



BUMC

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 YOUTH

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Parents of 6th - 9th graders

Sexuality Retreat and Mission Trip Information Session

Sunday, January 10 from 5:00 -6:30 pm

Join us to hear about this important retreat, which is only offered every 3 years. This is an opportunity for us to share the topics that will be covered. Following this, we will discuss our summer mission trip plans.

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

If you own a **meat slicer**, please contact Cathi at (908) 240-2060. We will need to borrow it on Saturday, February 6, to make our Super Bowl Subs.



UPCOMING RETREATS!



6th—9th Grade Retreat—Streamside Camp
“Faith, Sexuality and Snow Tubing”
Friday, February 26—Sunday, February 28

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat—Youth Encounter
Friday, April 23—Sunday, April 25

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

COLLEGE UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS

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

www.umhcf.org, www.gbhem.org, and www.gnjumc.org

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.

PASSPORT info

MYF: Remember to order your Passport now—it is required for our summer mission trip to Toronto.

Cathi’s Information:

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MYF JANUARY EVENTS:

Sunday, January 3

9:30 am

Sunday School resumes

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Please check page 7 to see if you are assigned to help.

Wednesday, January 6

6:00—7:30 pm

Dinner/Bible Study

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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.

Sunday, January 10

5:00—6:30 pm

9th Grade parents—Sexuality Retreat info session

For details, see the info on page 5 listed under the January 10 event.

7:00—9:00 pm

Small Groups in Youth Homes

We are having our monthly small groups session—and they are held in 6 different youth's homes.

Besides having time for fellowship, food and prayers, we will watch and discuss a short Nooma movie clip.

If you haven't attended a session, call Cathi at 908-240-2060 to find out where the groups are meeting.

Monday, January 11

7:30—9:00 pm

CYM Meeting at Panera Bread

All MYF are invited to attend. We will be reviewing the 2010 budget and fundraising ideas.

Fri., Jan. 15 - Sun., Jan. 17

5:00 pm

Keswick Retreat

80 of our youth and advisors will be attending this retreat at America's Keswick.

The theme for this year is "In Sight" from 1 Samuel 16:7b

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Sunday, January 17

1:15—4:30 pm

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Monday, January 18

7:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

Join us as we celebrate Dr. King's impact on our world and his dream for peace.

Wednesday, January 20

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Sunday, January 24

10:45 am—1:00 pm

Gumbo Luncheon Fundraiser

Julia Simmons is cooking her famous gumbo to raise money for our College Mission Trip fundraiser.

Ask your families to plan to eat lunch at BUMC or order take out.

Check out the Manna Café Schedule on page 7 to see if you are scheduled to help.

Sunday, January 24

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.

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After devotions, there is free time to use the **pool and gym**.

Feel free to bring a board game or a musical instrument along (for an impromptu jam session).

Note to Parents: Pick up is at Somerville YMCA between 8:15 and 8:30 pm.

Monday, January 23

7:30 pm

COM Meeting

Your Co-Presidents are our MYF representatives of this church governing committee, but all are welcome.

MYF JANUARY EVENTS (Continues):

Sunday, January 31

11:00 am

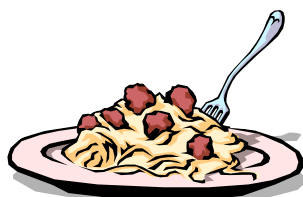
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HELP NEEDED TO PROVIDE A DINNER for one of our WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

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Our next Wednesday night Bible study dates are:

January 6, January 20, February 3, March 3, March 17 and March 31.

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.

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

Thanks for helping with our Bible study dinners!

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FIRST: Parents: will meet to discuss the upcoming retreat on Faith and Sexuality, which is held every three years. Our Sexuality and Snow Tubing Retreat is scheduled on February 26—February 28 at Streamside Retreat Center. Youth will be able to talk openly and honestly about issues of sex and sexuality, from a Christian perspective.
Youth: Will play games in the youth room during this discussion.
NEXT: youth and adults will meet together to hear about our plans for our summer youth mission trips.
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 Join us for lots of fun as we play board games. Feel free to bring your favorite game along to play.

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Fri., Feb. 5—Sat., Feb. 6

Advisor's Retreat at the Farm

Our JYF and MYF advisors will be on retreat—please pray for us as we work to strengthen our youth ministry.

Saturday, February 6

2:00—3:00 pm

Make Super Bowl Subs

3:00—5:00 pm

PARENTS: Help is needed from 2—3 pm to cut meat for our subs. If you have a **meat slicer**, please let Cathi know.

JYF youth: From 3—5 pm, we will make the subs—many hands make light work so invite your friends to join us.

Sunday, February 7

8:15—10:30 am

Mentor/Mentee Session

Confirmants and Mentors: we will meet at in the youth lounge and then attend the 9:30 am worship together.

Sunday, February 7

Between Services

Sell Super Bowl Subs

We will be handing out the hoagies we sold and selling others. Stop by to help hand them out.

Sunday, February 14

No Youth Group

Have a happy and safe Valentine's Day and President's weekend.

Monday, February 15

Covenant Free Methodist—Plainfield

This event is run by the Mission Team. If you are able to help cook or serve meals, contact Linda Blazier on (732) 271-1274 or e-mail her on lkblazier@aol.com.

Tuesday, February 16

5:00—7:00 pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Party

Bring money for a delicious dinner: homemade pancakes and sausages.

During dinner, the Dixieland band will help us in celebrating our last day before Lent begins.

If possible, sign up to volunteer for one hour to help serve dinner or help children make crafts.

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7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Come for a powerful and somber worship service!

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Fri., Feb. 23—Sun., Feb. 28

5:00 pm

Sexuality and Snow tubing Retreat

This retreat is for 6th—9th graders. Details and registration are on page 8.

The Manna Café

The Manna Café will be open from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm most Sundays. All of the profits from this 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. Check the newsletter Each month to see if you have been assigned 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) 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.

JANUARY:

01/03

9:00-9:30 Rachel Carlsen / Ben Carlsen

10:15-11:15 Jack Bonner / Jessica Ledbetter

12:15-1:15 Jill Bonatesta / Robin Bonatesta

01/10

10:15-11:15 Morgan LaLevee / Darcy Bonner

12:15-1:15 Angela Philipsheck / Daniel Philipsheck

01/17

10:15-11:15 Alec Bennardo / Thomas Bennardo

12:15-1:15 Philip Marton / Sam Marton

01/24

9:00—9:30 Rachel Carlsen / Erica Trimboli

10:15-11:15 Morgan Menzies / Kara Rogers

12:15-1:15 Dorisa Rodney / Robyn Sellers

01/31

10:15-11:15 Alison Singer / Marisa Suarez

12:15-1:15 **Melissa Snow** / Marisa Vanicky

FEBRUARY:

02/7

10:15-11:15 Jen Bayly / **Coral Brown**

12:15-1:15 Jack Dimmit / Steven Dimmit

02/14

10:15-11:15 Amanda DeRemer / Melissa DeRemer

12:15-1:15 **Olivia DiLorio** / Kirsten Lima

02/21

10:15-11:15 Allsyon Gruber / Kira Horiuchi

12:15-1:15 Kyle Howard / Zachary Jenkins

02/28

10:15-11:15 Kimberly Sacchi / Maria Sacchi

12:15-1:15 Adam Swanson / **Sarah Swanson**

MARCH:

03/7

10:15-11:15 Amanda Sasso / **Marissa Sasso**

12:15-1:15 Jack Dimmit / Steven Dimmit

03/14

10:15-11:15 Dana Weingartner / Mary Dombrowski

12:15-1:15 Brian Trimboli / Erica Trimboli

03/21

10:15-11:15 **Sara Nicotra** / Emily Reckenbeil

12:15-1:15 Devin Mollegard / Stephen Eesley

03/28

10:15-11:15 **Melaine Haig** / Samantha Haig

12:15-1:15 Paul Kratunis / **Peter Kratunis**



**“LET’S BE REAL:
HONEST DISCUSSIONS ABOUT FAITH AND SEXUALITY”**

WHEN: Friday, February 26—Sunday, February 28

WHO: All Youth in grades 6– 9 are invited and strongly encouraged to participate.

WHAT: The 2010 Retreat focuses on Faith and Sexuality.

WHERE: Streamside in Stroudsburg Retreat Center in Pa.

WHEN: Friday, February 26TH at 5:00 pm through Sunday, February 28th at noon.



ACTIVITIES: Saturday afternoon, we will go **snow tubing** (pray for snow!).
Saturday evening, we will go on a **hayride** and end with a bonfire where we will make s’mores.

DISCUSSIONS: We will have group sessions and we will break into four small groups for age appropriate discussions (6th-7th grade girls, 6th-7th grade boys, 8th-9th grade girls, 8th-9th grade boys).

WHY: To have a great time with others, to talk openly and honestly about issues of sex and Sexuality within a Christian perspective, and to grow deeper in your faith journey.

HOW MUCH: \$100.00 per person if submitted by January 31, 2010 (Financial aid is available).
\$115.00 if submitted after January 31.

**JYF/MYF FEBRUARY RETREAT
REGISTRATION FORM**

My son/daughter _____ has my permission to attend the JFY Retreat on February 26—February 28, 2010.

_____ \$100.00 (If enclosed by January 31) _____ \$115.00 (If enclosed after January 31)

_____ I need financial help and can pay \$_____ of the total, which is enclosed.

Will be able to depart at: _____ 5:00 pm _____ 7:30 pm

Parent’s Signature

Date

Due to Jannet Poole no later than January 31, 2010.