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Crosby
United Methodist Church

Youth Group Newsletter

W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S. Youth Group is open to all kids 6th grade—12th



Some of the youth leading worship during our first service.

Activities Planned for Spring and Summer

Spring is here, and summer is coming at us fast. Next week is Spring Break for CISD & BHISD, and lots of parents are already making plans for summer camps and/or scheduling vacations around busy family schedules. We know you would like to know dates and information about upcoming youth events so you may plan to have your youth attend as much as possible. This newsletter should help with that. We have activities planned during spring break to keep kids busy and help them earn service hours for various

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school activities and scholarship programs. We try to offer a well balanced youth program of Biblical and historical studies mixed in with fun and games that reinforce our positive spirit here at Crosby UMC. We are adding Sunday Funday back into our line up once a month. It's just fun and games: dodgeball, board games, etc. Nothing too formal. Something different each time. It's like a snack attack / pot luck / creativity / misc. sports event. Try to be there! Let us know if someone needs a ride. We can usually help with that.



Spring Break Activities



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Stay home. Sleep.	Youth Workday At the Church	1/2 way LOCK IN	Volunteer at Churches United In Caring	Family Time.	Family Time.	CHURCH!



About that Workday on Tuesday:

We plan to paint the outside door and make it really eye catching, organize our closet, plan our meals until summer, and have some free time. 1pm.-until 6pm. Service hours will be given by the church.



About that 1/2 way LOCK IN:

The fun starts at 5pm. We will eat supper. Highlands UMC will eventually join us for a DODGE BALL BASH. We will watch a movie. We will play fun games. We will study about relationships. We will go home to sleep in our own beds at midnight so we can be rested up for our volunteer time at CUIC the next day.



About CUIC on Thursday:

CUIC stands for Churches United in Caring. It is a food pantry and thrift shop that supports the more needy people in our community. It is a really nice way to serve, to learn about what CUIC does, and have fun. Service hours will be given by CUIC.



About those other days:

Get some rest, but also, REALLY! Help out your parents around the house without them having to tell you what to do. You know, like you would do if you had a JOB outside the home. Practice for that. Being dependable, trustworthy and helpful. We also highly recommend you take a shower, and use soap. And shampoo. Maybe go with your family on a road trip or something.



About CHURCH:

We actually call it a “Worship Service” because we focus on worshiping Jesus. We have 2 services every Sunday. The first service is in the gym (which we call the Family Life Center, or FLC). It is very laid back. It starts at 8:45am Then we have small group in the youth room. Like Wednesday youth group, only on Sunday morning. The second service is in the sanctuary. It starts at 10:45. It is more “Methodist”, and the youth group has the job of acolyte during this service.

2020 Youth Group Themes for Crosby United Methodist Church

January 2020	Theme: Forgiveness The importance of letting go of the things that are holding you back.
February 2020	Theme: LOVE there are at least 4 types of love based on the Greek concepts. Apply to family, friendships, strangers, and community.
March 2020	Theme: Relationships not just dating, but investing in healthy, safe friendships and getting along with parents and siblings
April 2020	Theme: Identity in Christ - Our identity as new creations doesn't mean we need a special tattoo or bumper sticker! It means even better things like undeserved grace, freedom from condemnation and a home with Christ in heaven as part of God's family.
May 2020	Theme: Integrity It's a word that gets thrown around a lot, but what does integrity mean? Dig into Proverbs 11:3 (the opposite of integrity is duplicity), Proverbs 12:22 (the role of honesty) and Hebrews 13:18 (having a clear conscience). Discuss what integrity looks like in school, at home, through activities and in relationships with others.
June 2020	Theme: Power of the Tongue The tongue in the Bible is compared to a sharpened razor (Psalm 52:2-9) and not easy to control (James 3:6-8). It can pour out blessings and curses, and controlling it is a sign of spiritual maturity (Proverbs 12:18). Discuss the power of words includes not just to what is spoken, but also texted, Snapchatted and shared on social media.
July 2020	Theme: Leadership Through looking at the lives of strong Deborah, obedient Daniel, courageous Esther and restored Peter, and other Biblical leaders.
August 2020	Theme: Marching Orders: 1 Thessalonionians 5 gives us many directives and helpful guidance for how we are to live as "Children of the light and children of the day" Apply this to the beginning of a new school year.
September 2020	Theme: DOERS of the WORD James 1:22-23 has great applications for the modern teen to not just be a hearer of the word but a doer. They can all relate to looking in the mirror (or at their social media profiles), but what does James mean when he says we then forget what we look like? A great topic for discussion.
October-November (until Advent) 2020	Theme: Spiritual Warfare This theme for study doesn't need to instill fear, but instead can teach teens to outsmart the father of lies (John 8:44) by reminding them that they have the power of the Holy Spirit living inside them (Romans 8:11). This — along with studying the weapons available to leverage against the enemy
December /Advent 2020	Theme: Money and God - Most teens don't relate yet to the concept of a budget, but they do like having stuff! What does God say about money (does he say to never have nice things?) and how do we handle it when we do have it? Great verses for this topic are Proverbs 19:17 and 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Summer Camps with CUMC

Crosby United Methodist Church (CUMC) works closely with other United Methodist Churches in our area (which is called the Texas Annual Conference) to provide quality youth camps. There are 3 types of camping experiences available.

Lakeview Camp

July 5th –10th

Lakeview Camp is at the Lakeview Methodist Retreat and Conference Center near Palestine Texas. There is a lake with boats, a big and unique fabric water slide, and many other fun activities to do. There is a focus on learning more in depth things about the Bible. But it is first and foremost a really fun camp with cabins of kids and a counselor for each cabin.

There are 4 weeks available for camping this year. We can take our church van to the 4th session from July 5th –10th if we have enough interested people to attend.

There are scholarships available through the Texas Annual Conference and through Crosby UMC if you wish to attend. Ask about those at the church.

See this website for more information about the specific camp:

<https://lakeviewmcc.org/>

This camp is available for kids entering 3rd grade all the way through 12th grade. (Don't worry. They have completely separate activities for elementary, middle school and high school groups)

They have upgraded the cabins and the activities in recent years and this is one of the nicest church camps in Texas.

Big House/ UM Army Combined

June 10-14

Big House is not so much a camp as it is a missionary / service week. Big house is focused on middle school and high school students helping out communities near churches. The kids sleep at a church as home base. The "campers" are divided into groups and go to worksites at other churches in the area or a needy person's house or property that needs help with maintaining their property. The kids do yard work, cleaning, painting, and light carpentry work during the day. In the evenings they plan fun events and usually at least one night of swimming / water activity. In the past, our kids have built decks, fixed porches, built wheelchair ramps, lots of yard work, fence repair, painted churches both inside and out, painted houses both inside and out, and served meals to homebound people. In the past 4-5 years we have gone to Livingston, Conroe, South of Austin, and near Brenham, etc.. So not far.

This camp is focused on kids finished 5th grade-high school. If you can only attend one

If you are really interested in attending Big House, Ms. Sandy will send you a link to the registration via email. The sooner we sign up, the better.

UM Army

July 12-18

UM Army is only for high school kids. It is very much like Big House, only the tasks the kids are given to complete are more complex and the trip is over more days. The games and fun activities are more targeted for high school.

Crosby UMC is not currently planning to take a group to UM Army, but Highlands UMC is. They have invited us to go as part of their group. If you are interested in attending UM Army with the Highlands group, please speak with us. There is some planning and registration that goes into these trips, so again, the sooner you register the better.

We need adult volunteers to help with each of these camps. Please consider being a counselor at Lakeview Camp, Big House or UM Army.

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship Services	2	3	4 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	5	6	7
8 Worship Services	9	10 Work Day 1pm-6pm	11 1/2 way Lock In 5pm-12am	12 CUIC all day	13	14
15 Worship Services	16	17	18 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	19	20	21
22 Worship Services	23	24	25 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	26	27	28
<div>SUNDAY FUNDAY 6-8pm</div>						
29 Blended & Blessed @10 am	30	31	<div>Sunday Worship services: Contemporary 8:45 am, Small Group 9:45 am, Traditional 10:45 am BLENDED & BLESSED: 1 service-starts at 10am. This time it's in the FLC (gym)</div>			

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	2	3	4
5 Worship Services	6	7	8 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	9 Maundy Thurs. 6:30pm	10 Good Friday	11
12 EASTER	13	14	15 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	16	17	18
19 Worship Services	20	21	22 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	23	24	25
<div>SUNDAY FUNDAY 6-8pm</div>						
26 Worship Services	27	28	29 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	30	<div>Sunday Worship services: Contemporary 8:45 am, Small Group 9:45 am, Traditional 10:45 am</div>	


May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship Services	4	5	6 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	7	8	9
10 Worship Services	11	12	13 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	14	15	16
Mother's Day						
17 Worship Services	18	19	20 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	21 Last day of School BHISD	22	23
SUNDAY FUNDAY 6-8pm						
24 Worship Services	25	26	27 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	28	29 Last day of School CISD	30
31 Worship Services	Sunday Worship services: Contemporary 8:45 am, Small Group 9:45 am, Traditional 10:45 am					

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	4	5	6
	Crosby Fair & Rodeo					
7 Worship Services	8	9	10 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	11	12	13
			Big House Mission Camp			
14 Worship Services	15	16	17 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	18	19	20
Big House						
21 Worship Services	22	23	24 YOUTH 6pm-7:30	25	26	27
Father's Day						
28 Worship Services	29	30				
			<div>Sunday Worship services: Contemporary 8:45 am, Small Group 9:45 am, Traditional 10:45 am</div>			

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Worship services: Contemporary 8:45 am, Small Group 9:45 am, Traditional 10:45 am			1	2	3	
5 Worship Services	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lakeview Session 4—the week we would go if there is interest						
12 Worship Services	13	14	15	16	17	18
Highland UMC goes to UM ARMY and invites us to join them this week.						
19 Worship Services SUNDAY FUNDAY 6-8pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Services	27	28	29	30	31	

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School (VBS for short) is a half day summer program that runs from Monday-Thursday for ONE week. We invite any child between the ages of 4 years—completed 4th grade to attend. In the past we have had Bible stories, music, games, crafts, snacks, and science project stations that the kids move through during the morning. It's a really fun week. We usually have between 80-100 kids show up for VBS and we could NOT do nearly the great job that we do if it were not for the youth group coming to help with the group. Each station gets a youth group assistant or two, as well as each group of kids that float from station to station. We also have youth group leaders help lead the large group music, dancing and even do the puppeteering.

We like to go all out decorating the church to fit the theme for the week. The youth group can also help with that. We keep track of the hours served by the youth group for VBS (and also the Harvest Moon Festival in October). Those hours go towards helping pay for camp tuition for any of the 3 camps a youth member decides to attend. The youth really learn a lot about child development and working with younger kids during VBS. It's fun to see how much they youth grow from serving in this manner. Our goal is to get 95% of our youth assisting in VBS this year. Please make plans to help out if at all possible. As soon as we know exactly when this is, we will let you know.

Acolyte Program

An acolyte is the master of the flame that stays lit during our traditional service. We have two candles on our alter table of the chancel that symbolize the flame of the Holy Spirit. We carry this flame into the sanctuary on a special brass candle and light the candles at the beginning of each church service, followed by the Pastor. At the end of the church service, we reverse it. The flame from the candles on the alter are caught onto the special candle, extinguished by the same device, and escorted out of the sanctuary by the Pastor. The other big role of an acolyte is to assist with the offering. The acolytes retrieve the offering plates from the chancel alter, and offer them to the ushers. After the offering is collected, the acolytes hold those offering plate up to our stained glass image of Jesus. It's a big responsibility because the entire church is watching. However, it is pretty easy. There is no speaking involved. The pastor is extremely helpful, as is the choir. It used to be that we allowed kids in 3rd grade on up to be acolytes, and this is still the case. However, many of those younger kids enjoy attending children's church. This conflicts with the acolyte's duties. Therefore, we are encouraging the middle school and high school members of our congregation to continue this tradition. If you are interested in helping out with the acolyte duties, please see Ms. Amy. She keeps a sign up genie on line schedule for this volunteer schedule.



Funding Our Youth Group and Kids Ministries

If you are interested in helping to fund all of the great activities that we do with our youth or kids, please [click here to contribute on line](#). Once to the site, be sure to mark your giving to the youth fund.