

Youth Newsletter



First United Methodist Church

From the Water's Edge

One of my favorite parts about the holidays is watching the children be awestruck by the presents, the lights and the story of a baby born in a manger. They are filled with excitement and dreams of what Christmas could be. Now, as we look forward into the new year, the dreaming shifts from the children to the rest of us.

For the adults, we dream of a new year to lose weight on that new diet, get the bills under control and simply a new year to begin again. I would imagine for you, our youth, dreams shift to mission trip, spring break, and even the end of the school year and graduation. For UMYF, the dreaming has even begun to take a new shape. **"New Year, New Time, New Opportunities" is not just a catch phrase for the adults.**

Some of you participated in a recent survey that asked, **"what would you like to see more of at UMYF?"** The top three responses were **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and WORSHIP.** Well, your youth leaders have responded. **Beginning on January 15th, we will host a monthly event called F3: A Worship and Fellowship Experience.** Patterned after Faith Jam (our fall middle school youth event), the worship time will include a meal, praise and worship with Faith Jam artist Matt Moore, and a short message by me on a current and trending topic. Middle School and Sr. High students and counselors will meet in the Youth Center for our food and worship time. Our schedule looks like this:

- 6:00-6:20: Let's eat! (All students gather in the Youth Center)
- 6:20-6:45: Praise and Worship
- 6:45-7:45: Age Level Activities

(M.S. meets in Middle Ground, S.H. meets in the Sr. High Lounge.)

By now, you should have received a postcard invite to this event. Please check your calendars and plan on joining us. Let me know if you have any questions. The next event is schedule for Sunday, February 19.

Another exciting dream that has taken shape for youth is the shift in worship times on Sunday morning. Now you don't have to choose between Worship and Sunday school, you can do both! **Youth Sunday School and Meet and Greet Café will be held between services starting at 10 am, beginning on Sunday January 8th.** All youth will gather between 10 and 10:15 in the Sr. High Lounge for the Café and some prayer time. At 10:15, Middle School students will head to Middle Ground to continue their lessons while the Sr. High students will stay in the Sr. High Lounge.

It is my prayer that the New Year brings you great and exciting opportunities for worship and Christian education. As always, if you want to try a new activity or an event, please let me know.

Peace,
Pastor Cathy

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Middle School Calendar

Sunday, Jan 15 – 6:00 until 7:45 F3 Worship in the Youth Center and Middle Ground. NOTE THE EARLY START TIME! – Come to the Youth Center at 6:00 and get something for dinner! At 6:20 we will have Praise and Worship with Matt Moore and Pastor Cathy. Then, at 6:45 we will go to Middle Ground for a movie and snacks! This would be a great meeting to bring a friend!

Sunday, Jan 22 – 6:15 until 7:45 in Middle Ground – Tonight we will finish the movie we started last week. Munchies will be served throughout the meeting time! Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. We will be outside for about 20 minutes.

Sunday, Jan 29 - Meet at Midland Civic Arena from 1:00 p.m. until 2:40 p.m. for ice skating. Snacks and skating will be covered by youth group money. You **MUST** have a Covenant of Conduct filled out and a copy of the front and back of your parent's insurance card on file to participate (if you don't have one on file, stop by the church office by Friday, Jan 27).

Sunday, Feb 5 – No Meeting – Enjoy the Super Bowl with your family and friends.

Saturday, Feb 11 – 9:00 until noon - Sex, God, and Me in the Little Theater

Saturday, Feb 11 – 4:30 until 8:00 in Middle Ground and the Youth Center - Childcare for the congregation. Come to Middle Ground at 4:30 to help with the child care. We will be watching children while their parents go out to dinner or just spend some quiet time together for Valentine's Day. We will be done by 8:00.

Sunday, Feb 12 – No Meeting – Help with child care on Feb 11!

Saturday, Feb 18 – 9:00 until noon - Sex, God, and Me in the Little Theater

Sunday, Feb 19 – 6:00 until 7:45 F3 Worship in Youth Center. After worship, we will participate in one of the most popular events we have for Middle School Youth! Catacomb night...don't know what that is???? Come and find out because words cannot adequately describe the event.

Sunday, Feb 26 – 1:45 until 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be helping run craft tables and games for the Lenten Fair. Bring a friend and help start Lent with service to others!

Sr. High Calendar

Sunday, January 8, 6:15 - White Elephant Gift Exchange. Did you get one of 'those' gifts? Want to see what others got? Wrap it up, bring it in and join us as we exchange gifts, and see who got the funniest, the most memorable, or maybe the most forgettable?

Sunday, January 15, 6:00 - F³ Worship and Game Night. Introducing F³! A Food, Faith and Fellowship experience with our middle school students and our Faith Jam artist Matt Moore. Join us for a time of food and worship, and then some games.

Sunday, January 22, 6:15 - Off-site Activity.

January 27-29 - Roll Bake #3. **Don't forget to check your hours and sales posted in the Sr. High Lounge.**

Sunday, Feb 5 - No Meeting.

Sunday, Feb 12, 6:15 - Wii and Board Game Olympics. Bring your "A" game tonight. We will break off into teams and rotate through several different game stations including Wii games.

Sunday, Feb 19, 6:15 - F³ Worship and Service Project. F³ is back once again. We will join the middle school students for food and worship at the start of our youth group time. Then, we will break into our Sr. High group for a service project.

Sunday, Feb 26, 6:15 - TBD

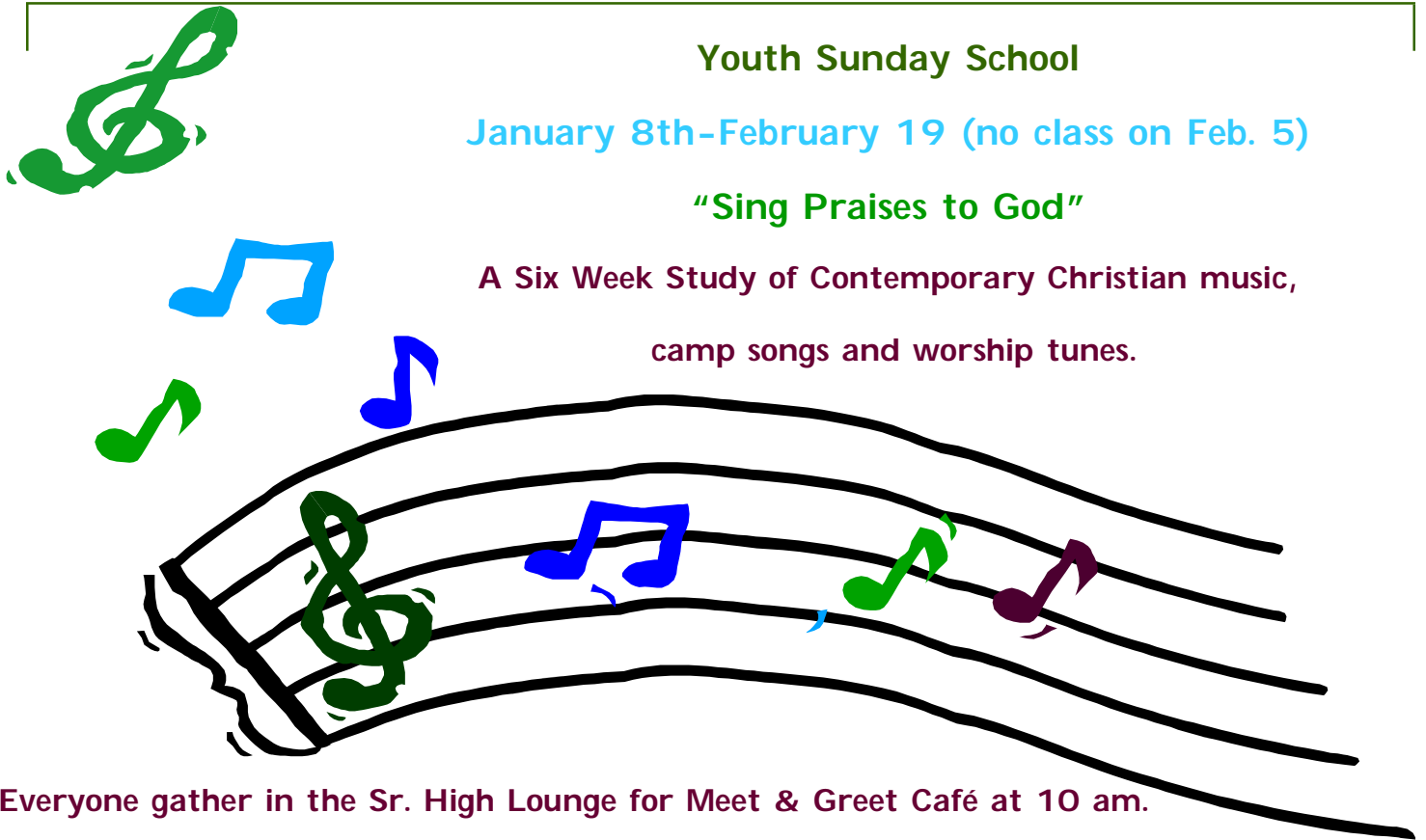
March 2-4 - Roll Bake #4. **Last roll bake of the year! Don't forget to check your hours and sales.**

Youth Sunday School

January 8th-February 19 (no class on Feb. 5)

"Sing Praises to God"

A Six Week Study of Contemporary Christian music,
camp songs and worship tunes.



Everyone gather in the Sr. High Lounge for Meet & Greet Café at 10 am.

Our Regular Weekly Schedule Looks Like This:

10-10:15: Meet and Greet Café, Gathering, Announcements,
Prayer Time (Sr. High Lounge)

10:15-10:55: Middle School Sunday School in Middle Ground

Sr. High Sunday School in the Sr. High Lounge

LOGOS

Sex, God, and Me

- 1/5 Epiphany (Wear White)
- 1/12 Hawaiian Night (Wear Flowers)
- 1/26 Prehistoric Night (Wear Brown)
- 2/2 Super Bowl (Wear Favorite Team)
- 2/9 Love Thy Neighbor (Wear Red & Hearts)
- 2/16 Super Hero (Wear Mission T-shirt)
- 2/23 Shape UP for God (Wear Athletic Clothing)
- 3/1 Dr. Seuss (Wear Bright Colors)
- 3/8 Noah's Ark (Wear Animals)
- 3/15 Baby Face (Wear Pink & Blue)
- 3/22 Magic Night (Wear Magical Clothing)
- 3/29 Drive In Night (Wear 50's or 60's Style)
- 4/12 Wacky Hair Night (Wear Wacky Hair)
- 4/19 Red Carpet Night

If your seventh or eighth grader has not attended this program, now is the time to sign you and your youth up for the next session. On Saturday, February 11 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon on each day we will once again be offering this very informative class. These classes are open to all seventh and eighth graders; you do not have to be a member or regular attendee of the youth group, LOGOS, or Sunday school to participate. Friends of your youth, and their parents, are also welcome to participate as well. To register for Sex, God, and Me, please contact Marcia Payne in our church office by telephone (989-835-6797 ext 18) or e-mail (mpayne@fumcmid.org).



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Sr. High UMYF
First UMC: Midland MI

Save the Date:

July 16-July 20 2012

Summer Youth Trip
Cass Community
Services

Detroit, MI

Email Pastor Cathy for more
information

F³: A Worship and Fellowship Experience

Join us, Sunday Jan. 15 & Feb 19

6:00 pm in the Youth Center

As we kick off the new year with faith, food, and fellowship. FaithJam artist Matt Moore will lead us in some time of praise and worship. Bring your voice and instrument to join Matt and Josh. Pastor Cathy will share a short message on a real and relevant topic for youth.

Our schedule for the night:

(Times are approximate)

6:00-6:20: Let's eat!

6:20-6:45: Praise and Worship in Youth Center

6:45-7:45: Age Level Activities

Middle School meet in Middle Ground

Sr. High meet in Sr. High Lounge

Recycle your ink cartridges here!

Keep those ink jet cartridges coming in!

We are still collecting ink jet cartridges to turn in for cash. The money helps youth go on mission trips.

There is a bin in the Larkin St. hallway for any cartridges that you collect.

Thank you for your help.

