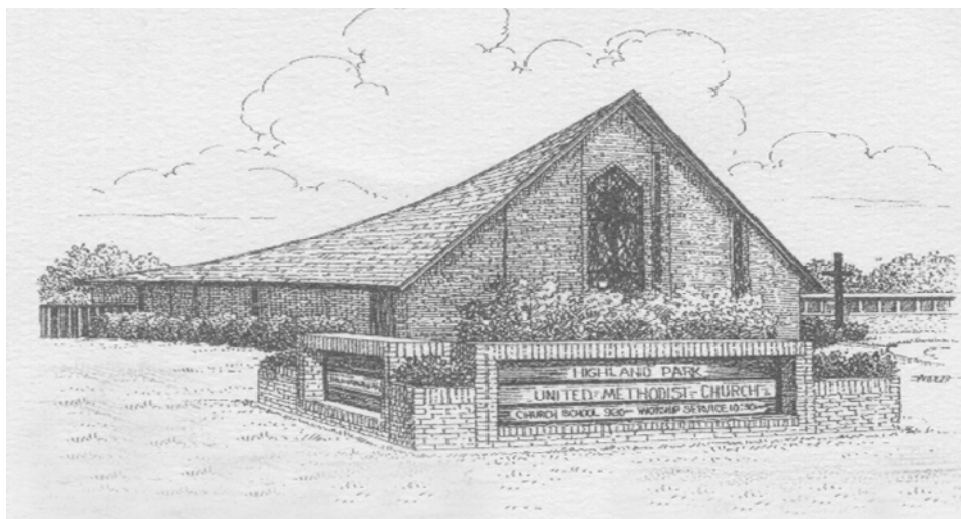


Highland Park United Methodist Church



THE COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP Reformation Sunday October 27, 2013

PRESERVICE MUSICOrganist
In the Lord Alone — Walt Harrah
Behold, What Manner of Love — Patricia Van Tine
Come and Sing Praises — Greg Massanari

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND FELLOWSHIP

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE
 (Please register your attendance on the pad located at the end of the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDEOrganist
I Will Sing of the Mercies — James H. Fillmore

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

A TIME FOR ADORATION

CHORAL INTROIT *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great Promise Maker and Promise Keeper:
 You showed Moses a vision of a land of Milk and Honey,
**You who used Joshua to lead the Children of Israel from
 Wilderness to Nation-building,**
 You who still call and send us to bring forth the Kingdom;
 Pour out your Spirit on what is said this day.
**May the sound of Christ's call stick to us like honey,
 May the milk of Christ's nurturing voice comfort us past our
 fears.**

Pour out your Spirit on us who here this day.
**May your burning and reforming fire urge us into action instead
 of reaction.**
 Pour out your Spirit on your church this day that the world may reach
 for the reality of what shall be instead of living in the broken shadow
 of what is through the enlightening Creator, the shining Savior, and
 burning Spirit.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 110
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CHILDREN'S SERMON
 (Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children return to their seats)

CHORAL ANTHEM *Halle, Halle, Halle* arr. Marty Haugen
 Given in Memory of Coleen Friesen, sister of Jerry Davis

A TIME FOR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God, that we may
 celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers and the
 courage that gave birth to the Reformation. Teach us how to honor
 the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days. May
 the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that
 forms our own faith. Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the
 church and be present to us your in word and sacrament. In
 Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A TIME FOR PRAYER

A PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
 kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
 into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

THREE-FOLD CHORAL AMEN

A TIME FOR PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATIONUMH 577
God Of Grace and God Of Glory

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE — I Peter 2:1-10
 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON*Reforming or Revolting?*

A TIME FOR GIVING OF OURSELVES

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORYOrganist
Another Time, Another Place — Gary Driskell

*DOXOLOGYUMH 94
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the faithful, we give thanks for Your abundant
 blessings. Thank You for our fathers and mothers in the
 faith who, sometimes with significant risk, stood up for their
 beliefs. Bless these gifts so that through them you may
 continue the work of your church. Give us the courage to
 speak out and speak up, that we might share Your
 merciful love and grow in grace. In Your holy name, we
 pray. Amen.**

A TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you wish to become a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church, please
 use this opportunity to move to the front of the sanctuary and speak with the minister.
 Persons are received into membership through a profession of faith and baptism, transfer
 of membership from another United Methodist church or vows from another
 denomination.

*HYMN OF DEDICATIONUMH 558
We Are The Church

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*GREET ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN PEACE

A TIME FOR BEING SENT FORTH

*SENDING FORTH

The church is not the building, it is the people.
And we the people have been called to share the gospel.
 We give thanks for people like Martin Luther who call us to be
 faithful.
**And thankful for ones like John Wesley that remind us of the
 wonder of God's grace.**
 Go forth this morning as those who continue to call the church to
 be true to its calling.
**We go as God's people, out into the world to be in ministry in
 the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTIONUMH 666
Shalom to You

We invite you to be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE Organist
When We All Get To Heaven - UMH 701

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Call to Worship: www.gbod.org, Rev. Nathan Decker.

Prayer of Confession: the Rev. Dr. Letty Russell and posted on the Presbyterian Promise website

Prayer of Dedication: adapted from First United Methodist Church of McCamey, Texas.

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests. We are glad you came. Please sign the register in the pew to let us know you attended. We look forward to having you worship with us again soon.

This Week at Highland Park

TODAY — October 27

- Blanket Sunday II
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

TUESDAY — October 29

- Newsletter Folding
6:00 p.m. Love Feast
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY — October 30

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY — October 31

- Halloween
- Reformation Day
7:00 a.m. Grape Jelly Gang
12:00 p.m. Stillwater Noon Lions Club
6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat



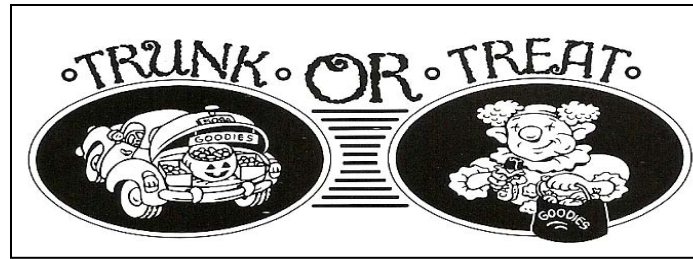
SATURDAY — November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Local UMW Officer Training

NEXT SUNDAY — November 3

- All Saints Day Worship Service
- Communion Sunday
2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ends
8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Next **Sunday, November 3** is the end of Daylight savings time. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour or you will be early to church next Sunday!



Wed.
Oct. 31
6-8 p.m.

On **Halloween evening**, we will host a neighborhood Halloween party in our parking lots. **YOU** are invited to serve as hosts. To be a host, **bring traditional Halloween treats** to the church in the trunk of your car, back of your SUV, or bed of your truck. We will park our vehicles in the parking lots and 'open up for business.' We are inviting children from the congregation and from the neighborhood to go from car to car to "trick or treat," all done in the safety of our lighted parking lots. Hosts are invited to be in costume, but costumes are not required. We will be at our posts in the parking lots from **6:00 until 8:00 p.m.** on the evening of HALLOWEEN.

"Trunk or Treat" will provide us an opportunity to reach out to our Highland Park area neighbors. *If you can't attend but would like to donate individually wrapped candy, there will be a marked drop off point in the Welcome Center.*



Food Drive —

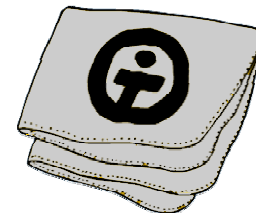
Now through Nov. 3

As is our tradition, we are participating in Stillwater Junior Service League's "HARVEST II" food drive. Last year, COCAA, Mission of Hope, Salvation Army, Love Feast, Starting Point II, Stillwater Domestic Violence Shelter and other groups received 64,000 pounds of food.

This is the 25th year of Harvest II. Please donate canned goods and other non perishable food items to this drive. Our collection boxes are next to the welcome center.

Blanket Sunday

Each year we help provide blankets for Church World Service which then distributes them to those in need. You can participate by "purchasing" blankets at \$5 each. Mark "blanket" on your check or on the envelope.



PERSONS LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER — Rev. Jim Jones
LITURGIST — Justin Stine
ORGANIST — Claudia Mornhinweg
CHOIR DIRECTOR — Gayla Foster
GREETERS — Brandi Shafer & Angel Bonar
ACOLYTES — Angel Bonar and Misty McGuire

Words on Worship

Today is the **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**. The liturgical color remains **green**. Today is also called **Reformation Sunday**, celebrated on the Sunday closest to the legendary account of October 31, 1517, when priest Martin Luther defiantly nailed his protest notice to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

These "Ninety-Five Theses" were a list of abuses and errors that he understood were a corruption of the purpose and mission of the Church. In reality, the Ninety-Five Theses were most likely sent to his Archbishop. And the list was not really a defiant protest as much as it was a sincere call for the Church to begin addressing some of its problems that Luther felt had obscured the Gospel message.

In any case, Luther hoped that his Theses would be seen and discussed as a step toward renewal of the Church, so that people might know the truth about God's forgiveness for their lives. The powerful passage from Romans 3:19-28 had fired his soul and he was so overflowing with joy after years of guilt and a need for forgiveness that he had to share the truth with all that he could. Little did he know the enormous impact on the world that his one simple act would have. His willingness to stand up to pope and emperor in the name of the Gospel of Christ changed the face of history, and the face and direction of the entire Christian Church.



REFORMATION
Sunday

Today we do not celebrate division. Rather we celebrate the movement of the Holy Spirit in our Church and our hearts. It is this movement of the Holy Spirit that brings us newness and renewal, both in our personal lives and in the life of the Church. When we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit!" we know that the whole Church is always in need of reform, and we each are always in need of dying again in Christ in order to be raised from the dead, so that we might be truly free by the grace of Jesus the Christ in our lives and Church. "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-36)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE USHERS STAND
- CHILDREN'S BULLETINS (AGES 3-6 AND 7-12) ARE AVAILABLE
- INDIVIDUAL LISTENING DEVICES FOR HEARING ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE