

YOUTH NEWS

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Sunday Mornings in The Zone

We encourage you to worship weekly with the congregation at some point on Sunday mornings. There are also ways to serve children and serve in the music ministries. The following represents what is happening in The Zone on Sunday mornings:



Breakfast Club: 9:00 am in The Zone

Light breakfast items served, free time until 11:00 am.

Sunday Morning Live: 11:00 am in the Zone

A time for growing with friends in spiritual practices.

Sunday Morning Live Schedule (11:00 am)

This July in SML, Join us for digging deeper spiritually as we take-in some really cool short films and explore stories from the Bible!

July SML: *Short Films with Soul*

Wednesdays in The Zone

No FUMC Youth, Wednesday, July 28, John Wesley Ranch Mission Trip. JOIN US!

Ropes Course Day! Wednesday, August 4, 8:00 am-5:00pm

Cost: \$35.00 Registration Deadline: Sunday, August 1st (\$\$, Adventure Guild Release form, FUMC Med form, FUMC Behavior form) Download All Forms at: www.fumc-cs.org under Youth pages. Wear/Bring: closed-toed shoes, water bottle, sack lunch, hat, sunscreen. Meet us at the North entrance to FUMC and we'll be traveling up to the beautiful La Foret Retreat Center (www.laforet.org) for a full day on their high and low ropes course in Black Forest! How might God desire to stretch you and help us all grow closer in meeting new challenges together? Ropes challenges are great life and spiritual metaphors. No matter what physical shape you're in, there will be something wonderful in store for you. We'll be guided by one of the best outdoor educators around, from The Adventure Guild (www.theadventureguild.com).

Small Group Leader Training, Room 50, 5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 11—Part 1, Wednesday, August 18th — Part 2

Rising 9th Graders—Adults Do you want to help our youth ministry continue to grow into all that God intends it to be? If so, and you feel up to the challenge of becoming a trained small group leader for our Wednesday night program, you are invited to this meaningful two-part leaders' training. Call Todd Spencer for more details at 884-2502!

Third Annual FUMY Picture Awards, Wednesday, August 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join us in for a meal The Zone and bring your pictures from this summer! After dinner and some games, we'll put all of our summer pictures (personal and from our youth ministry activities) out on tables to share. Then, we'll vote for the following awards: Funniest Picture, Most Representative our Our Youth Group Picture, Most Artistic Picture and Best Picture. Let's share great memories of Summer 2010. Don't forget to bring your pictures!

Welcome Wednesday Scavenger Hunt Night, Wednesday, August 18, 6:30-8:30 pm

Yahoooooo! We are so excited to be welcoming our new 7th graders into our youth ministry family! After we all eat together, we'll be pairing up our new 7th grade friends with older youth so that we can get to know each other better and complete our scavenger hunt. Come ready with a warm smile and an open heart. God will be doing great things in our lives this year! Be there for it. (meal included)

Game & Movie Night, Wednesday, August 25, 6:30-8:30 pm (meal included)

We'll have dinner and opening announcements together. Then, you will get to choose between watching our movie of the night or playing some organized group games. Nominate your movie for this night by emailing the title and summary about it to todds@fumc-cs.org. We're looking for a movie about new beginnings.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES IN KINGDOM CITY

(Find us on the second floor, north wing)

Summer Children's Worship - *Reading your Bible A-Z in the Columbarium*

July Sunday School Rotation - *Elijah and Elisha*

August 1 Sunday School - *Movie Day!*



Children's Ministries on Vacation

After an exciting fun-filled summer and VBS, we will be gone from 7/19-8/2. The Children's Ministries offices will be closed during this time. Please be patient while we get some much needed rest to gear up for the fall. Sunday morning programming will be staffed by our loving volunteers and occur as scheduled.

Sidewalk Sale to benefit FUMC Preschool, August 28, 8:00 am-12:00 noon

The First United Methodist Church Preschool will be holding a Sidewalk Sale in the north parking lot on Saturday, August 28 from 8:00 am-12:00 noon. They will be selling a variety of items and baked goods. All of the proceeds will go to make much needed improvements to the playground that our preschool children use every day. We are seeking donations of items that could include household items, office furniture, books, gently used clothing, baby items and baked goods. Please consider supporting the FUMC Preschool by donating or buying at our Sidewalk Sale! Accepting donations after August 5.

Heifer Project Report

More than 20 sheep will go to families all over the world!

This year's VBS mission was Heifer International, an organization that provides the gift of livestock to families offering sustainable income and better lives for those who live in poverty around the world. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 (100 sheep "shares"). Through the love and generosity of our children and congregation, we raised over \$2500! This will buy more than 20 "real" sheep that will go to families all over the world. The gift of sheep provide families with wool to make clothing and sell, manure to fertilize crops, meat to eat, and usually two lambs a years to sell. This income is critical for families in developing countries to buy school books, clothes, and medicine. We are very proud of the children and families of FUMC for making this difference in the world.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Project - Two weeks left!

There are only two weeks left to pick up and return a shoe box in support of Operation Christmas Child. We ask that each child fill the box with Christmas gifts and items that will go to a child in need in the world. Together, with a simple shoe box, we have taught our own children an important bible story in a bigger than life way, and will send God's love to the furthest corner of the earth. Please return all filled boxes by August 19!

June 1-August 22: Summer Reading Program "Reading the Bible A-Z"

This summer we are pleased to offer a summer reading program for children and the adults in their lives. Participants will be given a special program and bookmark to help them navigate their way through 26 familiar and unfamiliar bible stories. This is a great opportunity to read the bible with your child or separately. Grandparents of children living far away are encouraged to send a copy of the program and participate with them by phone. Children will receive a special prize after completing the entire alphabet of stories.

Baptism Information

In the United Methodist Church Baptism of infants includes the reaffirmation of the vows of the baptismal covenant by parents, sponsors, and the congregation; but chiefly it celebrates what God is doing and will do in the life of the infant. Through baptism, God claims those being baptized, whatever their age or ability to profess their faith, with divine grace. Please contact Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley to learn more about baptism.

Are you expecting an addition to your family?

If you are expecting a new baby (by birth or adoption) or have recently welcomed a little one to your family we would like to honor you! Please contact Deb Walker, Children's Ministries Coordinator at 471-8522 x 213.

ACOLYTE TRAINING AUGUST 28, 9:30 AM -11:30 AM

All children 3rd-6th grades are invited to serve as acolytes at First United Methodist Church. Acolytes are scheduled on a rotating basis to carry God's light and the cross into the sanctuary at the 8:00 and 11:00 worship services. Join us for our 2010-2011 acolyte party and training. Contact Deb Walker at 471-8522 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 3RD ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY!

Invite friends and family to join us **Sunday, August 29, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm!** This will be a festive day as we say good-bye to summer and kick-off our fall programming. Watch future publications for events taking place and opportunities to sponsor activities booths.

SCS - THE "PERKS" OF PARTICIPATION

A SACRED CONCERT SERIES OFFER YOU CANNOT REFUSE!

Can't afford concert tickets? Have a little spare time on your hands? Just imagine being able to enjoy a full season of concerts at First United Methodist Church for free! Well, at no monetary cost and, at a very minimal time cost. For volunteering only 15 to 20 hours time, over a 12 month period, you will enjoy the benefit of a general admission season pass to an entire year of Sacred Concert Series concert performances. That is less than two hours per month for \$100 to \$125 worth of concert tickets! Volunteer opportunities include: ushering, hospitality/receptions, parking lot attending, greeting, program assembly and ticket sales. How do you sign up? Email, concerts@fumccs.org (you must type "Sign Me Up!" in the email subject line so we will know you are not a spammer!) Or call, 719-471-4361 and leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted and given more information and specifics about this great opportunity.

HOMeward PIKES PEAK

Good things are happening for those people who find themselves homeless in El Paso County. Much of that is due to *Homeward Pikes Peak*. This organization works in partnership with various agencies, including El Pomar and local faith-based organizations. There was recently an informational gathering at Woodmen Valley Chapel where faith-based organizations of all sizes were asked to pitch in and raise money to support the work of getting homeless persons into homes and into jobs. According to Bob Holmes, Executive Director of Homeward Pikes Peak, there are around 500 chronic homeless persons in El Paso County and around 2,000 crisis homeless persons (many families) at present. Bob was instrumental in working with the City Council and the El Pomar Foundation to find alternate, safe housing for those persons who were living in the tent communities throughout the city. As one of those vibrant faith communities in the city, we at FUMC were one of the organizations asked to help match a \$50,000 gift by the city toward the work of Homeward Pikes Peak. We have agreed to help and would like to ask the members of our congregation to donate what you can to this powerfully life-transforming work. Make checks payable to FUMC and write "Homeward Pikes Peak" in the memo line. Your contributions will be wisely used and greatly appreciated!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are in great need of volunteers to prepare communion for Sunday worship services. We serve communion on the first Sunday of every month, except July. In order to serve communion, we need people who will come on Friday or Saturday before communion Sunday and prepare the bread and juice to be served. We also need people willing to come at 7:30 am on communion Sunday to help bring the communion to the Sanctuary and get it ready to serve. We have some very dedicated people serving in this area, but we need more. We aren't asking you to do this every month, but perhaps give two or three days a year. That isn't much in service of our Lord and church. If you are willing to answer this call to ministry, please call Rev. Jerry Hurst at 471-8522, ext. 209 for more information.

WOMEN OF FAITH "IMAGINE" SEPTEMBER 24 – 25

This annual event will take place at the Pepsi Center in Denver. Friday's events are 10:00 am to 3:30 pm and 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Saturday's event are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$89.00. For more information visit www.womenoffaith.com, or contact Gail Merritt, 719-634-2466 or Stefanie Hecht, 719-471-8522 to reserve your seat!

This Week at FUMC

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am Mission Arts Center Information Table Hospitality Center
 9:00 am Blood Pressure Checks Bears Place
 9:00 am Library Open

MONDAY, JULY 26

8:30 am Quilters Classroom 238
 3:00 pm Library Open
 6:00 pm Yoga Class Classroom 21
 6:15 pm Keith Small Group Kingdom City 209

TUESDAY, JULY 27

9:30 am Banner Ministry Classroom 232
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Prayer Room 231
 5:30 pm Men's Group The Zone
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Hibbard/50/51/52

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

1:00 pm Bridge Group Hospitality Ctr
 3:00 pm Library Open

THURSDAY, JULY 29

9:00 am UMW Card Workshop Classroom 7
 6:30 pm Holy Listening Contemplative Prayer Campbell Reading Rm

FRIDAY, JULY 30

10:00 am Scrapbooking Class Classroom 21

SATURDAY, JULY 31

9:00 am Communion Prep Parlor Kitchen
 10:00 am Scrapbooking Class Classroom 21
 7:00 pm Encounter Youth Choir Concert Sanctuary

Remember to pick up your "Summer Compass Flyer" to help you plan for Children's, Youth, Women's and Adult Ministries events, as well as special events for the entire congregation - some new and some annual - that will really make summer memorable! Find your copy in the Hospitality Center today.

GOING ON VACATION?

Get a CD, DVD or VHS of the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Each of these formats is available to order at the Welcome Desk. Get one to keep for yourself and one to pass on to friends and family! A CD is \$5.00, and a DVD or VHS is \$10.00.

THE GATE BOOKSTORE HOURS OF OPERATION

The Gate is open on Sundays, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. We will once again be open on Wednesday evenings when the Wednesday Night Dinners resume in the fall.

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

If you have a family member or friend that is in a care facility or is homebound and would like a friendly visit for prayer and fellowship, please call the Church, 471-8522.

CIRCLE COMMUNICATION FOR JULY 2010

Did You Know...

...that there is a place in the UMW for both Mary(s) and Martha(s)? Serving is what we do, but our purpose states we are "a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons." So we have both characterizations, and perhaps in each of us there is a Mary AND a Martha.

UMW CIRCLE SCHEDULE FOR JULY/AUGUST 2010

Quilters Circle: Mondays, 8:30 am, Room 238 South

We welcome any new quilters!
 Contact: Brenda Hawley 719-633-5702

Joy Circle: No July Meeting

Contact: Lynda Reid 719-573-9069

Mary Martha Circle: No July Meeting

Contact: Maxine Bernston 719-685-9422

Nightingale Circle: No July Meeting

Contact: Jean Reed 719-227-0271

Sunshine Circle: No July Meeting

Contact: Virginia Heilman 719-598-9512

UMW Card Workshop: Thursday, August 4, 9:00 am, Room 7

Contact: Dorothy Calkins 719-591-9940

Sara Circle: Thursday, August 5, No Meeting

Happy Vacation Everyone!
 Contact: Sarah Goodwin 719-302-6114

UMW Craft Group: Thursday, August 12, 1:30 PM, 5505 Flintridge Drive

Program: Projects for the Bazaar
 Contact: Carol Van Melle 719-260-1654

UMW Reading Group: Wednesday, August 25, 1:30 pm, Hospitality Center

Discussion: Social Action
 Contact: Pat Kosley 719-596-3778



Ongoing Missions

Remember that there is an ongoing mission to collect the following:

1. Box Tops for Education
2. Campbell Soup Labels
3. Aluminum Can Tabs

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Want to get your news in *First News*?

E-mail: Staff member in charge of ministry area

Call: 471-8522

The August 15 bulletin, *First News* and *YCCOM* submissions will be due by noon on Thursday, August 5. Please keep in mind that the staff member in charge of the ministry related to your article requires sufficient time to approve articles *before* the deadline.

FIRST NEWS

July 25, 2010

FALL COMPASS SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS TODAY!

If your ministry area has an ongoing or special event scheduled to happen from September through December, now is your chance to get it publicized. We are beginning to work on the fall *Compass* now. The deadline to submit information for the publication is July 25. Please turn in your information to the staff person who relates to your ministry area.

VISIT THE MISSION ARTS CENTER TABLE TODAY!

What is the Mission Arts Center? You are invited to visit the information table today in the Hospitality Center for information on the progress of the Mission Arts Center building renovation at 324 N. Nevada Ave. The interior rooms are being painted by the Keith Study Group, and plans are proceeding to ready the Mission Arts Center for its dedication and opening in September!

ENCOUNTER YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMS SATURDAY, JULY 31

Encounter is a group of Christian youth from 9th through 12th grade that represents over 25 churches in the Alton Illinois. Currently, there are 95 youth in the choir! Encounter performs 10 to 15 times a season; including a 10-day performance/service tour each July and August. This year, the group will tour Colorado Springs, Denver, and Kansas City, Missouri. Please join us on Saturday, July 31, at 7:00 pm, in the Sanctuary.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD FOR ESM

As one of the founding congregations of the Ecumenical Social Ministries (ESM) we partner with ESM in many ways. One way in which we support the vital services of this downtown outreach organization is with gifts of non-perishable food items. On the first Sunday of the month we ask all of our members to bring non-perishable food items to church and place them in the brown boxes located in various places on the main level. These donations are taken to ESM and are distributed by volunteers to those in our community who are facing hunger and serious financial constraints. So please mark your calendars now to bring your food donations to church on August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5. If you are unable to attend worship on the first Sunday then you can place your donation in any of the boxes during the week, or on a different Sunday and we will ensure that they get with the other items and make their way to ESM. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of those who most need our help in Colorado Springs.

THANKS, LAVONNE!

Over ten years ago Lavonne Beedle agreed to move from being a volunteer to being the receptionist at our church. For all of those years she has been the face, the voice and the first impression many people have of our congregation. Lavonne has decided that it is time for her, and her new husband Rex, to spend more time together. So after ten years she has asked to step down from her position of ministry here at the church. We are thrilled for Lavonne, but saddened that she won't be at the front desk to greet us when we arrive at work anymore! She will officially "retire" at the end of this month. On Sunday, August 8, we will recognize Lavonne for her commitment and devotion to the church she loves. We will recognize her in the services, between the services and we will have a reception in the Hospitality Center so you can express your appreciation. A basket will be made available so you can bring cards and gifts if you would like.

NOAH GROUP LOOKS AHEAD TO AUGUST TRIP

Mark your calendars for Monday and Tuesday, August 30 and 31. The NOAHs are headed for the High Country. Our Purple Mountain Majesty trip will take us to Estes Park, Peaceful Valley Ranch, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the towns of Grand Lake and Tabernash. **The deadline for registration and payment for this trip is Sunday, August 8.** The cost is \$105 per person. Contact Rev. Jerry Hurst, 719-471-8522 x209 for more information and to register.