

Dear HPUMC Youth Parents,

I sincerely hope this email finds you well. First of all, thank you for being patient while the youth team has been prayerfully discerning what this fall will look like for HPUMC Youth. Though we understand the eagerness to start back as soon as possible, the health and safety of our students is our number one priority.

Below, you will find our plan for in-person and digital programming for the fall semester.

Through September 6<sup>th</sup>, HPUMC Youth will be digital only. We will continue to post our middle school and high school sermons on HPUMC Youth's YouTube channel on Sunday mornings with one exception -- on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be no youth programming. That morning, we encourage all youth families to watch Rev. Paul Rasmussen's Back-to-School Sunday sermon together.

#### Wednesdays Starting September 9

On Wednesday, September 9th, we will kick-off weekly in-person programming. Middle school will meet in outdoor spaces at the HPUMC campus from 7:15 to 8:15 pm for Crave, and high school will meet from 7:30 to 9:00 pm for WOW. For both gatherings, students will check in and have their temperatures taken. After this, they will meet with their individual small groups in designated outdoor spots on the HPUMC campus. We will send out final details about check-in, small group, and pick-up locations by September 1st.

For those who are not comfortable meeting in-person, we will have an option to participate via Zoom. A pastor from each ministry will be on their respective Zoom during the allotted programming time.

Middle School Crave:	High School WOW:
Meeting ID: 684 408 5218	Meeting ID: 305 360 6527
Password: R8VrkB	Password: 401116

#### Sundays Starting September 13

In terms of Sundays, our first in-person date will be September 13th. Middle school will not have in-person programming on Sundays, but the sermon from the previous Wednesday's Crave will be posted every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm to our middle school Instagram: @hpumcms. High School Bible Study, however, will meet in small groups at a time and place determined by the volunteer leader. Our volunteers will reach out to the students in their small groups and send them the details. Sign up here if you are not already in a small group for High School Bible Study.

Please note, masks are REQUIRED for all in-person programming. Additionally, HPUMC Youth will enforce social distancing and have hand sanitizer available.

Your HPUMC Youth family loves you. If there's anything that we can do to support you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at <u>elliottg@hpumc.org</u>.

#### In God's Love,



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# **Middle School**

Crave sermon from previous Wednesday posted to Instagram (see below). No Thrive.

### **High School**

Bible study groups will meet in the evening around the community. New students can sign up for a small group via LinkTree (see below).

Wednesdays Starting 9/9

Reminders

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9/13

Starting 9

Middle School

Crave - 7:15-8:15 pm High School WOW - 7:30-9:00 pm

Students will check in, and we will take their temperatures. After this, they will meet with their respective small groups outdoors. Students will need to bring their own lawn chairs. Final details to come by September 1st.

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## **Digital Platforms**

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- HPUMC Youth channel

#### **Zoom on Wednesdays** Starting 9/9 (if you can't meet in person)

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## **Questions?**

Email youth@hpumc.org