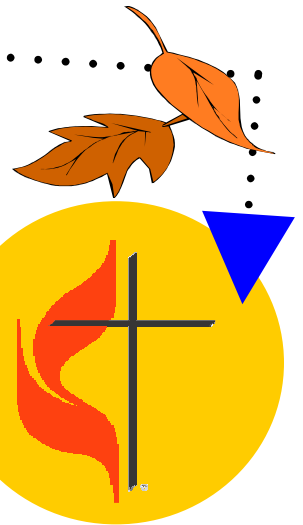


NOVEMBER
2010

SIMI UMC YOUTH



TAKE A HIKE!! (to CAMP STURTEVANT, that is!!)

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

A moderate 8 1/2 mile hike (round trip) in a beautiful canyon alongside a stream. Bring water (LOTS!), a sack lunch, and dry socks (in case you fall in the stream). *Permission slips needed ... so contact Mark Witman @ 527-6501*

SELF IMAGE

RETREAT for GIRLS

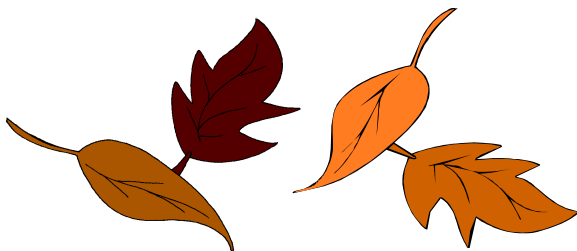
**7 pm Friday, Nov. 5 'til
6 pm Saturday, Nov. 6**

Ever feel not good enough, pretty enough, or smart enough? Get together with your peers and talk about these feelings during this 23-hour retreat that includes: games, prayer, music, yoga, discussion, cooking, food, crafts, Bible study, and "girl time."

COST? \$10. **WHERE?** Simi UMC Chapel.

NEEDS? Sleeping bag, toiletries, comfy clothes, a good attitude, an open heart, and a snack to share.

Questions? Contact Barbara Witman (583-3378)



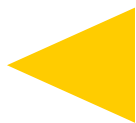
CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WON'T BREAK



Most of us know the joy of unwrapping a much anticipated gift on Christmas morning ... and the disappointment of breaking or losing that gift a few months later. No matter how much enjoyment a present gives us, the feeling is temporary. Things we can wrap in packages or stuff into stockings don't last. *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*, an Advent Study for Youth, celebrates four Christmas gifts that will never wear out or go missing.

Join us during Sunday School for this special study!
Combined Middle School & High School
10:30 a.m. in Room 8/9 - Sundays, Nov. 28 thru Dec. 19

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Harvest Hoedown

At UMYF

(United Methodist Youth Fellowship)



Y'all Come and join us for a night filled with line dancing, Country games, and a wonderful Country meal. We will learn line dances like the: "Power Jam," "Cupid Shuffle," "Watermelon Crawl," and "Black Velvet." There will also be ping pong and other games. Don't forget your best Country attire!

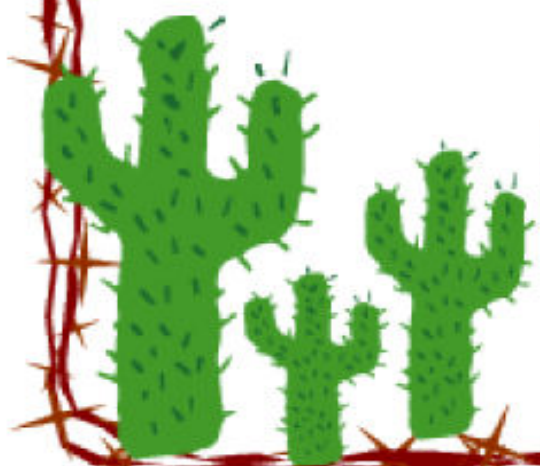
Where will this event be held?
Simi Valley United Methodist Church in Witman Hall.

What date?
November 14, 2010

What time will it be held?
5:30pm- 8:00pm

What will it Cost?
\$2.50 for dinner!

Please RSVP to Ashley Stites at ashley.stites@gmail.com by 11/7/10 so that we can purchase food and other items.



Yee-haw!!! Track down your best lookin' jeans, cowboy hat, boots, or bandana and join us at youth group for a fun-filled evening of dinner, country line dancing, games, and good old-fashioned fun with fellow youthies from T.O. UMC and Reseda FUMC.

COME HUNGRY!! DINNER @ 5:30 pm for \$2.50

(Fried chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, & biscuits ... YUM!)

YOUTH MUSIC



YOUTH PRAISE BAND

YPB leads worship **Sunday, November 14**
Check with Rick Minzer for Call Time

Regular practice Sundays, November 7 and 21
4 - 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

NO PRACTICE Nov. 14, or Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving weekend)
Questions? Contact Rick Minzer (990-1074)

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir sings in worship **Sunday, November 14**
Check with Rochelle Kitzmann for Call Time

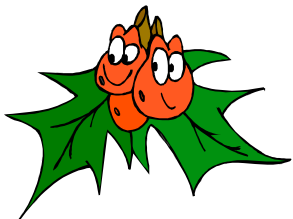
Regular practice Sundays, November 7 and 21
5 - 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

NO PRACTICE Nov. 14, or Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving weekend)
Questions? Contact Rochelle Kitzmann (404-7629)

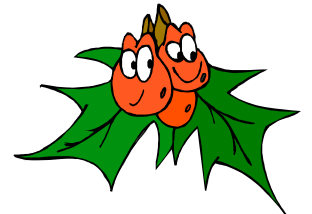
YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Regular practice Thursday nights, November 4, 11, 18
7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

NO PRACTICE Nov. 25 -- it's Thanksgiving Day!!
Questions? Contact Stu Thomson (526-3976 or 433-3181)



DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY



Saturday, Nov. 27 @ 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Well ... not really!! The youth will actually help Worship and Membership Life Committees "**Deck the Sanctuary**" for **Advent and Christmas!** Individuals and families, young and old — all are welcome to join in this Thanksgiving weekend tradition for the church and for many of our youth. This is always a LOT of fun, so see Diane to sign up if you'd like to help **Saturday, November 27** at **9 a.m.** in **the Sanctuary**. We are usually done before NOON!



YOUTH 2011 MORE THAN

Sacramento, CA - July 27 - 31, 2011

Youth in 9th grade in July 2011, up thru newly graduated 12th graders got a letter recently about **YOUTH 2011**. Cost for this 5-day event is between \$450 and \$650, with the actual cost per person based on how many youth firmly commit to attend. Once we know, the final per person cost will be set and you'll be notified. ***Each family is asked to make a commitment by Sunday, November 14, 2010 by paying a non-refundable deposit of \$50 and turning in a signed Commitment Form.*** Your \$50 will help underwrite the initial \$410 group deposit that locks in the early-bird registration rate for us through May 2011. There are 3 ways you can pay for this fantastic event, so ask Diane for a **COMMITMENT FORM** for **YOUTH 2011** today! **REMEMBER: Turn your form in, along with your \$50 deposit by SUNDAY, NOV. 14 ...**

RELAY FOR LIFE

CONGRATS & THANK YOU ...

Congratulations to our Simi Valley UMC relay for Life Team, headed up for the second year by **Lauren Witman**, our FABULOUS Team Captain!!

Thanks to everybody's hard work at raising funds, our **Relay for Life Team** earned nearly \$8000 this year!! Once the final count is in for money collected, we'll publish our GRAND TOTAL in the Herald and Order of Worship.

By the way — THAT'S A RECORD FOR US! Thank you to EVERYONE who sponsored a youth or adult. In all the years we've supported this very worthy cause to find a cure for cancer, that's the most money we've ever collected as a Team!

WAY TO GO, TEAM SIMI UMC!!!

(that "team" includes walkers AND sponsors!!)



NOVEMBER MEETING DATES & STUFF

ADULT WORKERS WITH YOUTH

Tuesday, November 16
7 p.m. in Room 12

RECYCLE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

Volunteer to help sort!

YOUTH PLANNING COUNCIL

Sunday, November 21
11:45 a.m. in Rm. 8 / 9

Go in a group to grab lunch at Carl 's Jr. or Toppers (or, pack a lunch!). Then join us in Room 8/9 to help plan what we do as a youth group! Be sure to cross at the light!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS WE'RE THANKFUL FOR

- 4 Jasmine Austria
- 12 Julie Brennan
- 14 Bobbie Quintanilla
- 15 Patience Berkel, Clayton Elliott
- 16 Elizabeth Bergstrom (*Spence & Tim Ross*)
- 20 Andrew Shuster
- 29 Ashley Closser

If we forgot your
birthday, be sure to
let Diane know!!



CRAZY, BIZARRE, & Silly NOVEMBER Holidays

- 1 **All Saints' Day ; Give Up Your Shoulds Day**
- 2 **Election Day ; Cookie Monster Day ; Name Your Car Day**
- 3 **Cliché Day** (*Use clichés today. Give it a shot! Win some, lose some. You'll never know 'til you try it*)
- 4 **Use Your Common Sense Day**
- 5 **National Doughnut Day** (*be the first to email Diane and she'll bring you one on Sunday!*)
- 6 **Saxophone Day ; I Love Nachos Day**
- 7 **Daylight Savings Ends** (*turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night*) ; **International Tongue Twister Day**
- 8 **Abet and Aid Punsters Day ; Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day**
- 9 **Chaos Never Dies Day**
- 10 **Area Code Day**
- 11 **Origami Day ; Veteran's Day ; Guinness World Record Day**
- 12 **Domino Day**
- 13 **World Kindness Day**
- 14 **Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day ; National American Teddy Bear Day**
- 15 **National Bundt (Pan) Day ; America Recycles Day**
- 16 **International Day for Tolerance**
- 17 **Homemade Bread Day** (*Yum!!*)
- 18 **Mickey Mouse Day ; Use Less Stuff Day**
- 19 **Have a Bad Day Day** (*Huh?!?*)
- 20 **Name Your PC Day ; Absurdity Day**
- 21 **World Hello Day ; World Television Day**
- 22 **Go For A Ride Day** (*Andy and Mark can go for a bike ride. No, wait ... something would happen!*)
- 23 **Eat A Cranberry Day ; National Cashew Day**
- 24 **Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day**
- 25 **Thanksgiving Day ; Shopping Reminder Day**
- 26 **Black Friday ; Buy Nothing Day ; Flossing Day ;**
- 27 **National Day of Listening ; International Aura Awareness Day ; Pins and Needles Day**
- 28 **Red Planet Day**
- 29 **Throw Out Your Leftovers Day**
- 30 **Stay Home Because You're Well Day**

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Our Regular Sunday Schedule for Middle School & Sr. High youth includes the following, unless noted below:

9 am	Worship
10:30 am	Sunday School <i>Middle School (Rm. 12) ; Sr. High (Rm. 8/9)</i>
3:30 pm	Youth Praise Band in Sanctuary
5 pm	Youth Choir in Sanctuary
6 - 7:30 pm	UMYF (aka Youth Group) <i>6 pm Dinner in Witman Hall (\$2.50)</i> <i>6:30- 7:30 pm Program in the youth rooms</i>

Thursday, Nov. 4	Youth Bell Choir, 7:30 pm in the Chapel
Nov. 5 - Nov. 6	Girls' Self Image Retreat, Chapel (see pg. 1)
Sunday, Nov. 7	No Youth Sunday School - Int'l Food Fest in WH Regular afternoon Music Practices Regular UMYF, 6-7:30 p.m. (see above)
Thursday, Nov. 11	Youth Bell Choir, 7:30 pm in the Chapel
Saturday, Nov. 13	YOUTH HIKE to Camp Sturtevant (see pg. 1)
Sunday, Nov. 14	Youth lead music in worship, 9 a.m. <i>(check Call Times with directors)</i> NO AFTERNOON MUSIC PRACTICES UMYF HARVEST HOEDOWN, 5:30 - 8 pm (see pg 2)
Tuesday, Nov. 16	AWWY Meeting, 7 p.m. in Room 12 at church
Thursday, Nov. 18	Youth Bell Choir, 7:30 pm in the Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 21	Regular Sunday Schedule (times & locations above) Youth Planning Council, 11:45 a.m. in Room 8/9 Regular UMYF, 6-7:30 p.m. (see above)
Thursday, Nov. 5	THANKSGIVING DAY - No Bell Choir practice
Saturday, Nov. 27	Decorate Sanctuary for Advent, 9 a.m.
Sunday, Nov. 28	ADVENT STARTS - All-church collection drives begin for youth-sponsored Samaritan Center Stock-Up Drive and Canned Food Drive for Care & Share NO MUSIC PRACTICES or UMYF TONIGHT!



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