

Union Youth

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Lock-In

Of all the activities that we do as youth, the lock-in seems to be the most attended. We have two lock-ins a year. The one in the Fall is a service lock-in where we make baskets of cookies to take to the fire fighters or police who work the overnight shifts. The Spring lock-in is actually a lock-in. We stay at the church and have fun. Our Fall lock-in is the day after Thanksgiving: Friday,

November 25 at 7:00 PM to Saturday, November 26 at 8:00 PM.

Please make sure you eat dinner before coming to church. Bring along something to sleep on, your night clothes, a pillow, toothbrush, toothpaste, a teddy bear, a snack to share, a small present wrapped (under \$5), 2 dozen homemade cookies and a good attitude. We will be delivering cookies to those

people who are in the helping field and work all night. It is always a fun and learning experience for our group.

Also on this night, we will be preparing for our Community Children's Christmas party scheduled for December 3rd.

All children age 5 and up are invited to participate in this lock-in.

COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Community Children's Christmas Party is a perfect opportunity to participate in a mission during this season of giving. This year we have invited 100 children from Pine Jog Elementary School thanks to Debbie Coolidge and 30 children from Foster Families thanks to Cindy Chouris. If you know of anyone who

would enjoy coming to the party, please register the children by giving names and ages to Phyllis at phympar@comcast.net. We are also in need of a few items: plastic containers (like what mushrooms come in), someone to arrange an animal petting area, a person in charge of games (we already have games planned), and someone in charge of

getting people to make 5 boxes of cupcakes for the day of party.

We will have a sign up sheet posted by Sunday Nov. 20th. Thanks to Jean and Pete Morris, we will have 15 volunteers from Hugs and Kisses coming from 10 to 5 to help with our party.

Dec. 3 noon to 4:00
Set-up 10:00 am
Volunteers 11:00 am

Fundraisers



Thank you to Debbie Coolidge for organizing our donut sales this summer. Thank you to Sandi and Julie Prisarojn for making the delicious fried rice and spring rolls. Between the two, we made a total of \$498.22. Great job! .



REHEARSALS For Christmas Pageant

Nov. 25 – 7:00 pm
Dec. 4 – 11:00am
Dec. 4 – 4:00 -5:30
Dec. 11 – 11:00 am
Dec. 17 – 10 - noon

"We need to replenish the youth money for future use, like our trip to Disney World."

Sub Sale

Would some wonderful parent please consider organizing a sub sale? It doesn't take too much work. It is a great way to raise \$200. We could have them ready after worship on a Sunday. All the youth would help to assemble the subs.

Please let me know if you are able to organize or help.

Rehearsal for Comma Kids

Nov. 17 – 6:00-7:00

Dec. 8 – 6:00-7:00

Dec. 15 – 6:00-7:00

Comma Kids are our musical and dance group.

Christmas Play

Our Children's Christmas Play will be during worship on Sunday Dec. 18th. Our first look at the play will be during our lock-in. We will rehearse after

worship on Dec. 4th and Dec. 11th. Please try to attend. It is difficult including the children if they are not at rehearsals. Remember, everyone is accepted here!

I will also need parents to help with rehearsals. They run much smoother if someone is keeping the group under control while the performers are practicing!
DRESS REHEARSAL
Dec. 17 10:00 to Noon



TEEN SCENE or RESPECTFUL YOUNGSTERS?

We have two youth groups at Union Congregational United Church of Christ- Teen Scene and Respectful Youngsters. Our Teen Scene group involves all youth in sixth grade and above. Mrs. Shannon Farrell is our coordinator. They meet on Sunday morning following worship as well as the same time and days that the Comma Kids

meet (see page 2). The Teen Scene youth have a Conference wide youth retreat in Miami – Walk on Water- Jan. 13-15. If you are in 6th grade through 12th grade and would like to attend, please see Shannon or Pastor Phyllis.

Our Respectful Youngsters group consists of children in Kindergarten through Fifth grades. We

gather once a month to learn about God, learn how to love others and have fun.

Respectful Youngsters
Dec. 4– 4:00–5:30
Jan. 8 – 4:00-5:30
Feb. 5 – 4:00-5:30

UCC Florida Youth Retreat
Walk On Water
Jan. 13-15, 2012
6th through 12th graders
Registration due by Dec. 18
See Pastor Phyllis or Shannon

A LOOK AHEAD...

Once again, we will be hosting guests from Family Promise. Our week will begin Feb. 5 and conclude Feb. 12. I know some of our youth were able to participate during our first run at hosting families. I am hopeful that this time, our youth can greet our families on Sunday, Feb. 5 and make dinner for our guests.

This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our youth and children to recognize that we are all one.

Any parents willing to help with the dinner, please let Pastor Phyllis know.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Dec. 18th

We never know the impact we may have on another individual. Smile at someone and make their day brighter.