



BUMC

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OUR 2010 SUMMER MISSION TRIP DATES:

MYF Youth ~ Trip to Toronto with CSM ~ July 10—18

JYF Youth ~ Trip to the Children's Home in Binghamton NY ~ August 8—14

College Aged ~ Trip to Washington DC with YSOP ~ August 8—13

TAIZE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE ~ July 9—19 for Ages 16—29

For information and to register, go to: http://www.gnjumc.org/taize_pilgrimage/

Going to Taizé is an opportunity to seek communion with God through common prayer, singing, personal reflection and sharing. You would go with other Methodists in NJ.



SAVE THE DATES NOW FOR UPCOMING RETREATS!

MYF Retreat — Cross Roads Camp - See page 8
"Who Are You?"

Friday, November 13—Sunday, November 15

Confirmation Class Prayer Retreat at BUMC

Friday, December 4—Saturday, December 5

JYF/MYF Retreat—Keswick - See page 10

"InSight"

Friday, January 15—Sunday, January 17

6th—9th Grade Retreat—Streamside Camp

"Faith and Sexuality"

Friday, February 26—Sunday, February 28

NOTE: Reimbursement for cancellations on youth events is only possible if the event site reimburses BUMC.

HELP NEEDED to PROVIDE DINNERS for one BIBLE STUDY NIGHT
If you can provide dinner (for about 20) for one of our Bible study nights, let Jeff Trimboli know at 908-218-0271 or e-mail him at jeff.trimboli@gmail.com
See **page 7** for examples and more information.

COLLEGE UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS

Beginning in January, be sure to check out these UM Scholarships and Loans:

www.umhcf.org/

<http://www.gbhem.org>

www.gnjumc.org

JYF/MYF Retreat— Keswick

Note: The \$15 discount if you register by November 1. See page 10.

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JYF NOVEMBER EVENTS:

- Tuesday, November 3** **Election Day—No Terrific Tuesday**
- Wednesday, November 4** **No Dinner/Youth Bible Study**
- Sunday, November 8** **9:30 am-1:00 pm** **Confirmands and Mentors**
 8th graders and mentors will meet at BUMC at 9:30 am and head to St. Martins Episcopal Church in Bridgewater to explore another style of Christian worship and to visit with their youth.
- Sunday, November 8** **5:00—6:30 pm** **God in the Movies—Popcorn Night**
 Veronica Sydlowski will lead us in this fun and spiritual movie night—where we will look for God as we watch various favorite movie scenes, including one from *Mulan*. Feel free to come in comfy clothes and bring a pillow/blanket. If you can supply a drink or snack, let Cathi know. We will supply the popcorn!
- Sunday, November 15** **Consecration Sunday at BUMC**
 All youth and parents are asked to attend worship and make their financial and time & talent commitment to God. Sunday School is at 9:30 am and Spirit Train Band will be at 11:00 am worship.
- Sunday, November 15** **1:15-4:30 pm** **St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen**
 We need 4 youth and 1 adult to go to St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen in Plainfield. We meet at BUMC at 1:15 pm to car pool, and arrive at 2:00 pm to help prepare tables and place settings. At 3:00 pm, we serve dinner and at 4 pm, we clean up and head to BUMC. If interested, contact Cathi.
- Sunday, November 15** **5:30—8:30 pm** **Sunday Night Live (SNL)**
 Come to the Somerville YMCA (2 Green Street, Somerville) at 5:30 pm for a night of fun. We invite local youth groups and attendance is usually about 90—140 people. Friends are welcome. **Bring \$5.00 (for pizza and donation), your bathing suit, towel, a dessert or snack, and a drink to share.** After devotions, there is free time to use the **pool and gym**. Feel free to bring a board game.
Note to Parents: Pick up is at Somerville YMCA between 8:15 and 8:30 pm.
- Wednesday, November 18** **6:00—7:30 pm** **Dinner/Bible Study (and Parenting Group)**
Theme: “Major on the majors and minor on the minors”
Parents: If you can provide dinner (for about 20) for one of our Bible study nights, let Jeff Trimboli know at 908-218-0271 or e-mail him at jeff.trimboli@gmail.com. **See page 7 for more details.**
- Sunday, November 22** **2:00 pm** **Mark Miller Organ Concert at BUMC**
 Everyone is welcome to come be entertained by Mark Miller, an amazing organist and musician.
- Sunday, November 22** **5:00—6:30 pm** **Youth Group—GIVE THANKS**
 Choose to be a zany actor or in the audience as we act out a hilarious skit about the Prodigal son. Then, we will get into small groups to create our own versions of God stories —using photos as props.
BRING: a can or box of food for the food bank
- Wednesday, November 25** **8:00 pm** **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**
 Come and join us for this year’s Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service at BUMC.
- Saturday, November 28** **7:45—10 pm** **Help gift wrap at Barnes & Noble**
NEEDED: 2 youth and 1 chaperone (great project for Confirmands, boy or girl scouts, or anyone looking to serve)
WHAT: Help wrap books and gifts at Barnes & Noble at the Somerville Circle (all materials are supplied)
WHY: This is a fundraiser for Canswer Link, a non profit organization, which provides a wonderful service to local cancer patients by offering to clean their homes for free, using all non toxic products.
- Sunday, November 29** **9:15 am—12 pm** **Confirmands/Mentors**
 We will meet at BUMC at 9:15 am to head to Red Tower for breakfast and return for our 11:00 am worship.

JYF DECEMBER EVENTS (Continues):

Sunday, December 20

Come for regular Sunday School at 9:30 am and our amazing festival orchestra at 11:00 am worship.

Festival Orchestra at Worship

Sunday, December 20

1:15—4:30 pm

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen

We need 4 youth and 1-2 adults to go to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Plainfield. We meet at BUMC at 1:15 pm to car pool, and arrive at 2:00 pm to help prepare tables and place settings. At 3:00 pm, we serve dinner (food is prepared by others) to about 90 homeless. At 4:00 pm, we clean up and head to BUMC. If interested, contact Cathi.

Thursday, December 24

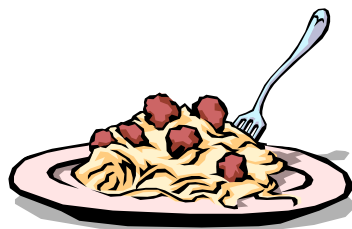
**4:30, 7:00, 9:00
and 11:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Worship

Join us as we celebrate the gift of Jesus coming to us on Christmas. Volunteer to help light the church luminaries, or be in our living nativity for a half hour. These service opportunities are great ways to witness to others. Look out for the sign up poster at church, or let the church office know that you are interested in helping.

Sunday, December 27

Worship but no Sunday School



HELP NEEDED TO PROVIDE A DINNER For one of our WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Parents: If you can provide dinner (for about 20) for one of our Bible study nights, please let Jeff Trimboli know at 908-218-0271 or e-mail him at jeff.trimboli@gmail.com.

**Our next Wednesday night Bible study dates are:
November 18 ~ December 2 ~ December 16 ~ January 6**

Typical meals have been:

Spaghetti and meatballs with salad and bread	Chicken and potatoes and carrots
Ham or hot dogs with macaroni and cheese	Tacos with lots of fillings
Lasagna or baked ziti with salad and bread	Quesadillas and salad

**Drinks and desserts are really appreciated also—but are not as important.
If you won't be supplying these, just let Jeff know so that we will provide them.**

We supply plates, cups and napkins.

NOTE: There are lots of **salad dressings** in the kitchen—so don't buy any if you bring salad.

CONFIRMANDS and Mentors: This is a great service ministry venture.

Thanks for helping with our Bible study dinners!



MYF Fall Retreat at CrossRoads Camp

November 13 - 15, 2009

"Who Are You?"

WHO: Open to all MYF youth, advisors and friends

WHEN: Friday – Sunday, November 13 - 15, 2009

WHERE: Cross Roads Camp in Califon / Port Murray, NJ (only about 35 minutes from BUMC)

TIME: Leave Friday Night at 5:00 pm and return Sunday about 1 pm

PURPOSE: To strengthen our relationship with our Lord as we discuss burning and relevant questions about who we are called to be. Are you a label put on you by others – friends, family, strangers? Who is God calling you to be? How does that fit with your image of yourself?

THEME: *Who Are You?*

SATURDAY EVENTS: Possibilities include use of the high and low ropes, climbing tower, flying squirrel, playing volleyball and basketball in the gym, playing board games, and watching a movie.

COST: \$100 (early bird - if paid by October 11); \$120 after October 11. For financial aid - see below.

REGISTRATION: Fill out the permission slip, and a **notarized Medical Release form** for 2009-2010 and a **copy** of the insurance and pharmacy card (front/back), if you have not done so already.

Medical release forms are available at church or at www.bridgewaterumc.org – go to our youth link. Questions – call Cathi (908)-526-1414 ext 5.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

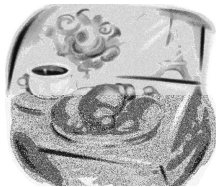
Total Enclosed: _____ (\$120.00)

Financial Aid is Requested: Yes No If yes, I can provide \$ _____ of the total due.

I can leave at 5:00 pm with the main group I need to come on a late van (7:30 pm)

I have enclosed or already sent in the 2009-2010 BUMC **notarized** Medical Release Form and a copy of the insurance and pharmacy card (front/back).

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend the MYF Fall Retreat to Cross Roads Camp in Port Murray, NJ from November 13 - 15, 2009.



The Manna Café

The Manna Café will be open from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm each Sunday. All of the profits from this wonderful new venture will go to support **our youth ministry**, to support our mission trip costs.

So—What do we have to do? Our role is Very Simple:

- 1) We need 4 youth to spend one hour on a particular Sunday to help serve food and clean up.
Times are from 10:15-11:15 am and 12:15-1:15 pm. **Check the newsletter each month** to see if you have been assigned a Sunday to work!
- 2) When you arrive, **introduce yourself as a youth helper to Audrey Jankucic, Holly Leighty or Darcy Bonner** and ask them what needs to be done.
- 3) Please remember to **thank** the adult Manna Café volunteers for the many hours they are contributing to make this fundraiser a success.
- 4) Feel free to **offer to help out at the Manna Café** whenever you have some extra time, even if it is not your assigned week. If we all pitch in, there will be less clean up.

NOTE: If you **cannot work on the Sunday assigned to you**, you **MUST find another youth** to take your place. If you will not be able to help at all this year, let Jannet Poole know at 908-526-1414 Ext. 0.

NOVEMBER:

11/8

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Kim Sacchi
Set-Up/Sales: Maria Sacchi

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Alison Singer
Sales/Clean-Up: Marisa Suarez

11/15

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Adam Swanson
Set-Up/Sales: **Sarah Swanson**

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Devin Mollegard
Sales/Clean-Up: Jeremy Teichmann

11/15

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Chris Wadbuda
Set-Up/Sales: Jessica Wadbuda

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Dana Weingartner
Sales/Clean-Up: Julia Velmer

11/29

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Ryan Douma
Set-Up/Sales: Stephen Eesley

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Mary Dombrowski
Sales/Clean-Up: Andrew Gaydosh

DECEMBER:

12/6

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Jordan Goodwin
Set-Up/Sales: **John Goodwin**

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: **Melanie Haig**
Sales/Clean-Up: Samantha Haig

12/20

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Paul Kratunis
Set-Up/Sales: **Peter Kratunis**

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Kirsten Lima
Sales/Clean-Up: Jessica Marconi

12/13

10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Kira Horiuchi
Set-Up/Sales: Kate Kinzy

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Zachary Jenkins
Sales/Clean-Up: Alex Kaminetzky

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10:15-11:15 Set-Up/Sales: Courtney McNevin
Set-Up/Sales: Kelly McNevin

12:15-1:15 Sales/Clean-Up: Grace McCarron
Sales/Clean-Up: **Elizabeth Heitmann**