

“Springing into Service”

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your continued support of Youth ministries at CCUMC! Because of your assistance, we are making a difference in the lives of many Youth and their families. A special thanks to our UMW Circles for providing awesome drinks and snacks and helping clean the Tree House kitchen. Another special thanks to Chris Linsley and Jeremy Grau for finding and installing our new basketball goal! A very big thanks also goes out to Kathleen Tager, Cindy Richenberg, and Kristi Rohan for making dinners for the Senior Highs and Bill and Fran Bahmueller for baking cookies for the 3rd Sunday Fellowship Hour. These acts of salty service are MUCH appreciated. I would also like to thank CCUMC for its prayers and words of encouragement while I was completing my Provisional Elder ordination paperwork. On May 12, I will have an interview with the North Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

April was another busy month for our Youth. The Senior Highs continued to meet on Monday evenings for fun, food, fellowship, and lessons. The Mid Highs enjoyed Tree House Wednesdays, eating snacks and playing games. Seven Mid Highs took guitar and drum lessons from Mr. Joe Wimbish. Accompanying the Sunday School Chorus, the Mid High Youth Band debuted on Easter Sunday! The Senior Highs and Mid Highs read Scripture during the Holy Saturday and 3rd Sunday worship services. They helped hide eggs and serve refreshments at Children’s Easter Egg Hunt. The Youth also sponsored the 3rd Sunday Fellowship Hour. On April 24-25, the Youth participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, helping sell baked potatoes and salads with CCUMC’s Hopeful Gathering Team and walking laps for cancer research. The money raised from the Youth’s March carwash fundraiser, \$500, will also be donated to the American Cancer Society. 6th grader Brad Kuehler was confirmed on April 26th.

May also promises to be jam-packed for our Youth. The Senior Highs will continue to meet on Monday evenings at 5:30 PM for games, dinner, and lessons. Mid High Sunday School will be held at 9:45 AM in the Columbus House. On Wednesdays, I will pick up the Mid Highs at 2:40 PM at New Smyrna Beach Middle School. We will return to the Tree House for snacks, group building games, and service projects. After school on May 13th, the Mid Highs will enjoy kayaking at Cracker Creek. This will be the first opportunity for upcoming 6th graders to “join” the Youth group. The Mid High Youth Band will accompany the Sunday School Chorus on May 10th. The Youth will sponsor the 3rd Sunday Fellowship Hour and participate in the 3rd Sunday worship service. Both the Senior High and Mid High Youth will travel to Orlando’s Wet N Wild on Saturday, May 30th. Wet N Wild is sponsoring Waves of Glory, a special Youth group themed event. In addition to thrilling water rides, there will many Christian rock bands. Upcoming 6th graders are invited to attend this event! Tickets are \$25. Because tickets will need to be ordered in advance, all money is due May 22nd. Chaperones are needed for this event. Please call or email me if interested.

We are planning summer mission and summer camp opportunities for our Youth. Please see the separate articles in this newsletter for more information.

The Youth group always welcomes additional help! Maybe you feel God is calling you to serve others by making snacks for the Youth group, facilitating games, sharing your talents, chaperoning (a male chaperone for the Senior High mission trip to North Carolina is greatly needed), providing dinners for the Senior Highs on 4th Mondays, sponsoring a Youth for summer camp? If you are interested in any of these service opportunities, please contact me. Remember, we are all growing together for God.

To view our full schedule and pictures of our events, log onto the Youth section of CCUMC's webpage, www.cormeth.org

Blessings!

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