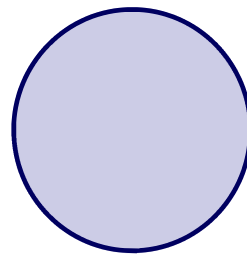
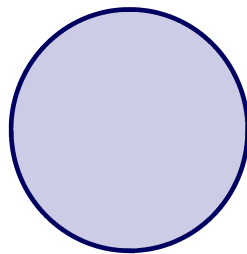
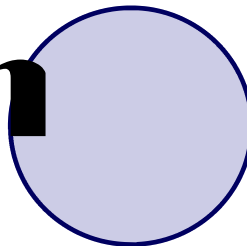
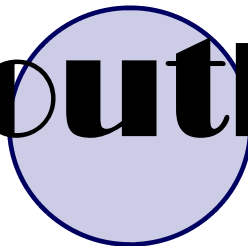
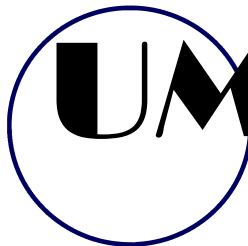


# OCTOBER 2011



# Simi UMC Youth



## YOUTH MUSIC

### YOUTH BELLS

Thursdays, 7:30p in the Chapel  
*Stu Thomson, Director*  
526-3976 / 433-3181

### YOUTH CHOIR

Sundays, 5 pm in the Sanctuary  
*Rochelle Kitzmann, Director*  
583-5090 / 404-7629

### YOUTH PRAISE BAND

Director needed - weekly practices.  
Need knowledge of music, ability to work with youth on instruments and vocals, faith-based background, good communication skills, enthusiasm, maturity, and a desire to bring the Word of God to others through song. Interested? Contact Rob Courtney, Director of Music, for an interview.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

SIGN UP TO HELP SUNDAY, OCT. 30  
NOON-2:00 PM ON THE EAST PROPERTY

## CAR WASH FUNDRAISER during the UMW Boutique Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. - NOON

Contact MARK WITMAN at 527-6501 to help out!

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## SUNDAY NIGHT TABLE FELLOWSHIP

During October, the YOUTH and DISCOVERY CLUB children will be served dinner together on Sunday nights in Witman Hall from 6 - 6:30 pm. Following this shared meal, both groups will head to separate classrooms for age-level programming.

# SAVE!!



SR. HIGH YOUTH - Interested in an  
Early Bird rate of \$30 off regular  
price for YOUTH ALIVE 2012?

Check out pg. 6 & inside ...

# RELAY FOR LIFE 2011

OCT. 15 - 16, 2011

10 a.m. Saturday 'til 10 a.m. Sunday

**What is it?** A 24-hour American Cancer Society fundraiser event

**Where is it?** Rancho Simi Community Park, on Royal Avenue (near Royal HS)

## **IMPORTANT STUFF YOUTH & PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:**

- ◆ All youth need to turn in a signed parent permission slip to participate.
- ◆ Sr. High Youth (gr. 9 – 12) may stay the entire 24 hours (including overnight) with parent approval.
- ◆ Middle School Youth (gr. 6 – 8) may spend all day Saturday (10 a.m. – 10 p.m.). They may also spend the night if a parent is willing to stay with them. Otherwise, Middle School youth leave for home at 10 p.m. on Saturday night.
- ◆ For safety reasons, youth are not allowed to come and go on their own. If a youth needs to come and go because of other commitments, we ask parents to let us know with a written note or phone call.
- ◆ We prefer parents drop off and pick up youth at our team's site. That way we know they've been released to you and not left with somebody else.

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS:** Adult Chaperones and Helpers are needed, especially for the overnight part of this activity. If you're a "night owl" think about signing up to help our youth leaders provide coverage. Parents are always welcome to help by spending the night or even teaming up to help provide dinner for our hungry team. **If you'd like to help, give Team Captain, Lauren Witman, a call at 208-5874.**

**NOTE** - This year's Relay for Life is being held at a brand new location — Rancho Simi Community Park (aka, the "duck park") on Royal Avenue near the high school. This venue is not as enclosed as in the past, but security will be provided by the Relay for Life organizers. Adult chaperones will be present at all times for our group — if you're interested in helping with that, call **Lauren Witman** (208-5874) ASAP.

During the daytime hours, youth and other participants may go to different areas of the park to enjoy a variety of activities (Jolly Jumpers, etc.). We require our youth to follow the "Rule of 3" — that is, always being with at least 2 other individuals from our Relay for Life team. Regular check-in times throughout the 24-hours are set, and youth are asked to check in on time at our group site. The walking "track" will be laid out on the softball diamond area and, as in past years, youth / adults will sign up for a specific walking time. Every team needs at least one team member on the track at all times during the 24-hour event.

Since we're at a new venue this year, rules and guidelines are a little tighter this time to ensure the safety of those participating. We have a GREAT group of youth at Simi UMC, and we're so proud that they cooperate in following the rules / parameters our team captain and chaperones set each year — the level of trust we have for our youth is very high, and they haven't disappointed us yet! **Simi UMC youth ROCK!!!**

**Questions? Contact Lauren Witman, Team Captain, at 208-5874**



# **YOUTH ALIVE - Crossroads**

**Cal-Pac Conference High School Event  
February 18 - 20, 2012**

***Riverside Convention Center & Marriott Hotel***

*This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."*

- Jeremiah 6:16

## **What is Youth Alive?**

Youth Alive is an exciting, energy-packed event with interactive sessions and contemporary worship. High School youth from across the conference gather to worship, learn, grow, and challenge each other on their journey of faith. You won't want to miss this interactive and intentionally relational event that will leave you enriched and inspired to make a difference in your world.

## **What does it cost?**

Early Bird Registration \$215 by December 12, 2011

Final Registration \$245 by January 16, 2012

Late registration: \$270 after January 16, 2012 pending availability

***Our church deadline for registration forms and money is Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011.***

***To take advantage of the fantastic early bird rate, be sure to give Diane your registration form and a check made out to SVUMC by this date***

# YOUTH ALIVE

Youth Registration 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coupon Code   
Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  Male  Female

Food/Drug Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

I am a...

Youth Participant (9th-12th grade)

Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Roommate(s) : List up to 3, same gender

\* rooms will be assigned to 4 people, special requests will be subject to room availability and additional charges.

## Pastor's Signature

My signature on this form indicates that all persons attending as a chaperone for our church are aged 23 or older and have had the appropriate background check as recommended by the Cal-Pac Annual Conference Insurance through Accurate Background, Intellicorp and/or the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Identification.

I also affirm that ALL PARTICIPANTS attending from our church are CURRENTLY in 9th-12th grade.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical & Liability Release Form

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Youth] a minor, do hereby authorize pursuant to Family Code Section 6910 any adult leader of YOUTH ALIVE sponsored by the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church as agent for the undersigned to consent to medical care, including x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnoses or treatment and hospital care, under the general or special supervision of, and upon the advice of or to be rendered by, a physician or surgeon licensed under the Medical Practices Act. I further agree to release and hold harmless and indemnify the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, YOUTH ALIVE, and the YOUTH ALIVE Event Staff, and their boards, officers, members, clergy, staff, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, losses, costs, obligations, and liabilities for injuries to said minor or for damages to or loss of property from any alleged negligence, fault or legal liability of the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, YOUTH ALIVE, the YOUTH ALIVE Event Staff, and their boards, officers, members, clergy, staff, agents and volunteers. This authorization shall be effective February 18-20, 2012 inclusive. A photocopy or other reproduction of this authorization shall be considered as original. I hereby authorize YOUTH ALIVE to take photos and videos during the event which may later be used for marketing and promotional purposes within the bounds of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. (If you would not like your child appearing in any of these materials, please request in writing to: Cal-Pac Young People c/o Erin Foellmi, PO BOX 6006, Pasadena, CA 91102, or by email: [youngpeople@cal-pac.org](mailto:youngpeople@cal-pac.org))

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Out-of-the-Ordinary October Celebrations

- Oct. 1 International Day of Older Persons *(you know who they are!)*
- Oct. 2 Name Your Car Day ; Change a Light Day
- Oct. 3 Techies Day
- Oct. 4 Cinnamon Rolls Day *(YUM!!)*
- Oct. 5 World Teachers Day
- Oct. 6 Mad Hatter Day
- Oct. 7 World Smile Day ; Yom Kippur
- Oct. 8 Universal Music Day
- Oct. 9 Curious Events Day ; Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct. 10 National Kick Butt Day
- Oct. 11 It's My Party Day ; National Face Your Fears Day
- Oct. 12 Moment of Frustration Day
- Oct. 13 English Language Day
- Oct. 14 National Dessert Day
- Oct. 15 National Grouch Day
- Oct. 16 Dictionary Day *(for "Words With Friends" enthusiasts)*
- Oct. 17 Wear Something Gaudy Day
- Oct. 18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day
- Oct. 19 Evaluate Your Life Day
- Oct. 20 Information Overload Day
- Oct. 21 Babbling Day ; Count Your Buttons Day
- Oct. 22 Make a Difference Day
- Oct. 23 i-Pod Day
- Oct. 24 United Nations Day
- Oct. 25 National Denim Day
- Oct. 26 Mule Day
- Oct. 27 Cranky Co-Workers Day
- Oct. 28 Frankenstein Friday *(last Friday in October)*
- Oct. 29 National Forgiveness Day ; Internet Day
- Oct. 30 National Candy Corn Day ; Mischief Night
- Oct. 31 Carve a Pumpkin Day ; HALLOWEEN



## OCTOBER MEETINGS

### YPC MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 9  
11:45a.m. in Rm. 8/9  
*Everybody is welcome!!*

### AWWY MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 11  
7 p.m. in Rm. 12

### ADMIN. COUNCIL

Wednesday, Oct. 12  
8:15 p.m. in the Chapel  
*(YPC Officers rotate attendance)*



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Crystal Laigo
- 2 Tom Kendall
- 3 Barbara Brown
- 6 Jill Zinto
- 7 Debbie Post
- 8 Stu Thomson
- 9 Patrick Brennan
- 14 Andrea Clary
- 20 Kenny Closser
- 23 Astrid Aragones, Sam Allison
- 25 Melissa Allison
- 26 Kaelyn Motzel
- 28 Joshua Greene
- 30 Jonathan Johnson, Rick Minzer

**Tell Diane if your name's missing!**





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# Looking Ahead ~

## YOUTH ALIVE 2012 – “CROSSROADS”

Feb. 18 - 20 (Presidents' Weekend) in Riverside, CA

*This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."  
 ~Jeremiah 6:16*

SR. HIGH YOUTH -- INTERESTED IN AN EARLY BIRD RATE OF \$30 OFF THE REGULAR PRICE FOR THIS EVENT ??

*Here's what you need to do ...*

- ◆ Fill out YOUTH ALIVE 2012 registration form (see inside)
- ◆ Get that and a check to SVUMC for \$215 to Diane by Dec. 4
- ◆ Early registrations will be mailed to Conference offices with a single check from the church **before the Dec. 12 early bird deadline.**
- ◆ If you plan to use Campership Credits, get your paperwork from the Church Office **NOW** -- this must be turned in to Diane via the church office with signatures before you start earning credits.

*Youth may utilize the equivalent of ONE FULL CAMBERSHIP per year.*

*The number of Campership credits you need to earn are:*

For a weekend activity such as *Winter Retreat* or *Youth Alive*:

HALF CAMBERSHIP = 10 HOURS OF SERVICE

FULL CAMBERSHIP = 20 HOURS OF SERVICE

For a full week activity such as *Santa Barbara District Summer Camps*:

HALF CAMBERSHIP = 20 HOURS OF SERVICE

FULL CAMBERSHIP = 40 HOURS OF SERVICE

# WINTER RETREAT

*Feb. 3 - 5, 2012*

Want to help plan?

Mark these dates:

**Sunday, Nov. 6**

**Sunday, Dec. 4**

**and Sundays,**

**Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29**

Buy or bring lunch - meet in Rm. 8/9 at NOON. Meetings last 1 hour.

