



SUMMER 2009

Hello Children's Ministry Families:

In response to the economic times, we have decided, for the time being, to e-mail out the Children's Herald instead of mailing it. This is the first edition of that e-mail Children's Herald. Please check it out to see what's going on this summer in Children's Ministry.

Parenting through Hard Times

by Debra Gray

Director of Children's Ministry

Several days ago I was reading an article about "sharing the load with your children" during economic hard times. It was a blog called Midwest Moms. We as parents do our best to shelter our children from change especially when it's not good. But the author of Midwest Moms is saying we should be open with our children about our individual family's situation. I know we have several families in our congregation who are looking for work, cutting back on travel, eating out less, and taking more "staycations." [more...](#)

Crocodile Dock VBS!

Join us at the dock for this year's Vacation Bible School! HPUMC is heading to Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! You'll enjoy a fun-filled week of crafts, snacks, music and more that will keep you coming back to the dock each day. Registration is open at www.hpumc.org/vbs.



June 8-12

9:00am-11:45pm for ages 3 (as of 9/1/08) through completed Kindergarten

9:00am-12:00pm for completed 1st grade through completed 5th grade

Cost is \$20 and includes a music CD, t-shirt, daily craft and snack.

For all those registered for VBS, you are invited to join us at "Fast Pass to VBS." This event is designed for you to skip the lines on Monday morning and pick-up your t-shirt, music CD and get your classroom assignment. You can even visit your room! Fast Pass to VBS is on Monday, June 1st from 4:00pm-6:00pm in Great Hall. See you there!



Family Fun Nights with HPUMC

June 24, July 22 & August 12

Children's Ministry is going to have 3 family fun nights in the summer, designed for you to come and fellowship with other families. We are going to have exciting nights planned for you that you'll want to be a part of! Check www.hpumc.org/summer for more details as we get ready for these nights of fun.



Children's Ministry Summer Camps

Register for all of our summer camps at www.hpumc.org/summer

July 7-9 — Cooking Camp

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for Younger Children

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Elementary

July 13-17 — Elementary Out and About Camp

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (M-F)

July 20-24 — Younger Children Out and About Camp

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (M, W, F)

July 27-31 — Elementary Art & Drama Camp

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

August 3-7 — Younger Children Art & Drama Camp (Full)

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



Bookworms- Summer Book Club for Kids

June 16, 23, 30 & July 7

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Library

We had such a fun time last summer that we're bringing back our summer book club for kids! Each week we will pick an exciting book to read in the library. Following the reading, we will have a craft and snack that will go along with our book for the week. Bookworms is open to ages 3 through 1st grade. For reservations, contact Elizabeth Moffet at 214.523.2286 or moffete@hpumc.org.



The Children's Herald needs a New Name!

To go along with the makeover of our all-new e-Herald, we think the title, "Children's Herald" could use an update. We welcome your suggestions or those from your children for a new "hip" name for our quarterly communication to all of our families. Please e-mail your suggestions to patyraks@hpumc.org. We hope to unveil the new name in our Fall edition.

Amp it up @ MusicCamp '09

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150 per child (includes t-shirt, hot lunch and daily snack)

Ages: completed K - completed 5th grade

Location: HPUMC

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