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Summer News

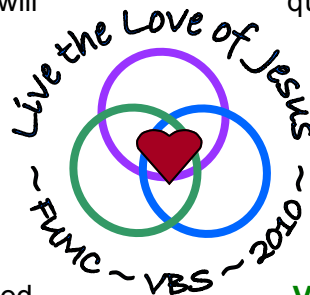
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VBS... L.I.V.E. the Love of Jesus

Registration for VBS 2010 is underway! Join us July 12-15 from 9am to noon for a wonderful week of learning about the Bible in fun, interactive and sacred ways. Our theme this year is "L.I.V.E. the Love of Jesus." Each day children will participate in worship, creativity and spirituality lessons, as well as games and snack time.

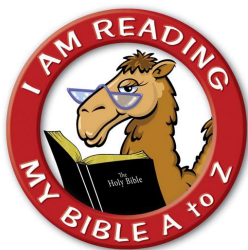
VBS is open to children 4 years old through 6th grade. In addition to our VBS programming for K-3rd grade, we are offering specially crafted and age appropriate lessons for our 4/5s preschoolers as well as our older 4th – 6th grade children. We will offer a childcare to children birth -3 whose parents are volunteering for the week. Registration cost is \$5 per child through June 20 (scholarships available). June 21-July 4

registration is \$20 per child. Final registration deadline is July 4th. Registration information is available in Kingdom City, at the Welcome Desk, or online at www.fumc-cs.org. For registration questions, please contact Angela McKibben at 471-8522 x204 or angelam@fumc-cs.org. For questions regarding volunteer opportunities, contact Deb Walker at 471-8522 x213 or debw@fumc-cs.org.



VBS Mission Project: Heifer

International. Based on the lost sheep parable of Jesus, our goal is to find all 100 of God's sheep and lead them back to our Sanctuary pasture. For every \$10 raised, another sheep will join the flock... help us find all 100 sheep and raise \$1000 for Heifer International.



Summer Reading Program

June 1-August 22
"Reading the Bible A-Z"

This summer we are pleased to offer a reading program for children and the adults in their lives. A special booklet listing the A-Z Bible stories is included in this newsletter. 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 may bring their completed booklet to Sunday School or Children's Worship to receive their special prize. *Extra booklets are available in Kingdom City and online at www.fumc-cs.org.*



Preschool

Registration is open for the summer and fall sessions of FUMC Preschool and Moms Morning Out. Programs are available for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. Dates for the summer sessions are June 7-24 and July 19-August 5. All summer classes are 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Afternoon Explorers is available to children enrolled in morning classes. Fall preschool will begin September 7, 2010. Complete details and forms are available at www.fumc-cs.org or you may call the preschool at 719-884-2500.

Sunday Programming

Our 9:30 Sunday School hour and 11:00 Children's Worship will cover the following topics this summer:

Pentecost, May 23rd—Parade & Celebration

June—Joshua: Building the Wall of Jericho

July—4th of July: Creation, Our World & Our Country; Elisha & Elijah

Promotion Sunday—Sunday School children will officially promote to the next class on this exciting day. This officially kicks off the 2010-2011 Sunday School year. Come and get to know your new Shepherd and celebrate the new beginning!

Summer Service Opportunities...

For children to learn and experience God through our Sunday school, it needs to be staffed with creative, fun, and loving adults. We invite you to join the fun! Here are the kinds of people we are looking for:

Craftspeople: These people are the ones who make our Bible Village, Kingdom City, come to life! We are looking for people who are interested in cooking, arts and crafts, story telling, video production and/or computers, music, theater and drama.

Sunday Morning Welcoming Desk: We are always looking for warm and welcoming people to assist with sign in and directing visitors. Please consider helping between 9:15-9:40 am or 10:45-11:10 am.

Special Events Volunteers:

Vacation Bible School—Info available at Welcome Desk or in Kingdom City or online.

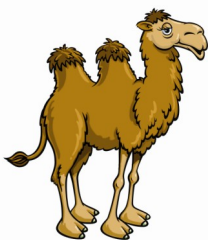
Day at the Ranch: June 9th

Donations: Shoeboxes, plain white pillowcases

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Following the January 12, 2010, earthquake which damaged or destroyed three-quarters of the Haitian capital, Children's Ministries gathered donations from the congregation and put together 200 health kits to be distributed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR is poised to deepen its relief work and move into the early stages of long-term recovery operations. They are implementing a five-year work plan that contemplates three phases of assistance to Haiti: emergency, recovery and rehabilitation. If you would like to donate to UMCOR's efforts in Haiti, you can put Advance #418325 on the memo line of your donation check payable to UMCOR and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mail your check directly to UMCOR at P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Thank you for supporting global missions!

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Camps at John Wesley Ranch

Children's Grief Camp: July 6-7

By Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

Did you know that 1 in 4 children will experience the death of a loved one before age 12? And yet one of the most frequently asked questions to me is: "Do you see other kids whose (dad, aunt, mother, etc) has died?" They breathe a huge sigh of relief when I tell them, "Yes, I do see other kids who have had a similar loss."

We think it is important for our kids and teens that have experienced a death to get to know each other in a safe, caring environment. So this summer we are offering *I Am Not Alone*, a camp where kids can meet each other, support one another and help each other along the journey towards peace.

Our *I Am Not Alone* camp will be held at the John Wesley Ranch, Divide, CO on July 6 & 7. It is for all children and teens 2nd grade through 8th grade. We will spend Tuesday together getting to know each other and making crafts and projects. Then we will have a cookout and sleep over at the Ranch. On Wednesday we will have more activities and time together concluding at 4:00 pm.

This event is free and is a co-sponsored by First Steps Spirituality Center (www.1ststeps.net). Please register by calling Leanne Hadley at (719) 471-8522 ext. 246

Please note: Transportation to and from the ranch will be provided.

Family Camp: June 12 - 13th

Calling all ages...come on up to the Ranch for a weekend of great fun and genuine fellowship. Programs begin at noon on Saturday, June 12th and run until Sunday, June 13th at noon.

We will enjoy an old-fashioned Melodrama performed by our First Company actors. There will be crafts to create, hikes for exploring, games to play and yummy food to eat in the fresh

mountain air. Sunday morning we will hold a worship service in the mountain chapel. Cost will be minimal, and the time together will be priceless! This event is being co-directed by Rev. Patty Walker and Rev. Marlene Urban-Funk.

For more information you can call 687-2148, email Marlene at marlenef@fumc-cs.org, or go to the "Programs" tab at www.johnwesleyranch.org.

Grandparent & Me Camp: July 18 - 20

Making memories...that is goal of our first *Grandparent and Me Camp* at the Ranch. The camp begins on Sunday evening, July 18th and runs through Tuesday morning, July 20th.

Designed for elementary age children and one or both of their grandparents, this two night camp offers lots of opportunities to grow closer to one another by learning and creating together. Nature walks, "Grand and Me" photos, afternoon

workshops ranging from baking to kite making/ flying, and lots more activities will bring smiles to the faces of both young and young at heart alike. Cost will be minimal.

For more information contact Kenny or Marlene at 687-2148 or kennyf@fumc-cs.org. Registration & Schedule available at www.johnwesleyranch.org, look at the "Programs" tab.



Day of Peace Camp at John Wesley Ranch

Wednesday, June 9th

8:30 am—5:30 pm

Children who have completed 1st- 6th grade are invited to spend a special day at John Wesley Ranch. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk, in Kingdom City and online.

St. Francis wrote one of the most beautiful prayers ever written, which begins with the words “Lord, make me and instrument of thy peace”. In these turbulent times, we will be using the life and prayers of St. Francis to help our children begin to think about how they might be instruments of peace at home, school, church and the world. We will also add plants to the Peace Garden that we started last summer. Each child is asked to bring a plant and an ear of corn (details provided at registration).

Transportation to John Wesley Ranch will be on the FUMC church busses. Lunch will be provided. Please join us! Cost is free. Registration is required by June 2, 2010.