

Winter/Spring 2012

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Save the Date!

JWR Mission:
June 24-28, 2012

Youth Advisory

Meetings

12:15—1:30 pm/ Zone
February 12
March 11
April 15
May 6

Adult LYM

Meetings

12:15—1:30 pm/ Zone
February 19
March 18
April (none)
May 20

Sunday Morning Live

9 am: Breakfast Club in The Zone

9:30 am: *Re:Form with SparkHouse:* Considering ideas of Christianity with humor and conversation

10:30 am: Breakfast Club in The Zone

11 am: *The Open Table*

Confirmation 2012 Kick-Off

Kick Off/Registration Night is **Monday, February 6th, 6-7:30 pm** in The Zone. Confirmation runs February through April and meets on most Monday evenings, during this same time-slot. Please see the details in the letter sent out to all youth and parents for more information on this meaningful and fun faith adventure. If you did not get a letter, please contact Todd Spencer ASAP for details: todds@fumc-cs.org or 884-2502.

Winter Retreat - Feb. 3-5 - Details On Back

WINTER RETREAT

DETAILS ON BACK....

***“The Breakfast Club: Big Differences –
Surprising Friendships”***

February 3-5th

5 pm, Friday – 3 pm, Sunday

Esther: Courage Lived

Wednesday, February 8th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included)

The Zone

Tonight, we'll be experiencing the story from the book of Esther (yes, Veggie Tales style) and considering how God can use even the most unexpected of persons for great good when courage is taken. Did you know that our Jewish friends make a big celebration out of reading the book of Esther each year during the Feast of Purim?

Team Games Night

Wednesday, February 15th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included)

The Zone

Tonight, after dinner, we'll be creating teams and then experiencing a number of team-building challenges. Think: Low-ropes course kind of stuff. *Zach Walker* and *Matt Southcott* may be asking some important questions during the closing devotion time, like: How was this like life? How was this like your relationship with God? Don't miss it.

Dinner and Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 22nd

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included)

The Zone

Get here on time so we can all eat before heading upstairs to the Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship. An important part of the worship service is receiving the imposition of ashes on our foreheads, helping us remember, among many things, the fragile nature of being human in God's world. After the worship service, we'll meet back downstairs to reflect on the meaning of day and the holy season of Lent.

Guest Speakers Night:

The Human Trafficking Task Force

Wednesday, February 29th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included)

The Zone

Tonight, after dinner, we'll be meeting Betty and Aubrey, and learn about the real-world tragedy of human trafficking and how we might be on the look-out for signs that it's going on right here in our community. We will also hear how our ministry can help victims who have broken out of slavery. Each person born is a child of God, but did you know that our world of 2012 has more humans bound in slavery than at any point in human history? Come and have your eyes opened and heart encouraged.



MARCH

Invite. Dig. Serve.

March 2012 is "NooMarch"

at FUMC Youth

Nooma: Shells

Wednesday, March 7th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Do you often find yourself saying, "I'm so busy" or "I just have so much to do"? It's easy to get overwhelmed with appointments, gatherings, to-do lists. But what are we really doing with our time? Many of us are running from place to place and it seems like life is just passing us by. We're doing so many things, a little bit of everything, and yet it doesn't feel like much of a life. But most of us find it hard to say no. We feel obligated. There are so many good things to do. So many good causes to join. But while we're busy doing all these good things, are we missing out on something great? Maybe saying no would be easier if we knew what it meant to say yes.

Nooma: Today

Wednesday, March 11th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

How much time and energy do we spend wishing things were how they used to be? We often think about times in our past when things were different and want our lives to be like that again. Some of us have even come to believe that our best days may actually be behind us. But if we're in some way hung up on the past, what does that mean for our lives now? How are we and those around us affected if we're not fully present? If we're longing for the way things used to be, what does that really say about our understanding and appreciation of our lives today? Maybe we need to learn to embrace our past for what it is, in order to live our lives to the fullest, right here, right now.

Nooma: You

Wednesday, March 21st

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

NOTE: Ski Trip Registration Deadline is TODAY!

Some of the central claims of the Christian faith are the source of many discussions and heated debates. But are we always debating the right things? Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement--if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in. Maybe some of the claims of the Christian faith that we typically perceive to be unique aren't really that special at all. And at the same time, maybe we don't always put enough emphasis on the things that truly should matter in our lives.



Ski Monarch

Wednesday – Thursday

7 am, March 28th – 10 pm, March 29th

Registration Deadline: March 21st!

Let's go skiing! Our group will be skiing at Monarch for two days, spending the night on the floor at Salida UMC. Eat breakfast before arriving on the 28th. **Bring:** Warm ski clothing, hat, gloves, long underwear, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm, sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress, toiletries, money for fast food dinner on the way home.

Cost:

\$175 for Lift/Lessons/Rentals (includes helmet)

\$120 for Lift/Rentals (includes helmet)

\$80 if you have your own equipment

How to Register: 1) Download and complete FUMC's Trip Medical and Trip Behavior forms from www.fumc-cs.org under the Youth area, under the Downloads tab. 2) Download and complete Monarch's Release Forms (from same download page). 3) Make your check out to "FUMC" with "Ski Trip" in memo line. 4) Turn all into Todd Spencer by March 21st. **Complete Registration Packets also available in the Zone.**

APRIL

Floating: Attitude is the Most Important Choice

Wednesday, April 4th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Tonight, we'll be watching and talking about a short documentary called, *Floating*, which is the story of surfer Nathan Gocke, as he learns to surf again after paralysis in a surfing accident. This documentary was an award winner at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. Questions to consider: What major challenges have I faced in life? How have I helped others overcome life challenges? What part does my attitude play and what part does Christ's Spirit play in overcoming challenges?

Goals: Dreams with Deadlines

Wednesday, April 11th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going." ~ Earl Nightingale

According to Hal Urban, some of the benefits of having goals for our lives are: motivation, independence, direction, meaning, enjoyment and fulfillment. Tonight, we'll consider 4 keys to setting good goals.

The Road to Success?

Wednesday, April 18th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Meet Simon, a "Master of the Universe," having trouble getting through the morning. Positive thinking may have its place but when it comes to cranky toasters, maybe not so much. This is an award-winning short film that might help us keep our sense of humor while we reach for the stars. Questions to consider: What did Simon learn - or should have? What does the title mean?

Music-Mystery Box Night

Wednesday, April 25th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Bring a song that says something about one of the conversations we've had in small group recently, or just one of your favorites. We'll take turns sharing. If you'd rather, when it's your turn, you can choose a random question from the Mystery Box to answer.

LASER QUEST NIGHT

Friday, April 13th

6:30-8 pm

Meet at Laser Quest (1605 N Academy)

Cost: \$15 (includes 2 games)

This is always a good time to bring a friend for some fun with our group. Get there on time in case it's crowded.

MAY

Mystery Destination Night

Wednesday, May 2nd

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included)

Meet in The Zone

before we travel to our destination

Sometimes the best spiritual experiences happen because of their very location. Tonight, after dinner, we'll head to a place of mystery together.. Bring a jacket...and an open mind!

Affirmation Station

Wednesday, May 16th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Well, we're bringing our year of small groups to a close. Can you believe it? The way we do that here at FUMC Youth is by spending time giving and receiving heart-felt words of affirmation to each other in our small groups. You really don't want to miss this final night with your group.

The Lost Thing

Wednesday, May 9th

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

This short film is the 2010 Academy Award Winner for Best Animated Short. It's a modern fairy tale about a boy and a strange lost creature. Questions to consider: Why didn't other people notice the lost thing? When have I felt like a lost thing?

End of Semester/Study Break Party

Wednesday, May 23rd

6:30-8:30 pm (Meal Included) in The Zone

Come just for dinner before hitting the books some more. Or, stay for all of the fun if you can! If you have Guitar Hero or Rock Star stuff, bring that. Or just be ready to chill out with friends. Let's celebrate a great year together!

No Youth on Wednesday, May 30th

Keep your eyes open for our Summer 2012 calendar!

2nd Annual

4 SQUARE TOURNAMENT

A benefit for the Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF)

Friday, May 11th

6:30-8:30 pm (Snacks Only) in The Zone

\$20 per team entry

Form a two-person team and come compete for the Gold while helping change the lives of those breaking out of slavery! Awards will also be given for Best Uniform, Most Humorous Uniform and Best Cheering Squad (\$20 per cheer squad). Snacks and drinks will be sold to raise funds as well. Bring it.



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5 pm, Friday – 3 pm, Sunday

At John Wesley Ranch

Registration: \$25 check (to “FUMC”), Medical Authorization & Behavior Covenant are due on Wednesday, **February 1st**. Also, youth must have a current 2011-12 Youth Registration and Contact Form on file to attend retreat.

The topic: How can teenagers from very different kinds of backgrounds and experiences grow and be better for knowing each other (sound familiar, small group members)? How might God’s fingerprints be found in a situation like that? Along with this great topic, we will of course also have a blast on the sledding hills.

Note to Parents: We will be watching portions of the movie, *The Breakfast Club*, which is a great story but does have poor language in it. So, we will stay with scenes that would be more along the lines of a PG-13 rating.

**Meet at FUMC at 4:45 pm on Friday ... we will eat dinner at JWR when we arrive.
Pick-up will be 3 pm at FUMC on Sunday. (Bring \$ for fast food lunch.)**

What to Bring:

\$ for fast food lunch on Sunday in Woodland Park

Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Towel , Toiletries, 2 Pair of sturdy shoes

Clothing for the number of days we’re there, Hat, Sunscreen

Jacket/Coat, Bible, Journal (if you have one), Snack to share

Board Game to share for free time

