

NOTE FROM THE DCE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2009-10 year at MPC. The folks on the Educational Ministry Council and I hope that you have had a wonderful summer...and that you are ready to start the new year serving the Lord with all your heart, mind, and soul.

Please welcome our new teachers in HSS: AK Triebel, Sharon Smith, and Ida Rosenau.

Whether you plan on joining Youth Club on Wednesdays, and/or participating in Youth Group on Sunday evenings, we hope that on Sunday mornings, you will come out for education, worship and music. Spending time together in God's Word always yields blessings.

Remember the new schedule:

9:30 HSS / Education for All

10:30 Worship

*11:30 Teen Choir in the Chapel
(with Marilyn Shenenberger)*

You may have noticed on the calendar three dates where HSS will visit other churches. In order to be gracious guests, I will lead your class the week before you "travel," to offer tips on what to expect in worship with these different denominations.

Peace in Christ, Katy

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2009-2010 HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR

Sunday morning education class
for
9th-12th graders

9:30 am – 10:20 am
Room 222

MPC members
and visitors welcome



GATHERING TIME



Being a high school student comes with a lot of responsibility—papers, exams, sports, band, and a host of activities, to say nothing of family obligations. Give yourself the gift of spending time with God and God’s family: come to church on Sunday morning!

Gathering Time offers the perfect opportunity for MPC’s 6th to 12th graders to lift up personal joys and concerns in prayer and catch up on the latest announcements. Elder Elizabeth Dugan has volunteered to lead Gathering Time again, but be sure to arrive on time! In fact, come five or ten minutes early so that you can catch up with friends. Gathering Time will be five minutes this year. Then Quest and Confirmation students break off to their classrooms; HSS stays in 220.

CURRICULUM

Sep 13 – Oct 25

CRASH: Prayers from the Collision of Heaven and Earth.

This is not your ordinary lesson. CRASH will have you on your feet, thinking, sharing, and connecting with how God is working in your life.

Nov 1

Festival of Faith

HSS attends class in the chapel with the adult classes to hear a about Presbyterian founding father John Calvin – it’s his 500th birthday.

Nov 8, Jan 10, Feb 14, Apr 25, May 9

LINC: Learning IN Christ

We say we’re Christian, but what does that look like in the way we spend our time, our money, our friendships, our choices? You won’t want to miss these classes that apply to real life.

Nov 29 – Dec 20

Christian Practices

A 4th grade understanding of God is OK for a 4th grader, but God is much greater. Build your faith with spiritual practices through the season of Advent. Prayer Art and a Treasure Hunt are scheduled.

Feb 21 – Mar 28

Devotions by Dead People

During the season of Lent, we’ll meet the people Jesus met on his journey to the cross. Here lies John the Baptist, Lazarus, Pharisees, Mary, Judas.

And More...

CALENDAR DATES

Mark these dates on your calendar—High School Seminar participants are invited to share their time, talent, and treasure in these education, worship, and life-in-the-church activities:

- Sep 13** Kick-off Sunday
- Oct 3** Hike Against Hunger
- Oct 25** Congregational Meeting
- Nov 1** Festival of Faith
- Nov 6** SRHI Lock-In
- Nov 22** Visit Lutheran Church
- Jan 3** Youth Sunday Prep
- Jan 24** Visit Methodist Church
- Jan 31** **Youth Sunday Rehearsal**
- Feb 7** **Youth Sunday**
Souperbowl Collection
- Feb 16** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb 17** Ash Wednesday Worship
- Mar 21** Annual Meeting of the Congregation
- Apr 1** Maundy Thursday Worship
- Apr 18** Visit Baptist Church
- May 16** 9th graders who were confirmed in 2009 host Confirmation Dinner for the Class of 2010
- Jun 20** VBS Volunteer Orientation
Please watch the newsletter, bulletin, posters, and fliers for details.
HSS meets every week from September 13 through May 23 except December 27 and April 4 when our teachers have their Christmas and Easter break.