



Echo...
The Youth Ministry of Winstead United Methodist Church

September
2011

Sunday Youth Group

All 6th through 12th graders are invited to Sunday night youth group. Our standard, school year, schedule will begin on September 18th. **Youth group will be held each Sunday from 5:00 PM-6:45 PM.** At the start of youth group we will have fellowship time and snacks (NEW)! Each youth group meeting will also include

games, prayer and a scriptural program and....some new surprises will be incorporated as well!

Performing Arts Ministry will be held before youth group this year so, dinner will no longer be served after youth group. Enjoy snack time at 5:00 PM instead.

Sunday Night Live

Will be held on September 18 during youth group time. On these "special" nights we will

play games with Kids the Care and then lead and participate in a Contemporary Worship Service with Psalm 150. This is a great time to invite friends and even family...of any age.

During this school year, each month we will focus on a specific topic. The focus topic for September is Faith Beyond Santa Clause. We will discuss what it truly means to have Christian faith.

Performing Arts Ministry!

Practices will begin on September 11 and will be held each Sunday from 4:00-5:00 PM.

We have some exciting changes for this school year and we need everyone's participation. We will do skits, sign language and puppets this year.

We have been asked to perform a sign language piece for Charge Conference on October 9 and we will perform a skit during Sunday Night Live in October as well. We will work on those, as well as a puppet song during September.

There will be something for everyone :)

Winstead Wednesdays!!!!

Regular Wednesday youth activities have begun! All youth are invited to the church after school each Wednesday during the month. The church opens to youth at 2:45 PM. They can work on homework, do small service projects, fellowship, have snacks and play games. At 6:00 PM a meal is served for \$3 and Bible Study begins. Bible study concludes at 7:30 PM. Bible Study will be AWESOME, moving, surprising and a little unpredictable this year....come see for yourself!

On September 21, an early release day, come prepared to play an awesome game of NOODLE HOCKEY at 4:00 PM!!!! See Andrew Stith for details.

September Service Project...La Estrella!

La Estrella is a Hispanic Church that Pastor Lucho began that meets in Stanhope. They spend a lot of time positively impacting Children and Youth. They provide programs each Saturday and we have been asked to lead the program on September 10. We will be responsible for a 30 minute lesson/devotional time and

an hour of games. Then, we will stay to help serve lunch and eat with the children and other volunteers. This is a great opportunity to show God's love to others as well as fellowship with other Christians. The children at La Estrella are a delight and those that participate in this service project will feel so blessed! We will meet in the

Winstead UMC parking lot at 9:00 AM on September 10th and should return by 1:30 PM.

If you wish to provide leadership for the lesson/devotional and/or games please see Lindsey ASAP. WE WILL ALSO NEED YOUTH VOLUNTEERS, ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND DRIVERS.

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Parent Meeting
September 25,
7:00 PM

Our September Parent Meeting will be held on the 25th of the month at 7:00 PM. All parents are encouraged to participate in this time of information sharing, encouragement and prayer.



It's finally that time of year again!!!! For the nasty, sick, twisted, disgusting game night!!!! All youth, 6th-12th grade, are invited to join in on the gross fun on September 11 at 5:00 PM. We will play games that will get you FILTHY and then "wash up" with a giant slip n slide until 6:30 PM.

Everyone that wants to participate should wear clothes that can get ruined! Shoes are suggested (flip flops that can get wet are best) and everyone should bring a towel. A change of clean clothes may be a good idea as well.

Parents will be contacted about providing a few things for the games. Please keep an eye out for information from Lindsey.

Friends, adults and helpers are welcome!!!!



See You at the Pole!...and After!

See You at the Pole is a student led prayer event before school on Wednesday, September 28th. Each middle and high school in Wilson County, as well as the private schools, participate. Plan to wake up a little early that day and go to your school for a time of prayer! Al-

so, check with your school's FCA or other Christian group if you would like to get involved. As the date approaches Lindsey will provide information about what time each school will begin their programs.

See You AFTER the Pole will be held that evening at Raleigh Road Baptist Church. This is an

event to worship and fellowship with the other youth groups of Wilson County. We will depart for Raleigh Road Baptist at 5:45 PM. Dinner will be provided at the event. The program will begin after dinner, at 7:00 PM. Ending time will be provided closer to the date.



The Echo Youth Council will meet on Sunday, September 18 following Worship Service for their monthly meeting and lunch. All youth council members are asked to attend if they are available. Don't forget your notebooks :)

Youth Leaders Dinner and Training

All Youth Leaders or adults interested in getting involved with Echo Youth Ministry are invited to attend a dinner and training on Friday, September 23rd at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

This will be a great time of fun, fellowship,

food, prayer, brainstorming and learning that will benefit our youth and youth ministry...as well as its leaders.

Please RSVP to Lindsey for the dinner by September 18. Children are welcome!



SCHEDULES FOR OUR LOCAL "STARS"

Several of our youth are local "stars" through their involvement in Fall Sports! Lindsey, other adults and youth want to come see you play if you are playing a sport this fall! Please send Lindsey a copy of your schedules :)

Lunch with Lindsey!
During this school year Lindsey would like to have lunch with you on Fridays! She hopes to visit all of the schools and each lunch block over the course of the first semester. Please let her know what time you have lunch.

WELLNESS MINISTRY!

Boot Camp is offered TWICE a week (see the youth calendar for schedule). This is a great way to tone up and have a healthy cardiovascular system...and it's fun! If possible, bring 2 hand weights and a mat with you. This class is suitable for ALL youth! And, of course, it's FREE! A new class that is lower intensity has begun on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well. This class is offered at 5:15 PM

and is also open to all youth. Hand weights and a mat are also beneficial for that class.

Being healthy is so important and we are looking for more ways to help our youth ministry be more healthy! Be Active NC has been in contact with us about a partnership. Through this partnership we are developing a Wellness Committee that will come up with plans to get our congre-

gation to move more. If



you are interested in serving on this committee please let Lindsey know. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 PM.

Friends are always welcome to participate in any Wellness Ministry opportunity and everything is always, FREE!

Joke of the Month...



A Sunday School teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter. One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

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September Devotional:

Faith is Difficult

*"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts."
1 Chronicles 28:9*

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Only in a world where faith is difficult can faith exist. Scripture describes God as a hidden God. We have to make an effort of faith to find him. There are clues we can follow. And if that weren't so, if there were something more or less than clues, it's difficult to understand how we could really be free to make a choice about him. If we had absolute proof instead of clues, then we could no more deny God than we could deny the sun. If we had no evidence at all, we could never get there. God gives us just enough evidence so that those who want him can have him. Those who want to follow the clues will. As here in 1 Chronicles 28:9, the Bible says elsewhere that those who seek the Lord

will find him (see Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13; Acts 17:27). It doesn't say everybody will find him; it doesn't say nobody will find him. *Some* will find him. Who? Those who seek. Those whose hearts are set on finding him and who follow the clues.

—Adapted from interview with Dr. Peter Kreeft, from *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel

Pilgrimage is November 11-13 in Fayetteville!

It will be here before we know it!

The theme this year is Follow the Way. Speak the Truth. Live the Life. "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6.

To sign-up, a mandatory non-refundable deposit of \$30/person is due to Lindsey, no later than September 28.

Adult Volunteers are needed and should sign-up as well.

The total cost of the trip will be dependent upon sign-ups but will be no more than \$175/person (including t-shirt). Due to this circumstance, it is mandatory that everyone is signed up by September 28!