

TLUMC YOUTH

Fall Newsletter
Sept - Dec 2017

A Welcome Note From Sam:

Dear Friends,

We've had an action packed summer with many new faces and a lot of great energy! Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this summer such a great experience!

As we move into the fall, we have A LOT to look forward to; the beginning of school, reuniting with old friends, building new relationships, and some of the best weather! However, the changing of seasons also brings great opportunities for change and growth in our own lives. As this new school year begins we hope to see you for the many great programs, trips, and events we've got planned! More importantly, we hope to offer a place of respite from the stress of school, sports, and life. TLUMC Youth is a safe place to let your guard down and be yourself!

HS Small Groups

Wednesdays @ 6-7:30 PM

Fall Meetings:

Village Inn: 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13

Sam's House: 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6

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Youth Meals:

Regular Schedule:

9:00 - 9:30 AM - Snack Breakfast in the Lower Level
9:30 - 10:30 AM - MS Sunday School with Brian Nelson
9:30 - 10:30 AM - HS Sunday School with Sam Hastings

MS Sunday School - Re:form:

Join us for a time to tackle questions about the Bible, creed, disciples, Jesus, other beliefs, and hot topics!

HS Sunday School:

This fall we will be experimenting with launching a high school Sunday school program. Please stay tuned to the youth "Weekly Update" for specific information.

Youth Leadership Team (YLT)

Calling all students! Do you like being part of a positive and fun group? Is it important to you that your voice is heard? Do you have new ideas? Are you curious about where our Youth Ministry is heading? Then Youth Leadership Team might just be for you! This group will help Sam to guide and plan regular and special programs, as well as have a great time as we grow together as leaders.

NOTE: YLT is open to all students 7th - 12th grade. Contact Sam if you're interested. We will meet right after youth group from 7:00 - 7:30 PM in the Lower Level on the following dates:
October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th.

Youth Council

Calling all parents! Are you and your students invested in our Youth Ministry? Do you have ideas about what we should be doing in the future? Is it important to you that your voice is heard? Then Youth Council might just be for you! This group will help Sam to guide and plan regular and special programs, write the budget, organize meals, plan mission trips, and set long and short term goals. We will begin meeting quarterly and meet more if necessary. The first meeting will be right after youth group on **October 1st at 7:00 PM in the Lower Level Fireplace Room.** Contact Sam if you are interested!

NOTE: Youth Council is open to all parents of 7th - 12th grade youth.

Essay Writing

Any Seniors who need help writing college essays, please feel free to contact Sam. He would be happy to edit a rough draft for you, send you more information about what colleges are looking for, or meet you at Starbucks for a writing session. This offer is also open to any IB students who need help writing or editing their extended essays or anyone who might need a letter of recommendation. Honestly, if anyone needs help writing anything, just let Sam know :-)

College Fairs

Out-of-state College Fair: Coronado High School, September 25, 2017 (5:30 PM - 7:30 PM)

Christian College Fair: Colo. Springs Christian School, October 3, 2017 (6 - 8:00 PM)

District 20 College Fair (In-state & select regional): Chapel Hills Mall, October 24th (6 - 7:30 PM)

In-state/Out-of-state College Fair: Palmer Ridge High School, October 26, 2017 (6 - 7:30 PM)

Special Events

Registration

If you have not already filled out the included Year-Long Release and Registration form for 2017-2018, please make sure to do so A.S.A.P! We need a release/registration form on file for all students. Forms can also be found on www.tlumc.org.

Fall Retreat

Resiliency: God's Call To Endure

Fear. Stress. Loneliness. Confidence. Failure. Depression. Self-worth. Identity. Healing.

We all have challenges and obstacles in our lives. Some of them are smaller and more manageable than others. Some are absolutely overwhelming. How can we keep going when we can't even catch our breath? Where is God in the midst of this hardship?

This will be an unforgettable weekend at John Wesley Ranch as we explore God's presence in our lives and how to endure our most difficult situations. Though our topic will be challenging, we will also have a ton of fun and enjoy the glory of Colorado and God's Creation! To register, please sign up on the church website (tlumc.org/registration).

Packing List, Year-Long Release & Registration and Behavior covenant forms can be found on the church website at tlumc.org/youth. Friends are unbelievably welcome!

- Who?** All Students 7th – 12th (Separate grouping for MS & HS)
- When?** November 3rd – 5th (**Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 29th**)
- Where?** John Wesley Ranch – Meet @ 5:30 PM in TLUMC parking Lot.
Pizza dinner provided Friday night, so DON'T eat before you come!
- How Much?** \$50 Covers all meals and transportation
(Contact Sam if you need financial assistance)

Summer Mission Trips 2018

Our Summer Mission Trips for 2018 are on the calendar. Save these dates!

Motown Mission Trip: June 22nd- July 1st, 2018 (Incoming 9th - Outgoing 12th) - Total Cost: \$375
DenUM Mission Trip: July 16th - 20th, 2018 (Incoming 7th - Outgoing 8th) - Total Cost: \$130

The 2018 Mission Guide, along with applications will be available online and in the Great Room beginning Sunday September 17th. Applications and deposits are due by **October 29th, 2017**. There are limited spots, so registration will be first come first serve!

Deposits (Due on October 29th) :
Motown: \$100 DenUM: \$25

Weekly Events

September 10th

Parent Meeting Potluck: There will be a potluck dinner and information meeting meeting on Sunday September 10th (Lower Level, 5:00 – 7:00 PM) for all parents of students in 7th – 12th grade. Youth group will meet for a special service project during the parent meeting. We hope to see you all there!

September 17th

Trust Is A Must: Have you ever felt like it was hard to trust someone else? Do you think you are a trustworthy person? What are some ways we can build trust? Join us this week as we explore this important topic. Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

September 24th

Global Hope Romania Mission Dinner: This week we will have an **abridged youth group from 5:00 – 6:00 PM**. Following youth group, all students are **highly encouraged** to attend the Global Hope Romania Mission Dinner from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This **free** dinner will be catered by Qdoba. Come learn more about this amazing opportunity!

October 1st

The Bible: What is it? Where did it come from? Why does it matter? Have you ever wondered about the Bible? We've all seen one. Most of us have read parts of it. But what is it? What does it mean? Why should I read it, and how should I read it? This week we will explore the origins, nature, and significance of our Scriptures. Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

October 8th

The Calling, Part I: Have you ever wondered who you are called to be? Where you are called to go? What you are called to do? Join us for week one of our exploration of vocation! Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

October 15th

The Calling, Part II: Have you ever wondered who you are called to be? Where you are called to go? What you are called to do? Join us for week two of our exploration of vocation! Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

October 22nd

Getting To Know You More: After dinner and games and we'll have some fun getting to know those in our small groups better through some great activities. Bring a friend! Don't miss it! Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM!

October 29th

Pumpkin Carving: Let's get ready for Halloween! Bring a pumpkin and meet in the Lower Level @ 5:00 PM to create your masterpiece. Chili dinner will be provided. If you have a carving kit at home, bring it! No knives please. This is a great week to bring a friend!

November 5th

No Youth Group: We will not meet this Sunday following our Fall Retreat. See you next week!

Weekly Events

November 12th

Thanksgiving Dinner: This week from 5:00-7:00 PM we will have a special Thanksgiving Dinner event! This is a great week to bring a friend. Excellent food, quality company, and some ridiculousness that is sure to be memorable... what's not to love? Bring on the turkey! Also, bring a non-perishable food donation to collect for Tri-Lakes Cares!

November 19th

No Youth Group: Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy celebrating with your families

November 26th

The Ultimate Duality - Celebrating Joy in the Midst of Sorrow: How can we navigate the powerful opposition of celebration and joy while others are hurting? This night will spur spiritual and personal growth as we take on the reality of life; the good, the bad, and the ugly. Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

December 3rd

Innerkinetics and Spiritual Gifts, Part I: Do you ever feel like you're weird? Sometimes we don't always understand our uniqueness, and we just wanted to fit in. Sometimes we feel the opposite and all we want is to stand out. This two-week series would focus on how God has gifted us, and what we have to offer our community. We will look at these questions from both a scientific and spiritual perspective. Discover How God Has Shaped You! Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

December 10th

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December 17th

Christmas Party & Caroling: This week from 5:00-7:30 PM we will have our annual Christmas Party! Bring a white elephant gift to exchange (wrapped, under \$5). Following our gift giving, we will head out to do some caroling in our community and conclude with hot chocolate back at TLUMC. This is a great week to bring a friend!

December 24 & 31

NO YOUTH GROUP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL THESE WEEKS!

January 7th

The Big Screen: Welcome back! This week we will watch a movie clip and explore what God has to tell us through movies. Meet at TLUMC in the Lower Level from 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, games, and some quality discussion!

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Important Dates:



Contact Information:

Website: tlumc.org/youth

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September 10: Parent Meeting & Potluck (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

September 24: Abridged Youth Group (5:00 - 6:00 PM)

September 24: Romania Mission Dinner (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

October 1: Youth Council (7:00 - 8:00 PM)

October 8: Youth Leadership Team (7:30 - 8:00 PM)

October 29: Pumpkin Carving
Mission Trip Deposits Due
Fall Retreat Registration Due

November 3-5: Fall Retreat

November 5: No Youth Group

November 12: Thanksgiving Dinner (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

November 12: Youth Leadership Team (7:30 - 8:00 PM)

November 19: No Youth Group

December 10: Youth Leadership Team (7:30 - 8:00 PM)

December 17: Christmas Party and Caroling (5:00 - 7:30 PM)

December 24: No Sunday school or Youth Group

December 31: No Sunday school or Youth Group

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