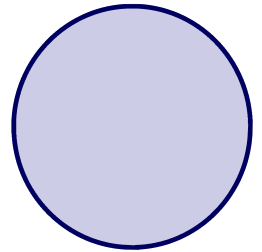
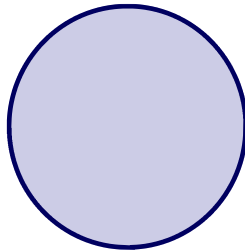
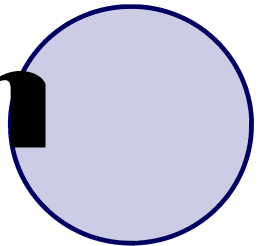
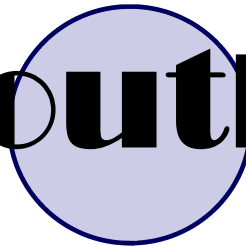
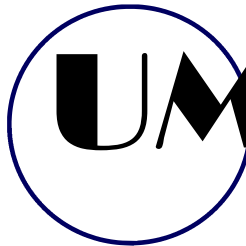


February
2012



Simi UMC Youth



WINTER RETREAT 2012

FEB. 3-5 @ WRIGHTWOOD, CA

"WHO AM I?"

"When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."

- Jeremiah 29:13 (NRSV)

Who is God? Who are you in God's eyes? As a Christian? To others and to the world? Does who you are even matter? Make a difference? Have an impact? So many questions! Scripture promises if we search for God with our whole heart we will find him, and the answers we're looking for! Do some searching, and draw closer to the God who knows you and loves you more than you can imagine!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Early group will leave church by 3:15 pm to set up at camp. We'll eat dinner on the way.

Later group - meet @ Church on Friday @ 6:30 pm sharp! [by the Chapel]

EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU COME!

PACKING LIST - DON'T FORGET TO BRING ...

- ✓ Bible ✓ Bath towel ✓ Pillow ✓ Sleeping bag ... or sheets & blanket ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Gloves ✓ Knit hat ✓ Warm clothes ✓ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant)
- ✓ Comb / brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. ✓ Spending money (about \$10)
- ✓ i-Pods, mp3 players, and cell phones OK for use in cabins only

AND, JUST FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ...

spirit quest 2012

"there might be giants"

april 20-22 | camp Hess Kramer - Malibu, CA | **EARLY BIRD COST - \$150**

Turn registration forms and \$\$ in to Diane by Wednesday, Feb. 1



CAL PAC HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

YOUTH ALIVE

February 18 - 20, 2012

Riverside Convention Center & Marriott Hotel

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

- Jeremiah 6:16

With interactive sessions and contemporary worship, Youth Alive is an exciting, energy-packed event. High school youth from around the California-Pacific Conference gather to worship, learn, grow, and challenge each other on their journey of faith. Don't miss an event that will enrich and inspire you to make a difference in your world!

***IMPORTANT
MEETINGS***

Adult Workers With Youth

FEBRUARY 7

@ 7 p.m. in Room 12

NEXT RECYCLE SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 26

Sign up to help sort!



**BIRTHDAYS ! BIRTHDAYS !
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February

- 3 Tymmy Kane**
- 9 Barbara Witman
Daniela Castaneda**
- 21 Nancy Calderone**
- 23 Dave Brennan**
- 25 Jeff Jewell**
- 27 Lili Inoke**



If your birthday's not listed, tell Diane ASAP!

Weird, Wonderful, Wacky February Celebrations



- Feb. 1 Car Insurance Day ; Spunky Old Broads Day *[a day just for Diane!!]*
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day ... and also Marmot Day and Hedgehog Day!!
- Feb. 3 The Day the Music Died *[Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, & the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959]*
- Feb. 4 Ice Cream for Breakfast Day *[YUM!!!]*
- Feb. 5 National Weatherman's Day ; World Nutella Day
- Feb. 6 Lame Duck Day
- Feb. 7 Wave All Your Fingers at Your Neighbor Day
- Feb. 8 Kite Flying Day
- Feb. 9 Toothache Day
- Feb. 10 Umbrella Day
- Feb. 11 White T-Shirt Day
- Feb. 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 13 Madly In Love With Me Day
- Feb. 14 Ferris Wheel Day ; and *(of course)* Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 National Gumdrop Day
- Feb. 16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- Feb. 17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Feb. 18 National Battery Day
- Feb. 19 National Chocolate Mint Day
- Feb. 20 Cherry Pie Day ; Hoodie Hoo Day ; President's Day
- Feb. 21 Card Reading Day
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday *[Lent begins]* ; George Washington's Birthday ; Be Humble Day
- Feb. 23 International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day *[so, did DOGS get together and pick this?]*
- Feb. 24 National Tortilla Chip Day *[guacamole, anyone??]*
- Feb. 25 Pistol Patent Day
- Feb. 26 National Pistachio Day
- Feb. 27 No Brainer Day
- Feb. 28 Public Sleeping Day ; National Tooth Fairy Day
- Feb. 29 Leap Year Day *[once every 4 years]*





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WHAT'S THIS LENT STUFF ALL ABOUT ???

Lent is a 40-day time of personal preparation for the death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. When counting the 40 days of Lent, Sundays aren't included in the count because they commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and many churches have a special service that day when pastors mark the foreheads of Christians with ashes. This is a reminder that we're created from dust and to dust we shall return.

Lent is a time of spiritually stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on his or her individual relationship with God. It's also a time when Christians remember our baptisms. In the early Church, people rededicated themselves to Christ and new believers were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. Many early Christians were baptized on Easter Sunday, so Lent became a time of special study and prayer in preparation for their baptisms. Now, Lent is a time for believers to prepare themselves spiritually for Easter.

During Lent we follow Jesus from the days of his adult ministry, through his suffering during Holy Week, to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and includes Maundy (Holy) Thursday (when Holy Communion was instituted at the Seder meal we call the Last Supper) and Good Friday, the day that Jesus was tried, crucified, and buried.

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

Feb. 3, 4, 5	YOUTH WINTER RETREAT @ Camp Wrightwood
Sun., Feb. 5	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHOIR PRACTICE, or UMYF
Sun., Feb. 12	Regular Worship , 9 a.m. Youth Sunday School @ 10:30 a.m. <i>Middle School - Rm. 12 ; Sr. High - Rm. 8/9</i>
	A.S.P. Basket Auction in Witman Hall Youth Choir, 5 p.m. in SA
	Regular UMYF , 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Witman Hall & Youth rooms <i>Dinner for \$2.50 at 6 p.m.</i>
Feb. 18, 19, 20	YOUTH ALIVE - Conference event for Sr. High youth
Sun., Feb. 19	Regular Worship , 9 a.m. Sunday School for Middle School @ 10:30 a.m. in Room 12 <i>NO SR. HIGH CLASS due to YOUTH ALIVE</i>
	NO CHOIR PRACTICE - NO UMYF
Sun., Feb. 26	Regular Worship , 9 a.m. Youth Sunday School @ 10:30 a.m. <i>Middle School - Rm. 12 ; Sr. High - Rm. 8/9</i> Youth Choir, 5 p.m. in SA
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