



Highland Park United Methodist Church

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From Sunday School to Great Day of Service, Vacation Bible School to the Sanctuary, Highland Park United Methodist Church is focused on worship, education and mission. You see much of this commitment every time you walk inside the church. But there is more behind the scenes.

the joy of generosity



October 21 is commitment Sunday at HPUMC. What does that mean? It's a time to reflect on all God has given us... and how we may give back. Senior Minister Mark Craig says, "It allows you to be invested in the life and ministry and future of our church by your willingness to make a financial pledge and make a commitment to the ministries of Highland Park United Methodist Church."

Sharing our resources with HPUMC gives us a chance to impact our community both inside and outside the walls of our church. You can be proud to know that you support such things as worship in this historic building, local and global missions, ministry for children and adults, crisis assistance and higher education. In this and the next few issues of *The Tower* you'll learn more about the various areas you support with your gifts such as:

Building Faith

- Multiple Sunday Worship services
- Adult and Children's Sunday School
- Weekly Bible studies for all ages
- Academy of Christian and Life Enrichment Studies
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth confirmation program



Reaching Out and Serving Others

- Great Day of Service
- Carpenters for Christ/Habitat for Humanity
- Supporting local community ministries
- Volunteer support: Meals On Wheels, Austin Street Shelter
- We Care Ministries
- Gifts of Grace
- Night OWLS: Respite care for families with children with special needs
- Youth missions
- Blood drives
- Global missions: Haiti, Africa, Cuba, Mexico, Russia, Nigeria and more

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



SANCTUARY
8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
REV. MARK CRAIG

OCTOBER 14:
"WHAT'S GETTING IN YOUR WAY?"

OCTOBER 21:
"WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE'RE GOING"

COX CHAPEL
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

REV. JEFF HALL, OCTOBER 14:
"AND THEN THERE WAS ONE"

JAN LANGBEIN, OCTOBER 21:
"THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM"



CORNERSTONE WESLEY HALL,
9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
REV. PAUL RASMUSSEN

OCTOBER 14:
"THE LONG RUN"

OCTOBER 21:
"I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW"



KERYGMA:
A TEACHING SERVICE
GREAT HALL, 11:00 A.M.
REV. WALT MARCUM

ONGOING SERIES:
"APOSTLE PAUL & THE EARLIEST CHRISTIAN LITERATURE"



MONDAY SERVICES

COX CHAPEL
5:30 P.M. HEALING WORSHIP SERVICE

Offered the first Monday of each month.

THURSDAY SERVICES

COX CHAPEL
7:00 P.M. TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

Offered the first Thursday of each month.

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Joy of Generosity (continued from page 1.)

Praising God Through Song and Music

- Chancel Choir
- Youth Choir
- New Song Children's Choirs
- Cornerstone Band
- Cox Chapel Ensemble
- Handbell Choirs
- Porter Memorial Carillon (Bell Tower)

Caring for Mind, Body and Spirit

- Pastoral care support groups
- Spiritual Formation for Moms
- Violence Intervention and Prevention Ministry
- Children's Ministry Parent Education Series
- HPUMC library
- Cornerstone Speakers Initiative Series
- Biggers Sports and Fitness
- Youth Human Sexuality Workshops (grade specific)

	Number of Households	Giving Amounts	
		Annually	Monthly
	17	Over \$50,000	Over \$4,166
	41	\$24,001–50,000	\$2,001–4,166
	73	\$12,001–24,000	\$1,001–2,000
	75	\$9,001–12,000	\$751–1,000
	135	\$6,001–9,000	\$501–750
	158	\$4,801–6,000	\$401–500
	142	\$3,601–4,800	\$301–400
	273	\$2,401–3,600	\$201–300
	475	\$1,201–2,400	\$101–200
	2099	\$1–1,200	\$1–100

This chart shows levels of giving in the church. Please consider moving up a tier, as circumstances allow.

Expanding Fellowship

- Older Adult Ministry
- Be A Daddy
- Singles Ministry
- United Methodist Women
- Neighbor to Neighbor program
- College and Young Adults' ministry
- Men's Bible studies
- Elementary and Youth retreats
- 5th grade, Jr. High and Sr. High mid-week fellowships

More details about the worship, life, ministries and other events of Highland Park United Methodist Church can be found at www.hpumc.org.

Take the time to reflect on what is most important in your life, and to remember from where it comes and give thanks to God in a tangible way. Your support of HPUMC is an investment in your church and your community. Please turn in your Estimate of Giving Card on Sunday, October 21. If you can't be at the church then, you may return it another day in the boxes around the church, by mail, or pledge online at www.hpumc.org.



HPUMC EMMAUS COMMUNITY GETTING ORGANIZED

HPUMC has an Emmaus Community of more than 200 people! The HPUMC Emmaus Community is getting organized and planning several activities for the coming year, including an Emmaus Gathering November 13 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. In addition, we will be assisting those who are not in an Emmaus Reunion Group to join one (a group that will fit their time and location needs).

Paul and Marvelle Ditto and John and Camilla Mitchell chair the team that is spearheading these efforts, with the able help of Ken Korges, Jack and Kathy Cleaveland, Mary Bishop, Evan Roman, Elizabeth Cross and Kathy Oberthier (and they are looking for more interested souls, if you would like to get involved). The first task at hand is to try and get our database current, as to who has been on the Walk to Emmaus and what Reunion Groups are functioning at HPUMC. So, please email or call any one of the people listed below if you have been on the Walk and if you have a reunion group (and if so, where and when your reunion meets and could you accept new members). Please contact any of the following individuals, so that we may verify your address, telephone numbers and e-mail address as well. This will help us to help you!

- Ken Korges - kkorges@sbcglobal.net (214.522.4040)
- Mary Bishop - bishopm@hpumc.org (214.523.2202)
- John Mitchell - jmitchell@c3site.com (214.324.8821)
- Paul Ditto - paulditto@tx.rr.com (972.202.1982)
- Marvelle Ditto - marvelleditto@tx.rr.com (972.202.1982)

If you would like to get involved in planning Emmaus activities at HPUMC, let us know and keep your eye out for more on the November 13 Gathering and other activities.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

State Fair Express

October 18:

Depart the church 9:30 a.m.

Early return for those who are tuckered out 12:30 p.m.

Late risers departure from the church 1:00 p.m.

All aboard final return trip to the church 4:30 p.m.

October 18 is the final free Thursday for seniors. Call Richard Stanford at 214.523.2249 to make reservations. No cost, but watch out for any medical costs associated with eating the newest fried concoctions offered at the Fair this year!

House of Blues Gospel Brunch

Sunday, October 28 at noon:

Jump on the bus and join us for an inspiring gospel performance and an amazing buffet to feed the body and the soul. All of the dishes are expertly prepared by the House of Blues executive chefs to make your taste buds sing! The gospel music is outstanding. Praise the Lord and pass the biscuits (\$36). Reservations to Richard Stanford 214.523.2249 by October 25.



Celebrating the Birth of:

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

Oliver Vaughn Irizarry was born on May 7, 2007. He is the son of Kimberly and Eddie Irizarry and joins Mateo and Nyla.

Mia Blakelee McIntosh was born on June 27, 2007. She is the daughter of Kristi and Kevin McIntosh and joins Thomas.

Benjamin Daniel Barr was born on July 5, 2007. He is the son of Sarah and Stephen Barr. His grandmother is Elizabeth Dry.

William Rhett Roberts was born on July 9, 2007. He is the son of Jen and Scott Roberts and joins Holt.

Lauren Anne Parks was born on July 16, 2007. She is the daughter of Alison and Rob Parks.

Campbell Lyn Carson was born on July 17, 2007. She is the daughter of Heather and Chris Carson and joins Taylor and Wyatt.

Clara Lynne Tolleson was born on August 21, 2007. She is the daughter of Kacy and Carter Tolleson. Her grandparents are Debbie and John Tolleson and her aunt is Amy Tolleson.

Claire Sturgis McCulloch was born on August 24, 2007. She is the daughter of Pleasant and Todd McCulloch. Her grandparents are Charleen and Robert McCulloch. Her grand aunt and uncle are Kathy and Lyle Walker.

In Sympathy for the Families of:

Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.

James Coman Luna 9/8/2007. Survived by daughter and husband **Pam and Bruce Thompson**; grandchildren **Alyson, Rob and Barrett Barger**.

Jane Christman Albritton 9/22/2007. Survived by son and wife **Claude C.** and Susan **Albritton III**; daughter and husband Elizabeth and Larry Scott; daughter and partner Jane D. Albritton and Katherine Browne; grandson **Alexander Albritton**.

Bernice Gullede 9/25/2007. Survived by sons and wives **Allen and Mary Gullede**; Gary and Patricia Gullede; Larry and Irene Gullede; sister and husband Betty and John Wilkinson.

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

September 24, 2007:

Ann Hinckley Anderson, daughter of Nancy and John Anderson, sister of Bryce and Zachary.

Justin Rader Betaque, son of Monica and Palmer Betaque.

Joel Thomas Hetzel, son of Hilary and John Hetzel.

Molly Ryan Hickey, daughter of Ashley and Kyle Hickey.

Madison Grace Jamison, daughter of Denise and Justin Jamison.

Porter "Dutch" Collins Nikirk, son of Jill and Nathan Nikirk.

Reese Morgan and Ellie Madison, twin daughters of Nicole and Stephen Preston.

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Informational Binders Available from Pastoral Care

The pastoral care department has prepared a binder containing helpful information for adults of all ages. It walks you through the gathering of key documents and information to assist your loved ones at the time of your death. It allows you to specify your wishes in detail and offers guidelines to those who will be executing your directives.

These binders are free to HPUMC members and \$10 to non-members. You may request them by contacting pastoral care at 214.523.2241 or pastoralcare1@hpumc.org. You will receive confirmation when your binder is available.

An Evening with Robert Reich

Supercapitalism: The Transformation of Business, Democracy, and Everyday Life



Supercapitalism
The Transformation of Business,
Democracy, and Everyday Life
ROBERT B. REICH

Cornerstone Speakers Initiative is proud to host Robert Reich, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. His new book, *Supercapitalism: The Transformation of Business, Democracy, and Everyday Life*, is a compelling and important analysis of the triumph of capitalism and the decline of democracy. Former labor secretary Reich urges us to rebalance the roles of business and government. Power, he writes, has shifted away from us in our capacities as citizens and toward us as consumers and investors. While praising the spread of global capitalism, he laments that supercapitalism has brought with it alienation from politics and community. The solution: to separate capitalism from democracy, and guard the border between them.

Reich, one of the nation's leading thinkers about work and the economy, is professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley. Previously he was University Professor at Brandeis University, and Professor of Social and Economic Policy at Brandeis' Heller Graduate School.

Admission is free and no reservations are necessary. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and seating is first come, first serve. There will be opportunities for book purchase and a book signing. KidCare reservations are required, and must be confirmed at 214.523.2201 no later than three business days prior to the event. For more information, visit www.cornerstoneworship.org or call the Cornerstone Speaker's Initiative hotline at 214.523.2270.

Don't forget!

Kerygma is exploring the Apostle Paul and the Earliest Christian Writings



Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

THIRD WORD WEEKEND 2007

Saturday, September 16, 120 third graders and parents set off for Sky Ranch Retreat Center. This retreat was all about fun and fellowship. The kids and their parents got to participate in lots of water activities including water slides and The Blob. They shared meals together and ended the day with a special devotional by one of the parents.

Sunday, the third graders each received a Bible from Rev. Mark Craig. This is a special weekend for these third graders and each one of them will remember this for some time to come. Our third graders are:

Abigail Anderson	Katherine Cornell	Tatum Gillespie	Blaire Kaufman	Cully Minnis	Heath Pyle	Elizabeth Tedford
Leah Archer	Ethan Cox	Kate Gioldasis	Will Kennard	Adam Mitchell	Ty Qualls	Cameron Teller
Brooke Balthrope	John Crawford	Hollins Glanzer	Clay Kennedy	Olivia Mitchell	Parker Quinn	Edie Terrell
Erin Beasley	Claire Crow	Elizabeth Goodwin	Jack Kozmetsky	Megan Molthan	Chase Ray	William Thornhill
Emma Beasley	Rob Crow	Barrett Graham	Ellea Lamb	Kate Monger	Riley Roberts	Will Traweck
Blake Beckman	Noah Culpepper	Grace Graham	Charlie Lange	Kendall Moore	Anna Robertson	Kristen Turner
Amanda Blettner	Avery Davis	Victoria Gregory	Tait Langston	Nicholas Moore	Megan Rodgers	Jack Turner
Aiden Blinn	Hank Davis	Christa Hamby	Blaine Leggett	Nicholas Morvay	Luke Rogers	Sophia Twining
Bryce Blinn	Griffin DeDiego	Sara-Kathryn Hatcher	Colton Lightfoot	Caroline Mulligan	Caroline Rogers	P.J. Van den Branden
Kiersten Blinn	Nate Dix	Cole Hausman	Mengen Lu	Lauren Mulloy	Kristen Romano	Madeleine Via
Dunny Bock	Jack Doherty	Mark Hitzelberger	Molly Mahowald	Landry Myers	Steele Rouble	Colin Viveros
Kyle Booth	Mary Grace Doviak	Max Holden	Bobby Mahurin	Brandon Navarro	Alexandra Ruley	Grace Voorheis
Reid Boulogne	Carson Dugger	John Hoover	Jake Manley	Annie Nelson	Lily Schiff	Alden Vose
Mary Claire Bracken	Harrison Dugger	Gary Horton	Cooper Marchetto	Peyton Nunally	Sydney Schmidt	Samantha Walker
Ford Brasher	Tessa Eckeberger	Gus Howard	Pamela Mason	Chloe Obert	Jackson Scoggins	Paige Walters
Jack Brewer	Grace Evans	Jackson Hubbard	Molly Massey	Allan O'Neil	Olivia Scott	Mimi Wellborn
Rebecca Brimmage	Will Fain	Nicholas Hunter	Will McPherson	Cameron Ordinario	Mary Scruggs	Sophia Westphal
Emma Bruner	Jack Fain	Madison Hutts	Melanie McVicker	Luke Osborn	Grayson Serio	Andrew White
Catherine Bryant	Jaxson Fearing	Tommy Hyatt	Richard Means	Luke Ostrander	Olivia Sherrington	Will Whitlock
Barr Bullard	Davis Field	Elizabeth Ibbotson	Matthew Meletio	Cameron Payne	Christine Sorrels	Kyle Williams-
Sam Carrell	Katie Files	Mateo Irizarry	Avery Mercurio	Kenyon Phillips	Cole Stevens	Konarski
Cash Carter	Shea Fitzgerald	Kristen Johnson	Elanna Merlino	Chambliss Pierson	Connor Stone	Sean Wolfe
Donny Carty	Katie Beth Flatt	Lauren Johnson	Abigail Michael	Emery Porter	Preston Strother	Connor Yarbrough
Jack Chapman	Morgan Flood	Wyatt Johnson	Chris Miller	Alexia Poscente	Samantha Sullivan	
Charlotte Clark	Caroline Gates	Joe Johnston	Nina Miller	Abby Pulaski	Lexi Surko	



OCTOBER 21 TOWERARTS CONCERT FEATURES DR. WELCH

Sunday, October 21, the TowerArts Series will feature HPUMC's own Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch performing an organ concert in the Sanctuary. As First Place and Audience Prize winner of the 2003 Dallas International Organ Competition, Dr. Welch plays approximately 20 concerts annually around the U.S. and abroad in addition to his responsibilities here at HPUMC. This exhilarating TowerArts program will include Leo Sowerby's *Pageant* (a virtuosic showpiece for the organist's feet) as well as thrilling works by Dupré, Bach and Schumann.

Preceding the recital, Dr. Welch will present a 30-minute informative session, PipeTalk, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary explaining how the pipe organ works as well as giving some exciting details regarding HPUMC's forthcoming Dobson pipe organ. We will then adjourn to Jonsson Garden at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy cheese and crackers as we hear HPUMC carilloneurs Gretchen Ryan and John Acker perform a 30-minute carillon concert.. The organ concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Questions: www.hpumc.org or 214.523.2250.

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