunset Cruise
Wed. • Sept. 24 • 6:45 p.m.
Lake Ray Hubbard • Pay Online

Financial Strategies for Singles
Wed. • Oct. 1, 8, 22 & 29
6:30-8:00 p.m.

**NAVIGATING DIVORCE
WORKSHOP**
Mon. • Sept. 15-Nov. 3 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Swing Dance Lessons
Tues. • Sept. 23-Oct. 28 • 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Beginner Golf Lessons
Thurs. • Sept. 25-Oct. 23 • 6:30 p.m.

For more info: www.hpumc.org/pages/singles

HPUMC COLLEGE Fall Series
The Church: A Royal Waste of Time?

August 31
After Church Brunch
Noon, Rm 120

September 7
Welcome Back Cookout
Noon, Perkins Quad

Sept. 14 - Is There a Problem at All?
Sept. 21 - iPod Christianity
Sept. 28 - Five Kinds of Christians, Part 1
Oct. 5 - Five Kinds of Christians Part 2
Oct. - 12 FALL BREAK - NO MEETING
Oct. 19 - Is Christianity About
Morality/Politics?
Oct. 26 - Are Christians Hypocrites?
Nov. 2 - How Serious Do I Have to Be?
Nov. 9 - God as Father, Church as Mother?

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IT'S YOUR MINISTRY!

Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Highland Park United Methodist Church care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister.

If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you! For information on Stephen Ministry, see Jan Seidel or call Rev. Barbara Marcum at 214.523.2248.

HPUMC UMW welcomes

Rev. Walt Marcum & Rev. Paul Rasmussen

HPUMC ministers and group leaders for

A Journey of a Lifetime 2008 Advent in the Holy Land

Monday, September 8
9:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting, Room 385

10:30 a.m. Program, Great Hall
Luncheon immediately after program

We'll be taking a sneak peak at the tour hosts' preparatory study of historical data, relevant current findings as well as the Holy Scriptures for this exceptional upcoming trip.

Call 214.523.2267 for lunch reservations (\$8) and 214.523.2201 for KidCare reservations no later than September 4.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

In Sympathy for the Families of:

Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.

Frances Rose Raeder McColl 7/25/2008. Survived by son & wife **Arch & Cassandra McColl**; grandchildren **Duncan, Bliss, Sarah & Katy McColl**.

Frank Edward Frey 8/8/2008. Survived by wife Cindy Frey; daughter & husband **Kimberly & George Smith**; grandchild **Peyton Caroline Smith**.

Evelyn Mae Gray 8/10/2008. Survived by granddaughter & husband Krystal & **Chris Neufeld**; great grandson Christian Neufeld.

Sheila Lilian Symes Mabry 8/10/2008. Survived by daughter & husband **Denise & Bill Wallace**; granddaughters & husbands **Sheila & Houston Holmes III, Heather & Kevin Winters**; great grandchildren **Lindsay, Matthew & Holly Winters and Celia & Houston (IV) Holmes**.

Mildred Dawson Hill Sharpe 8/10/2008. Survived by daughter Sally Sharpe; grandson **Thomas Edwin Malin**.

Jane Hazlewood Webber 8/12/2008. Survived by husband **William Fred Webber**; daughter & husband **Elizabeth & Jeffery Cummings**; son & wife **William Scott & Susanna Webber**.

Roderick Winsler 'Rod' Koontz 8/18/2008. Survived by wife Grover Nell Koontz; daughter & husband Carolyn & **David Franklin**.

Celebrating the Birth of:

For births or baptism listings, contact Mary Bishop, bishopm@hpumc.org.

Andrew Denning Kondratiuk was born on May 26, 2008. He is the son of Sarah and Cal Kondratiuk and joins Christian and Nicolas.

William "Trevor" Gene Perkins was born on May 22, 2008. He is the son of Linda and Chad Perkins.

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

August 3, 2008:

Margaret Elizabeth McKenny, daughter of Christine and Bob McKenny

August 10, 2008:

Alexandra "Alex" Leigh Gardsbane, daughter of Christi and Sam Gardsbane, sister of Taylor.

VISIT YOUR METHODIST ROOTS

Ever wonder why Methodists are the way we are? Curious about our beginnings? Want to see the place where it all started?

Then voyage across "the pond" for a nine-day adventure in jolly ol' England with the Reverend Jeff Hall, minister to the Cox Chapel community, and Elizabeth Ethun, associate pastor for the Cornerstone community!

Explore for yourself the history of who we are and what we believe by learning about the people and being in the places that gave rise to Methodism. The itinerary includes visits to Epworth (the boyhood home of Methodism's founders, John and Charles Wesley); Oxford (where the Wesleys went to college and began the Methodist movement); Bristol (the site of Methodism's first preaching house and Charles Wesley's home); and London (the spiritual headquarters of Methodism in 18th-century England). We will even be able to worship in Wesley's Chapel on the anniversary of his conversion! Along the way, we will visit and see the sights in historic cities like Lincoln, York and Bath, as well as take in the glorious English countryside.



At the Epworth Rectory

The trip will be May 16-24, 2009. Space is limited so as to allow maximum flexibility in touring the sites while traveling at a leisurely pace. Both Jeff and Elizabeth know England well, each having lived, studied and worked in the country. We will take you to places off the beaten path and introduce you to friends we have made over the years that will make this a very special and unique trip! For more information, please contact Jeff at 214.523.2298 or hallj@hpumc.org or Elizabeth at 214.523.2299 or ethune@hpumc.org. We hope you can join us!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Disciple Bible Studies: Disciple I,
 Invitation to Genesis, Invitation to Psalms,
 Invitation to the Old Testament,
 Invitation to the New Testament,
 Online Bible Study; Tuesday Knights – John;
 Trinity Bible Class for Women –
 The Authentic Christian; In the beginning...;
 Unroll the Scroll – Torah Study;
 Women’s Bible Fellowship –
 So You Want To Be Like Christ?; Oil Painting;
 Beginning French / Intermediate French;
 Let’s Play Bridge!; Daniel: Lives of Integrity-
 Words of Prophecy (women’s group);
 Book of Ruth – Women for All Seasons;
Orthodox Iconography: Theology in Images;
 The Book of Romans: “Becoming New in Christ”;
 Simple but NOT Easy:
 Finding Balance in Our Family Life;
 Marriage Check-up: for couples married 8-20 years

Grab a brochure in the racks around the church or register at 214.523.2231, 214.523.2296 or www.hpumc.org.

SAVE THE DATE: BRIDGE GROUP IS BACK!

Bridge Group is a resource, education and support group for those who have a family member or friend with brain disease/mental illness. It meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 9, room 120

Speaker: Gregg Medlyn, LPC, MBA, MS Psychology
 Topic: The Church and Mental Health

Medlyn is a staff therapist at the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center. Through a covenant relationship with HPUMC he is available for counseling at HPUMC on Wednesdays. We welcome Medlyn as an extension of Pastoral Care services offered by HPUMC.

Medlyn will be our guest to further describe his role, his relationship to HPUMC, and to discuss the church’s responsibility in integrating spiritual, physical and emotional health. For more information, contact Cheryl Vandiver at 214.523.2209.

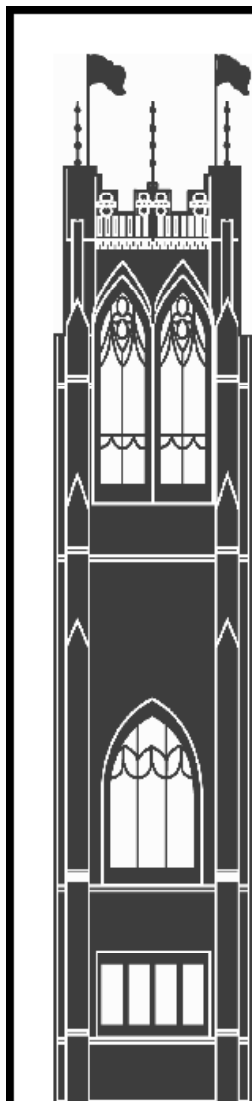


Biggers Sports & Fitness Important Security Announcement

Starting September 1, you must have an annual membership card to gain access to the Biggers Building. We have installed a card access system on the entrance doors in the parking garage. This was done to improve the safety of the building and to allow us to better monitor who is in the building.

To purchase a card, fill out an application at the Biggers building or at www.hpumc.org. We will send you your membership card along with a membership regulation sheet in the mail. Please make sure you have purchased your card before September 1 or you will not have access to the building. To be eligible for a membership you must be a member of HPUMC or a non-church member with one HPUMC member (to be verified by staff) as a sponsor (church members may only sponsor two members per year). Membership prices and requirements are as follows: One-year full membership for those ages 13 and up is \$10 per year; one-year restricted membership for those under 13 years of age is \$5 per year.

Contact Joy Payne, Director of Recreation, with questions at paynej@hpumc.org or 214.523.2295.



TowerArts Conservatory

Private Instruction in Piano, Voice and Organ

Piano

45-minute & 60-minute lessons are available.

Rachel Yarborough, *teacher*
 817-896-5934
rachel2501@gmail.com
www.rachelianesstudio.com

Voice

Voice lessons are available for students in the eighth grade through adults. 30-minute & 60-minute lessons are available.

Terrie Preskitt-Brown, *teacher*
 214-523-2286
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Debra Scroggins, *teacher*
 972-479-8212
Debra@DebraScroggins.com

Caitlin Wells, *teacher*
 214-523-2275
wells@hpumc.org

Organ

Piano proficiency is required for all students wanting to take organ lessons.

Chris Brunt, *teacher*

Bradley Welch, *teacher*

Call for Interview Audition
 214-523-2250

All Lessons are held at

Highland Park United Methodist Church
 3300 Mockingbird Lane Dallas, Texas 75205

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