

# Confirmation

Youth are usually confirmed in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. They participate in a comprehensive program which prepares them for membership in the church and helps form the base of their faith journey. The Confirmation class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am during Sunday School. Part of this experience is working with a mentor and attending retreats.

## 2008—09 Confirmation Retreats

- December 4-5 ~ prayer overnight followed by JYF mall day
- Spring ~ Meet with Rev Vicki to learn more about our Methodist roots
- April 23—25 ~ Youth Encounter weekend retreat in Parsippany

## Day Trips:

- Worship at another church
- To Ocean Grove, New Jersey
- To walk a labyrinth
- To help at a Women's Emergency Shelter in December

Are you in High School and have not been confirmed?

Call Cathi if interested in setting up a special session.



## Want to stay informed?

Go to [www.bridgewaterumc.org](http://www.bridgewaterumc.org) and click on *Youth In Action* to view our current BUMC Youth Newsletter.

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## Youth Ministry Mission Statement

To provide a safe, nurturing environment where youth can discover the joy of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in their discipleship through service, study, spiritual disciplines, and fellowship with other youth and adults.

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**2009—2010  
Youth  
Ministries**



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## Methodist Youth Fellowship MYF = 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades

- Youth group meets primarily on Sundays from 7-9 pm for various activities of fun, service, learning and faith sharing.
- Bible Study/Dinner ~ Twice a month on Wednesdays from 6 -7:30 pm
- Sunday Night Live ~ monthly event from October through April at the Somerville YMCA ~ fellowship with about 150 youth from 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sunday School ~ Every Sunday at 9:30 am from September through May
- Day Trips to Dorney Park, Camelback Ski Lodge, mini-golf, bowling, Christian concerts and more

Highlights of our youth ministry include “lock-ins”, weekend retreats, fellowship with 30—40 Christian youth, and our annual Mission trip.

### Retreats:

- November 13—15 ~ CrossRoads Camp  
Theme: “*Who Are You?*”
- January 15—17 ~ America’s Keswick  
“*Midwinter Advance*” Retreat
- March or April ~ Slumber Party Retreats—separate sites for males and female  
UMC Conference sponsored retreat

**Mission Trips:** Week long, out of state service projects are offered every summer.

The last few have been to Rosebud Reservation in SD, New York City, Washington DC, South Dakota, West Virginia and North Carolina.

**July 10—18, 2010** ~ We will work with CSM in Toronto - projects include working with children, homeless and elderly, and serving at soup kitchens, food banks and shelters.

## Service Opportunities

Our youth groups are involved in various service projects in the community throughout the year.

- St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen ~ serve food on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month
- Crop Walk ~ October 26, 2008
- Neighborhood Street Clean-up ~ September and April
- Operation Shoe Box
- Leaf raking for elderly members ~ December
- Relay for Life-Cancer Walk ~ June

A few of the many ways to help at church:

- Set-Up Christmas Tree
- Participate in Worship
- Help serve food or clean up at fellowship time
- Help with VBS
- Help lead a Bible study or devotion
- Angel Tree—pool money and shop together



## Junior Youth Fellowship JYF = 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

- Youth group meets primarily on Sundays from 5 to 6:30 pm for fellowship, service, fun and to grow in our faith through study and spiritual opportunities.
- Bible Study/Dinner ~ Twice a month on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 pm
- Sunday Night Live ~ monthly event from October through April at the Somerville YMCA - fellowship with about 150 youth from 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sunday School ~ Every Sunday at 9:30 am from September through May

Highlights of Junior Youth Fellowship are retreats, church “lock-ins”, and day trips to amusement parks, skiing and “Mall day”.

If you are a young person in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade, we strongly suggest that you give our JYF a chance. Friends are always welcome.

### Try our JYF ~ you’ll like it!

#### Retreats:

- October 9—11 ~ Ocean Grove  
“*NJ, God & You ~ Perfect Together*”
- January 15—17 ~ America’s Keswick  
“*Midwinter Advance*” Retreat
- February 26—28 ~ Streamside Camp  
“*Retreat on Human Sexuality*”

**Mission Trips:** Each summer the JYF goes on a week long trip. The last few have been to Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.

**August 8—14, 2010** ~ We will work at the Children’s Home in Binghamton, NY—doing simple maintenance repairs such as painting and landscaping, and we will help set up and clean up at their annual “Ice Cream Social”. During the Social, we plan to run games booths and offer face painting for local children.