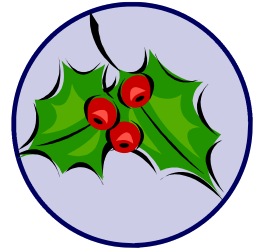


**NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER
2011**



Simi **UMC** Youth

YOUTH ALIVE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES

*so don't miss the Early Bird rate of \$215 --
that's \$30 off regular price!!*

**Deadline for registration forms
and \$\$ is Sunday, Dec. 4**

*Make checks payable to SVUMC, please.
Turn these in to **Mark Witman** by end of UMYF*



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WINTER RETREAT

*Feb. 3 - 5, 2012
@ Camp Wrightwood*

Want to help plan? Mark these dates:
**Sunday, Nov. 6 ; Sunday, Nov. 27 ;
and Sundays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29**
Meet in Rm. 8/9 at NOON.
Buy or bring lunch. Meetings last 1 hour.

Relay for Life

CONGRATS & THANK YOU ...

Congratulations to our **Simi Valley UMC Relay for Life** team, headed by our FANTASTIC Team Captain, **Lauren Witman!** Our **Relay for Life Team** set a goal of earning \$9000 this year. Thanks to everyone's hard work raising funds, we were able to exceed that amount!

**WAY TO GO,
TEAM SIMI UMC!!!**



DECK THE HALLS

**Saturday, Nov. 26
9 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas! EVERYONE is welcome to take part in this longtime Thanksgiving weekend tradition at our church. This is LOTS of fun, so see **Malia Paz** or **Ashley Stites** and sign up to help. We're usually done by NOON.

Important Dates

in November & December

Adult Workers With Youth

@ 7 p.m. in Room 12

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

YOUTH PLANNING COUNCIL

11:45 a.m. in Room 8/9

Sunday, Nov. 13

Sunday, Dec. 11

Join us to help plan what we do as a youth group. Go in a group to grab lunch at Carl's or Toppers or pack a lunch! Be sure to cross at the light!!

NEXT RECYCLE SUNDAYS

NOV. 27 -- No recycling DEC. 25

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a side project of Samaritan's Purse, a relief organization helping people worldwide affected by poverty, war, natural disasters, and famine. From Oct. 30 thru Nov. 13, our youth are collecting small gift items to pack in shoeboxes. At UMYF that night, we'll pack 100 shoeboxes with the items we've collected! These will then be sent around the world and distributed to needy children, ages 2-14 yrs. For the millions who receive them, each shoebox is an expression of God's love. Whatever they face, the boys and girls who get these are reassured they have a heavenly Father who cares. That's a truly amazing gift — one YOU can be a part of giving!!

WINTER RETREAT 2012

Friday, February 3 thru Sunday, February 5
@ Camp Wrightwood, in the Angeles Forest

COST: \$120

(\$110 if you bring a friend, & they only pay \$110 too!)

Also, \$110 for 2nd & 3rd siblings in the same family

Checks payable to United Methodist Church

Camperships available based on need.

Contact Diane Thomson @ 526-3976

PERMISSION SLIPS and \$\$ DUE BY JANUARY 15

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 NOTE to PARENTS : YOUTH SHOULD 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 this awesome weekend of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH ...**
SNOW PLAY ... FRIENDSHIP ... CAMPFIRE ... LEARNING ...
WORSHIP ... and a LIFETIME of MEMORIES.

Simi Valley United Methodist Church
2394 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (805) 526-6231
Parent Consent Form and Emergency Medical Release
to be completed and signed by parent/guardian.

Name of Activity: **WINTER RETREAT 2012 @ CAMP WRIGHTWOOD, CA**
Dates of Event: **Friday, Feb. 3 thru Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012**
Meet at church: 6:30 pm on Friday night *(front parking lot of church)*
Estimated return: 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon *(front parking lot of church)*

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ [Name of Youth] a minor, do hereby authorize pursuant to Family Code Section 6910 any adult leader of the above named activity sponsored by The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley as agent for the undersigned to consent to medical care, including x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnoses or treatment and hospital care, under the general or special supervision of, and upon the advice of or to be rendered by, a physician or surgeon licensed under the Medical Practices Act. I further agree to release and hold harmless and indemnify The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley, event staff, and their boards, officers, members, clergy, staff, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, losses, costs, obligations, and liabilities for injuries to said minor or for damages to or loss of property from any alleged negligence, fault or legal liability of The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley, event staff, and their boards, officers, members, clergy, staff, agents, and volunteers. This authorization shall be effective 2/3/2011 tthru 2/5/2011 inclusive. A photocopy or other reproduction of this authorization shall be considered as original. I hereby authorize The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley to take photos and videos during the event which may later be used for marketing and promotional purposes. (If you would not like your child appearing in any of these materials, please request in writing to: The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley c/o Youth Ministries Department, 2394 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065, or by email: svumc@pacbell.net)

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Phone # _____ cell # _____ Email _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone # ()** _____

Relationship _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____ **Policy #:** _____

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

2) My son/daughter has the following **MEDICAL CONDITION(S)**:

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

I give my permission for the event staff 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:

LIVING NATIVITY

A 33 year tradition wishing the community a Merry Christmas!

The youth will once again be staging their outdoor Living Nativity on the corner of Erringer and Cochran. If you'd like to be a part of this youth group tradition, contact **Erin Anderson** or **Ashley Stites** to sign up! Costumes provided -- we just need youth to be Mary, Joseph, an Angel, Shepherds, and Wise Men for these dates and times:

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

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

FRIDAY, 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, alumni of our youth group put on the Nativity! If you're College Age or older, contact Diane about being a part of this visual reminder of why we celebrate Christmas -- the birth of a VERY special baby!! Alumni are needed for one or two shifts, depending on how many sign up.



**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. 17 @ 9 a.m.

***SIGN UP SOON!!
SPACES FILL UP FAST!***



ALL-CHURCH CAROLING PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30-8:30 pm

Join with church members of ALL ages as we set out to carol to home-bound church members and others in the community! Meet in Witman Hall at 6:30 p.m. -- dress warmly and bring a flashlight. After caroling, we'll return to church for some refreshments, so bring a dessert to share!

See Barbara Witman to sign up!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

SUNDAY, DEC. 18 @ UMYF

6 - 8 pm in FIRESIDE ROOM

(note later time)

Dinner that night will be a POTLUCK, so everybody bring something to share based on last names - drinks provided.

*Bring enough for 6 - 8 people, please;
one dish per family*

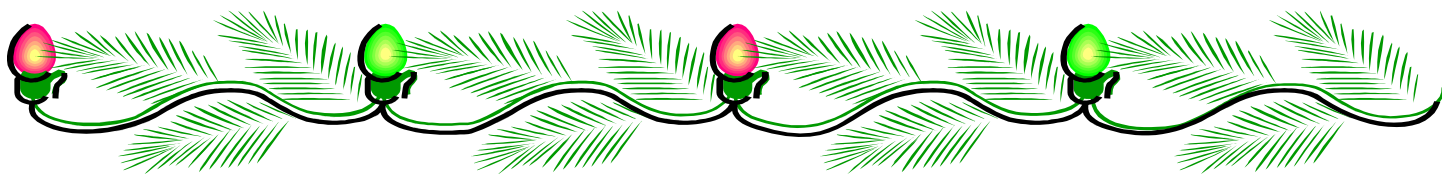
Last name A - H bring Main Dish

Last name I - S bring Dessert

Last name T - Z bring Salad or Side Dish

Questions? Contact Cathy Allison at 584-6194

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



First thing to do in January:

HELP UN-DECORATE the SANCTUARY

CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

Saturday, January 7 @ 9 a.m.

Come help put everything away for next year!

See Malia Paz or Ashley Stites to sign up!!

Weird & Wacky Celebrations

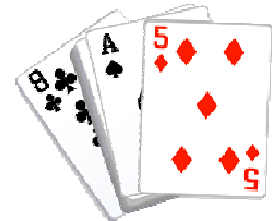
NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Give Up Your Shoulds Day
- Nov. 2 Look for Circles Day
- Nov. 3 Cliché Day
- Nov. 5 Book Lovers Day
- Nov. 6 Marooned Without a Compass Day
- Nov. 8 Cook Something Bold Day
- Nov. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
- Nov. 13 World Kindness Day
- Nov. 15 Clean Your Refrigerator Day
- Nov. 16 Button Day
- Nov. 17 Take a Hike Day
- Nov. 19 Have a Bad Day Day
- Nov. 21 World Hello Day
- Nov. 23 National Cashew Day
- Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY ; Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day
- Nov. 25 Buy Nothing Day
- Nov. 27 Pins and Needles Day
- Nov. 30 Stay Home Because You're Well Day



DECEMBER

- Dec. 4 National Cookie Day ; Santas' List Day
- Dec. 6 Mitten Tree Day
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day ; National Cotton Candy Day
- Dec. 8 National Brownie Day
- Dec. 12 National Ding-a-Ling Day
- Dec. 13 Ice Cream Day
- Dec. 14 Monkey Day
- Dec. 16 Barbie and Barney Backlash Day
- Dec. 18 Bake Cookies Day
- Dec. 21 Humbug Day
- Dec. 22 National Re-gifting Day
- Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec. 26 National Whiner's Day
- Dec. 28 Card Playing Day
- Dec. 31 New Years Eve ; Make Up Your Mind Day





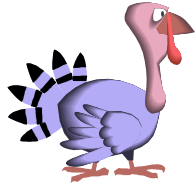
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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November



3	Matthew Allison
4	Jasmine Austria
11	Warren Tabutol
12	Julie Brennan
15	Patience Berkel, Clayton Elliott
16	Elizabeth Bergstrom (and the Ross twins)
20	Andrew Shuster
26	Ian Davidson
29	Ashley Closser

December



8	Chris Seckman
9	Natalie Motzel
11	Giuliana Petrocelli
12	Curtis Iwansky
22	Cheryl Courtney, Rachel Allen Tabutol
28	Noah Berkel
30	Haven Santiago, Selina Hueso

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

(in honor of Dec. 4, be first to fb or email Diane, & she'll buy your favorite cookies)



A CHILD IS BORN

"This very day in
King David's hometown
a savior was born for you.
He is Christ the Lord."

- Luke 2: 10-12

(Contemporary English Version)