

DECEMBER
2010

SIMI UMC YOUTH



BASKET AUCTION Sunday, Dec. 12 in Witman Hall

Lunch served at 12 NOON ~ Bidding starts at 12:15 p.m.

This is our major fundraiser for the year, so plan to be a part of it!!
Put on your creative thinking cap and create a basket to be auctioned off at church.

WE'RE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO MAKE ONE (1) BASKET

There are TONS of ideas, like: Chocolate Lover's Basket with lots of different kinds of chocolate; Rainy Day at Home Basket with hot chocolate, a board game, a music CD, etc.; Pet Fancier's basket, with a cute dog collar, special treats, a brush, and chew toys. You get the idea — this could be LOTS of fun!! You could even make a basket donating your time and talents — like a Babysitter's Basket, with a certificate for 4 hours of babysitting, a puzzle, a special storybook, etc. In fact, it doesn't even have to be in a basket! Use any cool-looking container, like a new trash can, a plastic beach tote, a shiny galvanized pail — anything will do!

Don't have a basket? Don't have an idea? NO PROBLEM!!
Call Barbara Witman at 583-3378. She's got LOTS of 'em!!

Bring your completed basket to church on or before Dec. 10. We also need help setting up baskets, showing the baskets as people are bidding, and cleaning up on Sunday, Dec. 12. Mark this very fun event on your family calendar NOW!! Questions? Call Barbara Witman at 583-3378

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**SIMI UMC YOUTH SPONSOR TWO
CHRISTMAS “GIFT of GIVING” PROJECTS**
Care & Share Canned Food Drive
Samaritan Center “Stock Up” Drive

Help the youth group build a huge **CANNED FOOD TREE** in the Narthex!
 We’re asking the entire church to bring in ONE ITEM A WEEK for the NEXT 4 WEEKS
 to help **Care & Share Food Pantry** or the **Samaritan Center** (homeless drop-in center).

People helping People ... Neighbors helping Neighbors

**THE NEED IS GREAT. SHELVES at CARE & SHARE are almost EMPTY,
 and MANY FAMILIES are HURTING.**

Flyers are available in the Narthex with lists of items that are needed.

If EVERYBODY at church joins together, we make a HUGE difference!

Sunday, Nov. 28 thru Sunday, Dec. 19



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS
 THAT WON'T BREAK**

Most of us know the joy of unwrapping gifts 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, 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**

YOUTH MUSIC YOUTH MUSIC



DECEMBER PRACTICE DATES:

- **YOUTH PRAISE BAND** - Regular practice on Sunday, Dec. 5 and 19 @ 3:30 pm in SA
- **YOUTH CHOIR** - Regular practices on Sundays, December 5 and 19 @ 5 – 6 p.m. in SA (*Check with Rochelle about possible extra practices*)
- **YOUTH BELL CHOIR** - Practice Thursdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23 ; 7:30 p.m. in Chapel

DECEMBER PERFORMANCE DATES:

- **YOUTH PRAISE BAND & YOUTH CHOIR** - Dec. 12 during 9 a.m. worship
- **YOUTH CHOIR** - sing on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) @ 7 pm and 11 pm
- **YOUTH BELL CHOIR**
Holiday on the Hill at Reagan Library - Sunday, Dec. 12

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) @ 7 pm and 11 pm
5 pm Candlelight Service - Call time 4:15 pm in Sanctuary
11 pm Late Service, to ring in Christmas - Call time TBD

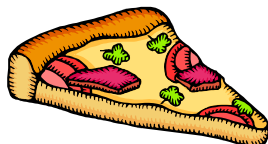
(NOTE: Transportation home after the late service ends at midnight will be available as a gift to our AWESOME parents - Parents, if you don't plan to attend the late service, let Stu and Diane know and we'll be sure to get your youth home!)



UMYF DINNER NEWS ...

If you're a parent who'd like to help provide a dinner on Sunday nights for UMYF, please contact Debbie Post in the Church office (526-6231). Debbie and Bob Post are our fantastic Dinner Coordinators, and they'll be glad to "show you the ropes."

Special thanks to Julie Brennan, Karen Greene, and Chris and Ron Closser for helping cook for us in October and November!! And to Bob and Debbie Post — you are AWESOME! Thanks for all you do to have a great dinner for us at UMYF!



LIVING NATIVITY

A 32-year tradition for our youth!

The youth will again stage their outdoor Living Nativity this year on the corner of Erringer and Cochran. Want to take part in this youth group tradition? Costumes are provided -- we just need youth to dress as Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Shepherds, and Wise Men for the following dates and times:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

Shift 1: 5:30-6:15 pm -- Shift 2: 6:15-7:00 pm

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Shift 1: 5:30-6:15 pm -- Shift 2: 6:15-7:00 pm

A NOTE TO PAST YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS (alumni):

From 6 - 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve past alumni of our youth group put on the Nativity! If you've graduated from Youth Group, contact Diane about being part of this visual reminder of what we celebrate! Alumni are needed for one or two shifts, depending on how many sign up.

SIGN UP SOON!! SPACES FILL UP FAST!



WANT TO HELP SET UP THE STABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S LIVING NATIVITY?

Contact Mark Witman (527-6501)

Scheduled set-up date is Saturday, Dec. 18 @ 9 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

FRIDAY, DEC. 17 from 5 - 7:30 pm

Meet in the Chapel at 5 pm -- dress warmly and bring a dessert to share. After caroling, we'll return to church for pizza, drinks, and dessert in the Chapel. Pick-up time will be at 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Call **Barbara Brown** at 522-8395



Caroling
Christmas
Party

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CHRISTMAS

Party and Potluck @ UMYF

SUNDAY, DEC. 19 @ UMYF

6 pm 'til 8 pm (note later time)

Location to be announced SOON ... so stay tuned!

**For the POTLUCK, everybody brings something to share
based on last names - drinks provided.**

(Please bring enough for 8 - 10 people, please - One dish per family)

Last name A - J bring Dessert

Last name K - Z bring Main Dish or Salad

Questions? Contact **Diane Thomson** at 526-3976

**THIS IS A PERFECT TIME TO INVITE A FRIEND
TO JOIN YOU @ YOUTH GROUP!!**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

YOUTH ALIVE

AM I A LIFE SAVER

Conference Event for High School Youth

February 19, 20, and 21, 2011 at the Riverside Hotel and Convention Center

Cost: SPECIAL 'EARLY BIRD' REGISTRATION COST

\$215 per person by Sunday, Dec 12

(This is the EARLYBIRD DEADLINE to get Diane your paperwork and \$\$)

'POST-EARLY BIRD' COST

\$245 per person after Dec. 12

FINAL DEADLINE to get Diane paperwork and \$\$ is SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Registration forms and church permission slips are available on the church website (www.simivalleyumc.org), in the Narthex, Church Office, and Sr. High youth room.

ALL DEADLINES ARE FIRM

To take advantage of the lower cost of \$215 per person, Diane must mail 'Early Bird' registrations so the Conference receives them by Monday, Dec. 20.

Paperwork and the 'post-Early Bird' cost of \$245 must be mailed so the Conference receives them by Monday, January 10.

You can use Campership credits to help pay for these two events.

Talk to Tom Kendall and get started ASAP!!

Camperships for each event must be earned by the deadline to turn in permission slips and money for that event. Those dates are:

YOUTH ALIVE DEADLINE for \$\$, permission slip, registration form and camperships) - **Sunday, Dec. 12**

*(Early Bird rate of \$215) ... or **Sunday, Jan. 2** (Post-Early Bird rate of \$245)*

WINTER RETREAT DEADLINE for \$\$ and permission slips (and camperships) - **Sunday, Jan. 9**

1. Obtain the Campership Forms from the church office and have them filled out by your parent or guardian.
2. Bring your Campership Request Form to the church office for pastors' approval prior to earning your campership hours.
3. Once your Campership has been approved, begin filling out your Campership Service Log. Be sure to get your service log signed by your supervisor(s).
4. Once you have completed your service hours log, bring it along with your Camp Registration Forms to the church office prior to the event registration deadline.

REMEMBER - You are only allowed to use one 40-hour or two 20-hour camperships per year,
so decide early how you'll be using the service hours you earn.

WINTER RETREAT 2011

Friday, February 4 thru Sunday, February 6
@ Camp Wrightwood, in the Angeles Forest

COST: \$110

(\$100 if you bring a friend, & they only pay \$100 too!)

Also, \$100 for 2nd & 3rd siblings in the same family

Checks payable to United Methodist Church

Camperships available. Contact Tom Kendall @ 526-6231

PERMISSION SLIPS and \$\$ DUE BY JANUARY 16

Camperships must be earned by then, too!

NO REFUNDS
AFTER DUE DATE

MEET @ CHURCH

on FRIDAY, 6:30 pm SHARP!

PICK UP @ CHURCH

on SUNDAY, 3 pm

IMPORTANT INFO for PARENTS : YOUTH NEED TO EAT DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE ARRIVING @ CHURCH. There will be 2 adult chaperones in each dorm room. All adult workers and chaperones will be background checked. Questions? Call Diane Thomson (526-3976)

PACKING LIST :

- ✓ NO CELL PHONES ✓ Bible ✓ Sleeping Bag
- ✓ Pillow ✓ Towel ✓ Toiletries ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Warm clothes ✓ Clothes for snow play
- ✓ Snack to share ✓ Spending Money

Don't miss out on an awesome weekend full of
SPIRITUAL GROWTH ... SNOW PLAY ... FRIENDSHIP ... CAMPFIRE ...
LEARNING ... WORSHIP ... and a LIFETIME of MEMORIES.

Simi Valley United Methodist Church

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Parent Consent Form and Emergency Medical Release

to be completed and signed by parent/guardian.

Name of Activity: WINTER RETREAT at CAMP WRIGHTWOOD
Date of Event: *Friday thru Sunday, February 4, 5, and 6, 2011*
Cost: \$110 per person (see front of flyer for details / exceptions)

My son/daughter, _____ has my permission to participate in the activity listed above, sponsored by The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley, CA, being held on the date(s) listed above. I do further give my permission to counselors, leaders or other adult staff to obtain and administer medical aid as might be required for the immediate care of my son/daughter in the event such help of an emergency nature becomes necessary. I also give my permission to include the administration of such medicines or treatment as might be ordered or administered by a duly licensed physician. It is further understood that the United Methodist Church of Simi Valley, CA its officers, ministers, counselors, leaders or agents will not be held liable for any first aid rendered, or treatment, drugs or medicines administered, or surgical procedure performed pursuant to this consent.

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____
Name _____ **Phone#** _____ **cell#** _____
Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

1) My son/daughter has the following **ALLERGIES**: (include food allergies)

2) My son/daughter has the following **MEDICAL CONDITIONS**:

3) My son/daughter will need to take these **MEDICATIONS** during this activity: (include administration time/ dose)

Emergency Contact Person and Phone Number if you are unavailable:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Relationship _____

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Name _____ **Phone** _____

Relationship _____

Insurance Information (to be used only if you cannot be reached by phone):

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____ **Group #** _____

I give my permission for the counselors/youth director to provide my child with over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil, should that be needed while in their care.

Parent Signature _____

Please list any over the counter (OTC) medications we should NOT give your child:

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Casey Clark, Chris Seckman
- 9 Natalie Motzel
- 12 Curtis Iwansky
- 14 Lacey Fierro
- 28 Noah Berkel
- 30 Deanna Fierro, Haven Santiago

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



DECEMBER MEETING DATES & STUFF

NO AWWY MEETING
in DECEMBER



WINTER RETREAT MEETINGS

- Sunday, Dec. 5 @ 11:45 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 11
(Time TBD - either before or after hanging Christmas lights!)

Meetings are in Room 8/9 and last until 1 p.m.

YOUTH PLANNING COUNCIL

**SUNDAY, DEC. 19 @ 11:45 a.m.
in Room.8/9**

Pack your lunch or check with Diane before going in a group to grab lunch at Carl's or Toppers. Then, help plan what our youth group will be doing next!

RECYCLE SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

Volunteer to help sort!

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YOUTH

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