

Dear Youth and Youth Families!

Welcome to another year of youth activities and programs at HPC! In this envelope, you'll find an emergency medical form for the 2018-2019 school year (please fill out and return at your convenience!) and you'll find a schedule for the 2018-2019 school year! Right now, this schedule is accurate, but please continue to check your e-mails and newsletters for any updates!

Speaking of e-mails and newsletters, please make sure you are receiving all **youth communication** that you wish to receive from youth group! Highland Pres has certain avenues for communications set aside just for YOU, youth and youth parents! You should receive a monthly newsletter and an e-mail every week during the program year. Please let me or Ann know if you are not receiving this communication! **Also** – NEW – we have a Highland Youth Facebook page. This is a closed group that will allow us to share information about our program with our members and friends. Please log onto Facebook and request to be a part of that page! Finally, we have our usual texting service. Here's how to sign up for that:

Middle School Youth (6th & 7th grade): text @hpcyouth67 to 81010
Middle School Youth Parents: text @msythpar to 81010
Junior High Youth (8th & 9th grade): text @hpcyth89 to 81010
Junior High Youth Parents: text @hpc89par to 81010
Senior High youth (10th-12th grade): text @hpcsrhigh to 81010
Senior High Youth parents: text @hpcparent to 81010

Youth Sunday School – This year, youth will have two Sunday School Classes at 9:30 on Sunday mornings! Middle Schoolers (6th & 7th graders) will be taught by Kevin Burns and Heather Harrell and this year's class will be a New Testament Survey! Youth who are older than 7th grade are also welcome to attend! High School Sunday School Class (8th-12th graders) will be taught by Beth Troy (and occasionally Doodle). We will have topics that change from week to week! Feel free to suggest ideas for study to Beth or Doodle! The Kick-off Rally for these classes will be August 19th at 9:30.

Confirmation Class – This year will begin with a confirmation retreat July 23rd and 24th! Please let Doodle know if you are interested in attending. This is the class that prepares 8th graders to be members of the church!

Sunday Night Youth Group – When we are having our regular schedule, this will be our Sunday Night Schedule:

<u>6th & 7th graders:</u>	<u>8th & 9th graders:</u>	<u>10th-12th graders</u>
5:00 – Alpha Youth Music	5:00 – Youth Group	5:00 – Youth Group
6:00 – Dinner	6:00 – Dinner	6:00 - Dinner
6:30 – Youth Group	6:30 – Omega Youth Music	6:30 – Omega Youth Music
7:30 – Pick up	7:30 – Pick up	7:30 – Pick up

Please note the following about Sunday evenings:

1. Parents, please bring \$80 per youth (maximum \$160 per family) for youth meals for this year to our parent meeting on August 19th (more information about the meeting to come).
2. Youth who are not participating in the activity for their age (choir or youth group) **MAY NOT** just “hang out” at the church. Parents should arrange to drop off youth at the beginning of their activities and pick up at the end.

August 19th - Please note this schedule for our first youth gathering:
5:00 –All Youth have Music with Michael in the Choir Room &
Youth Parent Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 – Dinner for all youth and youth parents
6:30 – Worship for youth and youth families in the Sanctuary.
(and what better way to begin the year than in worship?)

Please note that information about 2019 Summer Trips AND other trips this year will be given out at this parent meeting.

Parent Helpers - Parents, as always, we need your help to make our youth program successful! We already have four terrific youth advisors ready to come back next year to meet with your youth every week (Kevin Burns, Jim Crowley, John Kim, and Kelli Klingenfus!) Now, we need lots of “behind the scenes” parents to cover other jobs. PLEASE e-mail Doodle and let her know which of the following you’d like to help with:

1. The Youth Silent Auction (our biggest fundraiser). Silent Auction will be on November 11th. We’ll need about 7 parents to help with this! (Megan Ward will help with these activities)
2. Other Youth fundraising activities (like the parking lot Sale or Easter Egg Baskets). We’ll need about 4 parents to help with these (Joan Wagner will coordinate these activities).
3. Youth Dinner servers. Each week, we’ll have pizza delivered for youth dinners, but we’ll need parents who will count youth, order pizza, and then set out drinks and dessert. This commitment will be about once per month. We need about 5 parents for this.
4. Additional Parent Chaperones for overnight trips. We need about 10 parents to help with this so that most do not have to chaperone more than once. In order to do this, parents will have to have an updated background check on file with the church.
5. Parents who are willing to help Ann Holmes with the occasional mailing or filing job as it relates to youth (like maybe once a month). We need 3 parents for this and availability during weekday mornings would be most helpful.

Thank you so much in advance for your willingness to help and participate.

Youth Fundraising – Just as reminder, youth who wish to receive financial assistance with summer 2019 trips should also plan to participate in at least 3 fundraising events during the 2018-2019 school year. These will be advertised throughout the school year, but one that has already started is youth assistance with Bible Buddies during 11:00 worship services on Sunday mornings! If your youth are available to be a Bible Buddies assistant in August or September, please e-mail or text Doodle those dates that they are available.

In this packet, you’ll also find information about singing up for youth activities at the beginning of the year.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to a great year!

Doodle