

March 2009 Messenger

Youth Happenings

March 1st - Youth Sunday / Mission Possible

This Sunday the youth are in the drivers seat. We will be leading both worship services and sharing our faith with the congregation. All participating youth are asked to arrive at church at 8 AM for final preparation and group prayer time. Youth should have their parents pick them up following the 11 AM worship service.

The Youth Zone

Unlock this door with the key of imagination. Beyond it is another dimension. You are about to cross over into....The Youth Zone! During the month of March we will continue our tradition of challenging our parents to see if they can handle the UMYF experience! Each Sunday evening in March from 6:30 to 8 p.m. all youth in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to B.Y.O. P. (Bring Your Own Parents). We promise that this will be a fun and faith filled time for everyone! This is an excellent time for youth to give UMYF a first try and for parents to connect with other parents. Most weeks we will meet at the church and everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share during our meal time.

March 1st - Scavenger Hunt

Put on your thinking caps! Teams of youth and adults will race around the church to see who can answer the most clues and find the treasures.

March 8th - Best of UMYF

We will pull out all of our favorite games for this evenings celebration of fun! We will also be serving dinner to a group of college students from the University of Georgia who are here on an alternative spring break mission trip. Let's show them how good a Methodist potluck can be!

March 15th - Do You Sing in the Shower?

American Idol has nothing on us! Tonight we are going to make a joyful noise. No previous experience necessary.

March 22nd - Sunday Night Fever ABDC Style!

Let's meet at the church tonight and see who has the best moves!

March 29th - Take a Walk of Faith

Tonight youth and parents will meet at the Community Labyrinth at Blair High School (on the corner of University Blvd. and Colesville Rd.) Together we will experience this spiritual journey to the center and back into the world. Following our walk the Gillette's will open their home to our group for dinner (7 Eastmoor Dr., Silver Spring). Bring a dish to share.

What (Almost) Nobody Will Tell You About Sex - Good Sex RETREAT

Let's be honest...Sex is all around you. No matter where you look or what you listen to. The messages that our youth are receiving don't always help them figure out the truth about sex. That is why BUMC is hosting a Good Sex Retreat for youth on March 14th & 15th at the West River Retreat Center. We hosted a Good Sex Retreat several years ago and it was well received by the parents and youth. The cost of the retreat is \$60 per youth and covers the cost our materials, accommodations and meals while we are away. We will leave from the church parking lot at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th and will return to the church by 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th. During our time together we will explore the truth about sexuality based on what God has to say about it, as well as what the latest research reveals. Topics will include: sexual identity, intimacy, desire, boundaries, responsibility and do-overs. Our time together will bring up tough questions with honest dialogue and help us see how our sexuality fits into God's plan for our

lives. Youth must sign-up for this retreat by March 5th. An informational meeting for parents will be held on Sunday, March 1st at 6 p.m. to discuss the content of the retreat and to answer any questions. For the success of this retreat and the comfort level of all of those that participate we must have a minimum of 20 youth commit to this retreat for it to take place. Contact Ameer with any questions at fansfam@aol.com or 240-994-8547.

Lasagnapalooza - Saturday, March 21 - 6:30 p.m.

We hope that everyone will join us for an evening of fine dining at Café BUMC. Following the meal enjoy the top rate entertainment at our concert/talent show. All acts are encouraged to sign up to be part of the show. Your donations for the evening will go towards the youth workcamp experiences in Rocky Mount and West River this summer. Advance reservations are required by March 18th. You won't find a better deal in town for dinner and a show with the whole family!