

# Highland Park United Methodist Church

Student Ministries

**2010-2011 Information Packet**

## **Welcome to MAP!**

Ministry as a Profession, or MAP, is a program designed to provide avenues for students who have expressed an interest to explore vocational ministry, ordained and lay ministry, as a career option. We want to be intentional in seeking out young people who have gifts for leadership in the church and for professional ministry.

In MAP, we believe that it is our mission to notice, name and nurture young leaders who have gifts for ministry. We are committed to excellence in offering students a realistic view of ministry, developing leadership through experiential learning, and providing an authentic Christian community where students with similar goals are whole-heartedly seeking to discern God's direction for their lives. We are so excited to welcome you to the journey of exploring! It is our prayer that this program will provide you with powerful tools, connections and insights as you seek God and continue on your journey with God. We are very excited to partner with you and your family for this portion of your journey. You are the future of the church. We are excited to prepare the next generation to reach, teach and unleash for Jesus Christ.

We commit to you that we will seek the leading and empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we provide you with opportunities to explore the things God is stirring in you, as we come beside you on your journey toward becoming a deeply committed Christian, and offer you training and mentorship that will help you explore and develop your faith and leadership.

We look forward to getting to know you and going on this important journey with you!

In Christ,  
The Student Ministries Staff

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# Ministry as a Profession (MAP)

## Overview of Program Components

**MAP activities** are bi-monthly, scheduled meeting times for MAP students to gather and grow together. MAP activity Gatherings and Experiential MAP activities are two distinct types of MAP activities. MAP Gatherings are held once a month at a regular time and place and allow students to explore broad, relevant topics as well as information on specific ministry areas. The gatherings include fellowship, “bring your own” brown bag lunch, teaching, small group accountability, discussion and hands-on activities focusing on spiritual formation. Each month, experiential MAP activities are also offered. These activities vary in their meeting times and places and include immersion experiences, service projects, retreats, conferences and team building fellowship events. Both types of MAP activities are important parts of the overall MAP journey. MAP activities are also a great opportunity for students to interact and form relationships with pastors, ministry leaders, and others involved in vocational ministry, as well as students in college and seminary who are pursuing a call to ministry. Parents/Guardians and mentors are always welcome to attend.

**One-on-One Mentorship** is a pairing of a student and a veteran in vocational ministry that provides an opportunity for students to receive individual guidance as they explore their calling. Mentors will work with students to explore areas of interest, work through various assignments, guide spiritual development, and help provide access to resources for ministry exploration and academic plans. Parental/Guardian permission is required for participation in this part of the program.

**Job Shadowing** is an important opportunity for students to get an inside look at a variety of ministry positions by spending time working beside someone currently in vocational ministry. Students are encouraged to shadow their own mentor once a year and request job shadowing in other areas of interest. In addition, a group job shadow opportunity, *student ministry staff day*, is offered twice each summer in order to give students a chance to spend a day with the student ministries team, get to know staff members, attend meetings, ask questions and tour ministry areas of the church.

**Creative and Technology Arts** is an opportunity to learn to illuminate the gospel through maximum creative support. You will learn to bring concepts to life through staging, video, design, illustrations, marketing, lighting and sound. Bring a concept to life through creativity and technology.

**Hospital Visit Ministry** is a ministry provided in cooperation with our pastoral care department designed to allow MAP students to accompany a pastor on a hospital or nursing home visit. This is a new opportunity that will be offered to MAP students beginning in the spring semester. Sign-ups will take place at MAP activities and can also be requested via e-mail or Facebook.

**Mission Trips and Local Mission Work** are projects and trips that reach into our community, our nation, and our world in order to make a difference in the lives of others in the name of Christ. Because these experiences are important and formational for students considering vocational ministry, participation in them is encouraged for every student in MAP. Students may participate in mission work in various ways including church-wide opportunities, student ministry mission trips, missions offered by other organizations and specific projects offered exclusively to MAP students.

**Serving in a Ministry** is an opportunity for students to serve inside and/or outside the ministry of the Highland Park United Methodist Church in order to grow in their knowledge and skills for ministry. This type of service is a vital part of discerning a call to ministry. Students are encouraged to serve and lead in a ministry setting on a regular basis. We provide current, updated info about opportunities to serve and lead in ministry.

**Visit our website at [hpumcyouth.org](http://hpumcyouth.org) or join the MAP Facebook Group to obtain the most up to date information on all events & activities.**

## Schedule of MAP Activities

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### MAP Monthly Gatherings (Room 385, 12:30 – 2 p.m.)

- 10.17.10**      **Understanding Ordained Ministry- Rev. Paul Rasmussen**
- 11.21.10**      **Exploring Ministry: Missions**
- 12.12.10**      **Exploring Ministry: Technology Arts**
- 1.16.11**        **Understanding Your Gifts**
- 2.20.11**        **Sharing Your Faith**
- 3.27.11**        **Exploring Ministry: Christian Counseling**
- 4.16.11**        **Thinking Theologically Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, Perkins(Part of Retreat)**

### Experiential MAP Activities

- 10.30.10**      **MAP Service Project**              **9 a.m. – noon**
- 12.19.10**      **MAP Christmas Party**              **5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
- 2.13.11**        **MAP Service Project**              **9 a.m. – noon**
- 4.16.11**        **Retreat**                                  **10 a.m. -6:00 p.m.**
- 5.15.11**        **MAP Track Swim Party**              **TBD**

# MAP Activity Info

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## **Basic Outline of MAP Gatherings**

1230-100pm Gathering, Fellowship, Accountability, Brown Bag Lunch (bring yours)  
100-130pm Speakers and Ministry Exploration  
130-2pm Table breakouts, Journaling and Experiential Elements for Spiritual Formation

## **Description of MAP Activity Gathering Topics**

**Understanding Ordained Ministry** will go beyond the question, “should I be a senior pastor?” This lesson from Mark or Paul will give students a chance to explore what it means to be ordained in the United Methodist Church, what it means to be an Elder or Deacon, and the wide variety of options open to those who choose to pursue ordained ministry.

**Exploring Ministry: Missions** will give students a chance to hear the stories of others who have pursued God’s call into ministry in the area of missions. Students will hear their stories of discerning God’s call, hear what they love about their vocation, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Understanding Your Gifts** will allow students to explore their own gifts and how those gifts might be used in ministry. This lesson will include working through exercises designed specifically to help students uncover their unique gifts and also to understand how their own gifts can be used by God in different aspects of vocational ministry.

**Exploring Ministry: Technology Arts** will give students a chance to hear the stories of others who have pursued God’s call into ministry in the area of technology arts. Students will hear their stories of discerning God’s call, hear what they love about their vocation, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Sharing Your Faith** will allow students to explore the basics of the Gospel message and better understand how their stories and the Good News are intertwined. This lesson will also help students understand ways they can naturally share their own faith with others and come to an understanding that a career in ministry will require their interaction with differing viewpoints.

**Exploring Ministry: Youth Ministry and Christian Counseling** will give students a chance to hear the stories of others who have pursued God’s call into ministry in the areas of youth ministry and Christian Counseling. Students will hear their stories of discerning God’s call, hear what they love about their vocation, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Thinking Theologically** will help students understand theology, introduce students to theological issues and teach the basics of theological thought. It will help students understand the importance of thinking theologically in every leadership role they fill in ministry.

### **MAP Activity Exploring Ministry Sessions: Description of Ministry Areas**

These sessions will provide students the opportunity to explore different areas of ministry by hearing the stories of veterans in ministry. Each year new guests and areas will be added, to provide the students a chance to hear a wide variety of stories of calling and an opportunity to hear details of what it is like to work in different ministry areas.

**Pastor-** Senior Pastors and Associate Pastors are among the ordained clergy that the students will have the opportunity to interact with during these sessions over the course of their involvement in MAP.

**Pastoral Care-**church staff who focus on providing love and support to members of our congregation especially during times such as illness, death of a loved one, or other difficult times will be sharing their experience with students.

**Youth Ministry-** relational youth ministers and others involved in various aspects of student ministry will be interacting with students during the sessions focusing on student ministry.

**Children's Ministry-** relational children's ministers and others involved in various aspects of children's ministry will be interacting with students during the sessions focusing on children's ministry.

**Missions-** international missionaries, medical missionaries, leaders working in the mission dept of a church, leaders with active roles in local mission projects, and leaders who have served as short term missionaries will interact with students and share their stories and experiences during these sessions.

**Christian Counseling-** care pastors and professional Christian counselors will share what it means to minister to people in crisis and transition. The skills talked about in this focus session will be useful for any student considering ministry as a career in addition to being important for those considering a career in psychology or a related field.

**Technology Arts-** students will hear from those who have committed to using their gifts of creativity and technical ability to serve in a ministry setting as their career path. This area includes lighting, audio-visual, creative video, graphic design, and web design.

**Worship Arts-** worship leaders, contemporary music directors, traditional music directors, choir directors, children's and youth music ministers, drama leaders, dance ministry leaders and others in related ministries will be among the guests the students have a chance to hear from in the worship arts focus sessions.

**Church Administration-** "behind the scene" ministers and administrators will share stories and experiences about the vocations they have chosen during this focus session. Vocations in administration include executive leadership, finance and stewardship, staffing and human resources, administrative assistants, information technologies, facilities and campus operations

Ministry as a Profession (MAP)  
Registration & Parental/Guardian  
Permission Form 2009-10

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:**

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**Parents**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Home Phone:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Cell(s):1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian -Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Text? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**Student's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ **Facebook? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies, Medical Conditions, or other important information we need to know about your student:**

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**Permission to Participate in MAP & Mentor Program**

I hereby grant permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in Ministry as a Profession (MAP) , including the one-on-one mentorship program. I understand that I will be required to meet with my student and his or her mentor at the initial meeting. I understand that my student will be meeting with his or her mentor one-on-one on a monthly basis or more.

**Signed:**

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **MAP 2010-11**

### **Getting to Know You**

Please fill out the following info as honestly and completely as possible. We will use it to get to know you, to match you with a mentor, and to provide the mentor some info about you before you meet. If you need more room, complete your answers on the back of this page. If you are a returning student, this will serve as an update for us and your mentor.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tell us a little about how your faith in Christ has grown and developed?

2. When and how did you decide to explore ministry as a career?

3. What do you like to do in your free time?

4. If you could have one super power which would you choose and why?

5. What else do you want us to know about you?

6. What is one random fact that would help us to know you better?

7. Is there anything we need to know about your personality and preferences as we prayerfully consider who your mentor will be?

8. If you know any of your gifts, talents, or topics you are passionate about, list those:

9. Which area(s) are you interested in exploring as a call to ministry as a career?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor     | <input type="checkbox"/> youth ministry          | <input type="checkbox"/> missions           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> music      | <input type="checkbox"/> information technology  | <input type="checkbox"/> caring for people  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> media      | <input type="checkbox"/> children's ministry     | <input type="checkbox"/> administration     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drama      | <input type="checkbox"/> social justice related  | <input type="checkbox"/> counseling         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chaplain   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation (sports)     | <input type="checkbox"/> worship leader     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lighting   | <input type="checkbox"/> audiovisual             | <input type="checkbox"/> graphic design     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> special needs ministry  | <input type="checkbox"/> creative video     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finance    | <input type="checkbox"/> staff & human relations | <input type="checkbox"/> adult discipleship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> unknown    | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____             |   |

If you have more specific ideas of what ministry God is leading you to, explain below (for example...if you chose music, you might know you want to be a worship leader or a choir director):