

YPOG NEWSLETTER

'All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us".' Matthew 1:22-23

The Meaning of the Candy Cane

Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus.

The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins. So the next time you see a candy cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Jr. High Prayer/Play Night (5th-8th Grade)

Friday December 1st 6:00-8:30 PM: We will be spending some time in prayer and playing fun group games! There will be supper provided for the kids with some Christmas goodies!
We will meet in the church basement.
Parents can pick their kids up at 8:30 PM.

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 2** Christmas tree decorating/baking cookies/ice skating
- Dec. 3 Worship and Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Dec. 6 507 event at Solid Rock 6:30-8:00 PM
- Dec. 10** **Worship & SS. Youth coffee hour.**
- Dec. 13** **Youth serve advent meal; church service 6:30 PM**
- Dec. 15 & 16 Salvation Army time slots for youth group
- Dec. 17 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Christmas program.
- Dec. 20 Youth Group Christmas party 5:30.
- Dec. 20 Senior night 7:00 PM
- Dec. 24 No SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Dec. 27 NO YOUTH GROUP
- Dec. 31 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service & Fellowship Central

- *Dec. 2** – Fellowship event at church 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- *Dec. 10** – We need youth to help serve at this coffee hour. We will be doing a coffee bar with cinnamon rolls.
- *Dec. 13** – Youth will be serving the advent meal at 5:00 PM.

Monday F.U.E.L. (Faith Used in Everyday Life):

Every Monday afternoon from 3:15-4:00 PM at Burger King. Jenna will be MEETING students at Burger King. Students are encouraged to invite others along. We will do a short devotional together as well.

Doughnuts and Devotional: Starting in December on Wednesday mornings kids are welcome to come to the church for doughnuts and a devotional. We will meet in the youth room from 7:15 AM-8:10 AM. It is the kid's responsibility to get to school on time! Parents need to sign a permission form in advance if another legally aged kid will be taking them to school that morning. Contact Jenna for the form.

Decorating, Baking and Ice Skating!

What/Where: We will be decorating a Christmas Tree that will be displayed at First United Methodist Church for Love INC Christmas Tree Forest event. Our theme is "Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus." We will also be baking Christmas cookies to donate to the event and going ice skating at the arena.

Who: 9th-12th graders

When: Saturday, December 2nd

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Details: Meet in church basement. Supper will be provided for the kids. We will be going ice skating from 8-9 PM. Parents can pick their kids up at the ice skating arena at 9:00 PM! There is NO cost for this event.

Wednesday Night Youth

Come and join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Youth Room. We will eat great food; enjoy Christian fellowship and a time to share! Kids will be encouraged to go to advent services at 6:30 PM on Nov. 29 and Dec. 13. There is a 507 event on Dec. 6th at Solid Rock Assembly.

Worship & Sunday School:

Youth, we want to see you in worship on Sundays! Join us at 8:00am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Contemporary). Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the youth room. We hope to see you there!

*The youth are continually selling Hy-Vee & Fareway gift cards. They will be selling them on Sunday mornings in between church services. You can also stop in the church office during the week. These funds help support our upcoming mission trips.

