

September:

3-5 Youth Music Retreat
 11 Sunday School Kick Off
 Counselor Meeting (4:30-6pm)
 Youth Kick Off Event
 18 SMUMC Picnic
 Bigger, Better video project
 21 Youth Sunday Rehearsal (6-8)
 25 Youth Sunday
 Missions Night*
 30-Oct 1 Lock-in with IHOP trip (7:30pm-8am)

October:

2 SALT Leaders Meeting
 No UMYF
 8 SALT Worship
 Confirmation Reunion
 9 Dinner at Fuddrucker's
 10 No School (Columbus Day)
 16 Program TBD
 19 Wednesday Night Supper
 22 Be the Change Mission Day*
 23 No UMYF
 30 Senior Takeover of UMYF

November:

5-8 No School (Teacher Workdays)
 5 SALT Worship
 6 Counselor Meeting (5-6pm)
 Fish Bowl
 11 No School (Veterans Day)
 13 Faith & Sexuality Workshop (12:30-5pm)
 19 Craft Fair Breakdown
 20 Progressive Prayer Stations
 24-27 No School (Thanksgiving Break)
 25 or 26 Unloading Christmas Trees (TBD)*
 27 Adopt-A-Family Project (6:00-8:30pm)*

December:

2-4 Eagle Eyrie Retreat
 4 No UMYF
 10 SALT Worship
 11 Holiday Party
 18 Christmas Caroling*
 23-Jan. 2 No School (Winter Break)
 25 No UMYF (Christmas Day)

January:

1 No UMYF (New Year's Day)
 8 Missions Rally*
 15 Program TBD
 16 MLK Day of Service (No School)*
 22 Counselor Meeting (5-6pm)
 Program TBD
 28-31 No School (Teacher Work Days)
 27-28 District Bowling Lock-in
 27-29 Ski Trip
 29 No UMYF

February:

4 SALT Worship
 5 Superbowl Party at the Grafton's
 12 Handbell Concert
 No UMYF
 19 Program TBD
 20 No School (President's Day)
 22 Lent Begins
 25 Serve-a-Thon*
 26 No UMYF
 26-March 4 Hypothermia Project*

March:

3 SALT Worship
 Pizza & Game Night
 4 Youth Musical Rehearsals
 No UMYF
 10-11 Youth Musical
 11 Counselor Meeting (5-6pm)
 Program TBD
 16 ASP Missions Night*
 18 No UMYF
 23-24 Fan the Flame (9th graders)
 24 Trash Day*
 25 No UMYF
 29 Lenten Breakfast*

April:

1 Lenten Activity
 1-9 No School (Spring Break)
 7 Easter Sunrise Service Rehearsal
 8 Easter Sunrise Service
 No UMYF (Easter)
 15 Pink Elephant Meeting & Set-Up*
 16-20 Pink Elephant Set-Up*
 21 Pink Elephant Sale*

(April, cont):

22 No UMYF
 28-29 Spring Retreat

May:

2 ASP Parents' Meeting
 5 SALT Worship
 Coffeehouse
 6 Spring Handbell Concert
 No UMYF
 ASP Parents' Meeting
 12 ASP Tool and Safety Day*
 13 No UMYF (Mother's Day)
 20 Program TBD
 ASP Newbie Training (AM)*
 27 Jr. & Sr. High Cookout
 28 No School (Memorial Day)

June:

2 ASP Tool and Safety Training (Make-Up)
 3 Confirmation Sunday
 ASP Newbie Training (Make-up)
 Counselor Meeting (5-6pm)
 Minute to Win It
 10 Alumni/Graduation Service
 Senior Send-off and Pool Party
 17 Missions Commissioning*
 No UMYF (Father's Day)
 18 ASP Stewardship & Sensitivity Training
 19 Last Day of School
 22-July 1 Handbell Tour

July:

July 8-14 ASP week (1st choice; pool party on the 15th)
 July 15-21 ASP week (2nd choice; pool party on the 22th)

* Participation in **these** activities and **two other service activities per quarter** is **expected** of summer mission trip applicants. Additional service activities may be added as they become available – suggestions welcome! Refer to the Summer Mission Trips brochure for more information.

Community Standards

As a Christian community of youth and adults that values one another, encourages one another and desires to be drawn closer to God, we will strive to live in accordance with the highest of Christian standards and to be guided in all programs, activities and events by the following:

1. Hospitality:

- a. We will welcome with enthusiasm all youth and adult leaders and chaperones.
- b. We will encourage one another; build each other up.

2. Respect:

- a. We will respect our own and each others' person, personal space and property. Therefore, we will refrain from the following at all ministry programs and activities:
 - i. possession and use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco
 - ii. fighting, and the possession and use of weapons, fireworks, lighters and explosives
 - iii. abusive, malicious or offensive language
 - iv. public displays of affection, sexual misconduct or harassment
 - v. entering the opposite gender's sleeping quarters
 - vi. offensive and immodest clothing
- b. We will respect all the building facilities, furnishings and equipment we use, remembering that we (and our families) are accountable and responsible for damage or misuse.

3. Full Participation:

- a. In any particular activity, youth will participate in all activities of that program. Early youth departures require leader and parent permission.
- b. Leader instructions and event schedules will be respected and followed.
- c. Use of cell phones, computers, media players, etc. is at the discretion of the leaders and usually discouraged.
- d. Some events and trips require previous participation and demonstrated observance of these community standards.

4. Safety:

- a. Only adults may drive for ministry events as detailed in the Child/Youth Protection Policy.
- b. During events with designated free time, Sr. High youth must be in groups of three or more and Jr. High youth must be with adult leaders or chaperones.

When youth are unable or willing to live within these guidelines, parents will be contacted; and, if necessary, youth sent home at the parent's expense and inconvenience. When necessary, limits or other conditions may be placed by the ministry leadership on future participation.

Youth Ministry Programs

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 am

9th grade: Character Formation
"Courage: Video Series"

Room 201

10-12th grade: Ethics and Christian Living
"Life Ain't Easy: Living as a Christian Today" Room 301

UMYF

Sundays, 6-8 pm

*Meet in the Social Hall for snack supper at 6 PM,
programming from 6:30-8 (unless otherwise announced)*

Missions: Appalachia Service Project

Summer 2012, dates tba

SALT Worship

Saturday, 5 pm

Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 10, Feb 4, Mar 3, May 5

Worship for youth, by youth

Youth Music and Worship

*please see music brochure for additional information

Student Leadership

*students leaders meet regularly to plan and prepare programs and activities as well as reach out to other students

Upcoming Retreats and Lock-Ins

Fall Lock In, Sept 30-Oct 1
Conference Retreat, Dec 2-4
District Bowling Lock-In, Jan 27-28
Ski Trip, Jan 27-29
Spring Retreat, April 28-29

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