

Calendar of Youth Group Events

Date	What
Sept 13	Youth Family Night 6:30-7:30pm Youth and their entire family
Sept 20	Regular Youth Night
Sept 27	Annual Scavenger Hunt-participation form required/parents needed
Oct. 4	Regular Youth Night
Oct. 11	Regular Youth Night
Oct. 18	Regular Youth Night
Oct. 25	Regular Youth Night
Nov. 1	Regular Youth Night
Nov. 8	Regular Youth Night
Nov. 10-12	DakYouth 17 Aberdeen SD
Nov. 15	Regular Youth Night
Nov. 22	NO YOUTH—THANKSGIVING
Nov. 29	Regular Youth Night
Dec. 6	Mission Night—Shopping for kids (bring your offering)
Dec. 13	Regular Youth Night
Dec. 20	Youth Christmas Party-ugly sweater contest etc.
Dec. 27	NO YOUTH- CHRISTMAS BREAK
Jan. 3	NO YOUTH-CHRISTMAS BREAK
Jan.10	Regular Youth Night
Jan. 17	Regular Youth Night
Jan. 24	Souper Bowl of Caring Filming Night
Jan. 26-27	Winter Connection Event (grades 6-12)
Jan. 31	Regular Youth Night
Feb. 4	Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday
Feb. 7	Regular Youth Night
Feb. 14	ASH WEDNESDAY— Lent Youth Schedule
Feb. 21	NO YOUTH—PRESIDENT'S BREAK!
Feb 28	Lent Youth Schedule
March 7	Lent Youth Schedule
March 14	Lent Youth Schedule
March 21	Lent Youth Schedule
March 28	NO YOUTH—HOLY WEEK
April 1	EASTER SUNDAY
April 4	Regular Youth Night Schedule Resumes
April 6-8	Recharge @ Okoboji— Grades 9-12
April 11	Regular Youth Night
April 18	Regular Youth Night
April 20-22	Recharge @ Okoboji— Grades 6-9
April 25	Kids Against Hunger— Pack Meals
April 25-28	Rummage Sale for Alaska Trip
May 2	Regular Youth Night
May 9	Regular Youth Night
May 16	Regular Youth Night
May 23	5th Grade Welcome/END of Year Party

Additional Mission Projects and Events will be added throughout the year. Join our text group, watch the bulletin and see handouts shared at youth group.



Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because
you are young.
 Set an example for other followers
 by what you **SAY** and **DO**, as well as by your
love, faith, and purity.
 1 Timothy 4:12(CEV)

The Sunnycrest United Methodist Youth Ministry program seeks to develop faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by: teaching the basic truths of the Christian Faith, inviting youth grades 6-12 to develop their personal relationship with Christ and offering a variety of experiences to grow in faith as they learn to Love God & Love Neighbor

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Wednesday Youth Group Night

Regular Youth Group Night Schedule for grades 6-12—designed for all levels of faith development and knowledge

6pm Meal

For Middle School youth group and High School Youth Leaders

6:30-7:15pm Middle School Youth Group

Includes announcements; large group teaching, fun and study.

7:30-8:45pm High School Youth Group

For youth grades 9-12 will include a snack, large group teaching, discussions and announcements

*In the event that school dismisses early due to weather concerns, there will not be youth group meetings.

Sunday Night-Youth Small Groups

Small Group Schedule for grades 6-12 who are looking to study, discuss, pray and dig deeper into their faith

6:00-7:30pm Confirmation—will meet as scheduled by pastor/confirmation leaders

6:30-7:30pm Middle School Small Group—will meet weekly

6:30-7:30pm High School Bible Study—will meet weekly

Group Meals A meal for the Middle School group will be served

Parent/Volunteers Needed

each Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm. We ask that each family provide at least one meal. Plan to serve approximately 30 youth/volunteers. Monetary reimbursement is available upon request. The Sunday announcements provide a reminder of who is serving in the next few weeks.

FOLLOW OUR YOUTH GROUP ON FACEBOOK AND

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- All youth must have completed and turned in a Youth Participants information form before they will be eligible for special events.
- Youth are always welcome to bring a friend; special events are on an event by event basis for friend participation.
- Youth Group is designed to be a safe place for everyone. If a youth participant is conducting themselves in a way that excludes, bullies or is disrespectful to leaders—a parent will be contacted, and the youth will be asked to leave.
- **Event Payment Policy:** Youth events: 50% paid by church for members and regular attendees to worship/ youth group/Sunday School (regular is at least 50% attendance); Camp events: we utilize the church camping fund and follow that policy; Trips: each trip is different, so out of pocket costs will be determined by the youth council and fundraising plans worked on to supplement. Friends are welcome at certain events, but pay full price.

2017-18 Youth Special Events

DAK YOUTH 17 - Weekend Event for High School & Middle School Youth held at Aberdeen First UMC, Aberdeen, SD, and hosted by the Dakotas Conference UMC Youth Ministry. Spend Friday Night-Sunday Morning in worship, teaching times, and special entertainment.

Friday, November 10-Sunday, November 12, 2017

Lodging: @ Aberdeen hotel (\$25 -4 to room) Event Ticket: \$60

Participants to pay \$45/Sunnycrest to pay \$40

You must be signed up and paid by October 18. This event is for regular participants in the Sunnycrest youth ministry only.

WINTER CONNECTION - An overnight fellowship event for all youth in grades 6-12 hosted by the Dakotas Conference UMC Youth Ministry. Come worship, discuss and enjoy a special fellowship event.

Friday, January 26-Saturday, January 27, 2018-Dates

RECHARGE - Weekend Youth retreat packed with fun, fellowship and growing in faith. Discover the great God we serve, learn more about the Bible and have a blast with others. Hosted by Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps. We will attend the spring events.

High School Weekend Recharge grades 9-12: **April 4-6, 2018**

Middle School Weekend Recharge grades 6-9: **April 20-22, 2018**

MISSION TRIP—Anchorage, Alaska, June 17-23, 2018

We will be working with GraceWorks for 5 days helping kids learn about God. This trip is open to all youth and adults. See youth leaders for more information, eligibility, registration packets and cost breakdowns.

Cost after September 1, 2017, is \$800 + participation in all remaining fundraising.

NOTE: If cost of trip exceeds the amount fundraised, all participants will be required to pay additional funds.