

APRIL 2011



Simi UMC Youth

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

[aka UMYF, youth group, a place to BE in Christ]

For youth in 6th thru 12th grade

From 6 - 7:30 pm on

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Sr. High only - Middle School return from
SPIRIT QUEST weekend

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Dinner for \$2.50 in Witman Hall @ 6 pm

Age-level programs 6:30-7:30 pm

Middle School in Rm. 12

Sr. High in Rm. 8/9

Besides Sunday night youth group, check out our
Music Programs ... Sunday School ...
Service opportunities ... Retreats and Camps ...
Fun activities and events ... and MORE!!

sr. high easter work trip

Tuesday, April 26 thru Saturday, April 30

COST: \$20

As Mark Witman would say, "Get a killer tan and have lots of good stories** to tell your friends at school, working in the 'great outdoors' at Camp Lazy W!" If that sounds good to you, you'll want to sign up NOW to spend 5 days with your friends, **re-roofing 2 buildings, building a bridge, and having LOTS of fun!** No experience necessary ... just be willing to learn and have a desire to serve. Questions? Need a permission slip? Call **Mark Witman** at 527-6501 or talk to him at church.

DEADLINE FOR \$\$ and PERMISSION SLIPS
SUNDAY, MARCH 27

*** (Hmmm ... maybe SOME of those stories will be about Mark??)*

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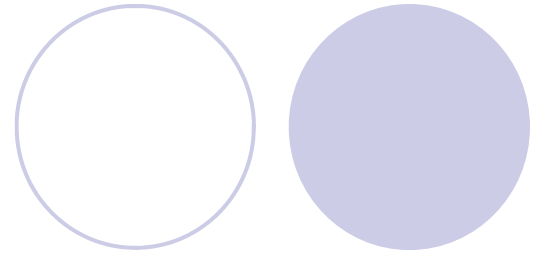
SPRING SERVICE PROJECTS for MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Think the Sr. High kids are the only ones who get to do the good stuff?? **NOT TRUE!!!** During Spring Break, our 6th thru 8th graders tackle one-day service projects, pairing each one with something fun! Flyers are coming SOON—check out the Narthex youth rack or Room 12 and see what's planned for THIS year! Need a permission slip? Have questions? Call Diane (526-3976) or talk to her at church.

DEADLINE for PERMISSION SLIPS
SUNDAY, APRIL 17

CONFIRMATION 2011

APRIL CLASS MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES



With co-leaders Rev. Tom Kendall and Diane Thomson

This year, we have 12 youth taking part in our Confirmation program. From March 21 thru May 16, they'll be learning the basics of Christianity, and what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist. Pray for your friends as they move through this important part of their faith journey. And keep Pastor Tom and Diane in prayer too, as they share this experience with them.

APRIL CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Monday, April 4 Regular class, 4:30-6:30 pm in Chapel
- Monday, April 11 NO CLASS MEETING
- Friday, April 18 Attend Good Friday Tennebrae Service as a class
- Monday, April 22 NO CLASS MEETING - SPRING BREAK

YOUTH MUSIC

APRIL PRACTICES & PERFORMANCES

Youth Praise Band

Regular practices on Sundays, April 3 and 17

4 – 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

YPB leads music in worship on Sunday, April 10

Check with Pastor Andy for Call Time

NO AFTERNOON PRACTICE on April 10

Contact - Pastor Andy @ 526-6231

Youth Choir

Regular practice on Sundays, April 10 and 17

5 – 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Youth Choir sings on April 3 and on Easter (April 24)

Contact - Rochelle Kitzmann, Director @ 404-7629

Youth Bell Choir

Regular practices on Thursdays, April 7 and 14

7:30 p.m. in the Chapel

NO PRACTICES Maundy Thursday or Spring Break

Youth Bells ring in worship on Sunday, April 3

Contact - Stu Thomson, Director @ 526-3976 or 433-3181

*“There is
nothing in the
world so much
like prayer as
music is.”*

- William P. Merrill

An underwater scene with vibrant blue and red coral, bubbles, and two cartoonish orange and white striped clownfish. The background is a gradient of light blue to white, with stylized waves and bubbles.

For Middle School Youth
SPIRIT QUEST
"GO FISH!"

FRIDAY thru SUNDAY
APRIL 8, 9, 10

Camp Hess Kramer in Malibu, CA

*"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1:17*

It's gonna be GREAT!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Tevita Inoke

12 Cori Brennan, Michael Pahls

13 Lauren Witman

19 Elora Laier

24 Alberto Calderone



And if we forgot your birthday, be sure to let Diane know ASAP!!

If you're the first to read this month's newsletter and email or call Diane, you can pick ANY April food-related holiday and she'll buy you some!

(sometimes bizarre) HOLIDAYS in APRIL

NATIONAL GUITAR MONTH

(should Pastor Andy get a new one to commemorate this!?)

- 1 April Fool's Day ; International Fun at Work Day
- 2 [National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day](#)
- 3 Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day ; Tweed Day
- 4 Hug a Newsmen Day ; Walk Around Things Day ; Tell a Lie Day *(don't you DARE!!)*
- 5 Go for Broke Day
- 6 Plan Your Epitaph Day ; Sorry Charlie Day
- 7 [Caramel Popcorn Day](#) ; No Housework Day
- 8 All is Ours Day ; Draw a Picture of a Bird Day
- 9 Name Yourself Day ; National Cherish an Antique Day *(give Diane a hug today!)*
- 10 Golfer's Day ; National Siblings Day
- 11 Eight Track Tape Day *(do any of you even know what these ARE?)* ; National Submarine Day
- 12 D.E.A.R. Day (aka, [Drop Everything And Read](#)) ; [Licorice Day](#)
- 13 Blame Someone Else Day ; Scrabble Day
- 14 International Moment of Laughter Day ; Look Up at the Sky Day *(which will make people laugh!)*
- 15 Rubber Eraser Day ; Titanic Remembrance Day ; [McDonald's Day](#)
- 16 National Stress Awareness Day
- 17 Blah, Blah, Blah Day ; [National Cheeseball Day](#) ; Ford Mustang Day
- 18 International Jugglers' Day ; National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
- 19 [National Garlic Day](#) ; National Hanging Out Day
- 20 Look Alike Day
- 21 Kindergarten Day ; National High Five Day *(third Thursday)*
- 22 [National Jelly Bean Day](#)
- 23 Take a Chance Day ; World Laboratory Day
- 24 HAPPY EASTER *(He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!)* ; Pig in a Blanket Day
- 25 Dyngus Day *(always the Monday after Easter - look this one up on Google)* ; World Penguin Day
- 26 Hug an Australian Day ; [National Pretzel Day](#) ; Richter Scale Day
- 27 Babe Ruth Day *(how about making this [Baby Ruth Day](#) instead?)* ; Tell a Story Day
- 28 Kiss Your Mate Day
- 29 [National Shrimp Scampi Day](#) ; Greenery Day
- 30 National Honesty Day *(to combat April 4, I guess!)* ; Eeyore's Birthday Day *(last Saturday in April)*



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April Meeting Dates

NO APRIL AWWY MEETING

YOUTH PLANNING COUNCIL (YPC)

Sunday, April 17 @ 11:45 a.m. in Rm 8 / 9

DATES to KNOW ...

RECYCLE SUNDAY - APRIL 24

Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, May 7

Stay tuned for more info - location TBD

Youth Sunday is May 22

Planning starts SOON, so sign up to help!

ordered a youth group t-shirt yet !?!

Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office, youth rooms, online, or from Erin Anderson.

COST - \$16 each, cash or check

Make checks out to Simi Valley United Methodist Church

DEADLINE for orders and payments is **SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

Questions? Contact Erin at 582-0819

