

family newsletter

The Youth Ministry of
Christ United Methodist Church
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God is with us through the entire journey!

This past weekend I spent two days with our juniors and seniors and was given so much life by their ministry to me and each other. We had amazing worship, meaningful conversations and learned how to live together as one body...even if it meant we stayed up until 4:00 am!

I have come back with the Holy Spirit deep within me and excited for all that lies ahead. I want to highlight some huge events coming up soon and some will need a response from many of you!

Youth Sunday - May 5th is Youth Sunday. I need ushers, greeters, readers, communion servers, musicians and oh so much more! Email back Rush today with a worship time and he will give you a role! Don't forget! We will have a practice on Saturday, May 4th that you will have to come to for a few minutes any time between 9 am and noon.

Junior/Senior - We were going to go to churches this Sunday but I need to push that back as it's coming up too soon. Be on the look out for what date I will change that to! I will message you all about it personally!

High School Parents - Come out to our second Parent Youth Group this Sunday. All high school students and their parents welcome to join us for dinner and then youth group! If you want to be extra special and send us some extra help with dinner and all the extra bodies please let me and Jenny Knott know here at church!

ASP Team Meeting - Next Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM here in the youth room - Don't miss it!

Blessings to you all. Thank you for the gift of serving your families in ministry!
Rush

"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Romans 13:11

this week at awakening

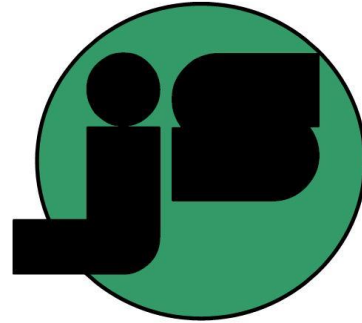
Sunday School - Sunday - Youth Room
9:45-10:45am: Middle and High School Students
Youth Group - Sunday - Youth Room
4:00-5:00pm: Middle School - Snack Provided
5:00-5:30pm: Open House - All middle and high
5:30-7:00pm: High School - Meal Provided
Small Group - Wednesday - Youth Room
5:30-7:00pm: Open House - Middle and High School students
7:00-8:00pm: Middle School and High School



Have your entire family join us at our 7:00 pm Wellspring Worship Service right after high school youth on Sunday nights. Hope to see you there!

junior/senior

Growing up, as my father says "is not for the faint of heart!" I think he's talking more about his mother's late 80's reality and his own mid 60's reality...but I know it stands true for juniors and seniors as well as they face the future, big decisions, more stress and so many things. This year I have added some discussions and meetings around our Junior/Senior retreat. Please see below and let Rush know if you are interested!



April 28th - not happening this Sunday - It's hard being new! Will be rescheduled soon.
8am until around 1:30 - starting at Weaver Street then various places and will finish in Youth Room

snacks and meals

Please click the [SCHEDULE](#) and sign up as soon as possible so we can start the year right! Dinner is taken care of this

week...but MANY weeks are very empty past that! Need Someone for next week please! This Sunday is covered!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SNACKS

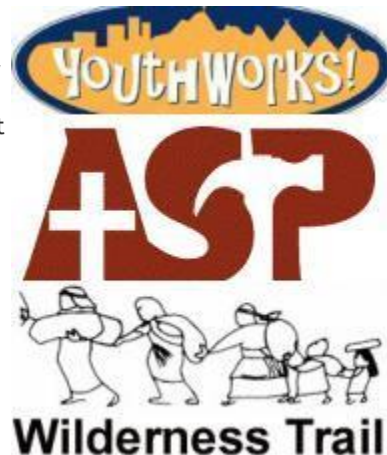


summer trip registration open

Registration for both mission trips and Wilderness Trail are now open and have filled quickly. A wait list has started for Wilderness Trail and for the ASP High School Mission Trip. Don't let that stop you from turning in your forms as that will hold your spot in the wait list. We only have 4 spots left for the YouthWorks Middle School Mission Trip as well, so get those forms in soon! Forms can be found by clicking on the links below.

ASP - [High School Mission Trip](#) - June 16-22nd
YouthWorks - [Middle School Mission Trip](#) - July 7-12th
[Wilderness Trail Hiking Trip](#) (current 7-12th graders - July 27-August 3)

Christ Church VBS - Mark your calendars now - July 15-19th. The past two years we have had over 50 teenagers volunteer in this amazing event!



Upcoming Meetings

ASP Pre-Trip Meetings: Each team member should be ready and able to attend one of the two work days and two of the team meetings. The final team meeting is not mandatory...but is a whole lot of fun! a few of these have changed and they now have times!

April 30th - 6:30-8pm - Team Meeting - Poverty simulation and how to work beside the poor

May 11th - 9am-12:30pm - Work Day - Tool Safety and building of picnic tables
May 23rd - 6:30-8pm - Team Meeting - How to work in a group in our ups and downs
June 14th - 6-8pm - Final Team Meeting/Party - Ice cream and pool party - want to host us?

YouthWorks Pre-Trip Meeting:

May 14th - 6:30-8pm - CUMC Youth Room - All must attend

parent's corner

Thank you to everyone who came out for our first set of Parent's Youth Group. I was so blessed by those two dates in middle and high school. Below you will find the final two dates for this school year! You will not want to miss these nights of worship and discussion!



Save the date

High School - April 28th - Topic: Body as a temple - This Sunday

Middle School - May 26th - Topic: Family First

small groups

Teenagers need a safe place to belong where they can talk about what is really going on in life. Having a meaningful group of their peers get together weekly to discuss their faith can be a life changing experience. This Spring we are starting a new series on the gospel of John.

Small Group - Wednesday - Youth Room



Open House - 5:30-7:00pm - Middle and High School students. Bring a meal!

Middle School - 7:00-8:00pm

High School - 7:00-8:00pm

a place to help

Please offer to help lead this amazing group of students, we truly need your help

Adult Male - Middle School Small Group

Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our long time middle school small group leader Josh McElroy has enrolled in school on Wednesday nights, which is simply awesome for him, but means he can no longer help out with small groups. Please reach out if you can help fill this massive hole!



Interested? Email or call Rush today!

youth space wish list

Every now and then we have a need for some things for our youth space, so I thought I would add a new section to the newsletter to see if you could help us out!

Snacks - Our shelves are growing a bit empty...if you want to bring in snacks for our students to enjoy whenever they are here, please feel free! Good ones are String Cheese, Apple Sauce, Granola Bars, Individual bags of chips, Capri Sun type drinks, Cookies and anything else that teenagers love!



for home

Want to know what's going on in our ministry? Want to conversation to make it's way home? Keep up with some questions for you to ask of your student's in this section each week.



Sunday School: Is God on your side? How do you know that?
Psalm 124

Middle School Youth: God made us good, right? So why does the world so often make us feel bad about who we are?

High School Youth: Does our body belong to God or our parents? It's hard growing up and figuring out who's in charge!

Small Groups: Do you have to see to believe? What if you just hear about Jesus...is that enough?

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