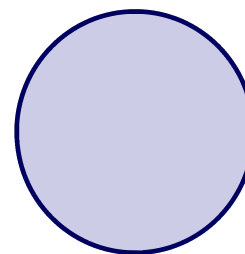
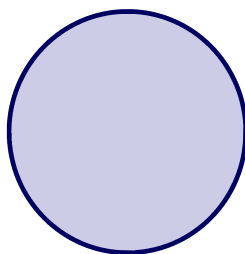
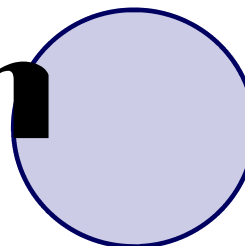
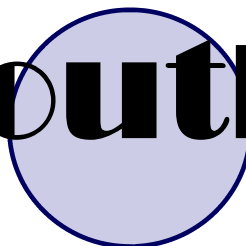


**SEPTEMBER
2011**



Simi **UMC** Youth



RELAY FOR LIFE 2011

Saturday, Oct. 15 - Sunday, Oct. 16

A 24-hour American Cancer Society Fundraiser @
Rancho Simi Community Park on Royal Avenue

Time: 10 a.m. Saturday thru 10 a.m. Sunday

See page 2 for more complete details.

**Sign up to be on our church team!! Contact Simi UMC
Team Captain, Lauren Witman (208-5874)**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

2011-2012 YOUTH GROUP OFFICERS

At the August Youth Planning Council (YPC) meeting, elections were held for the upcoming year. Youth group Officers for the upcoming year include:

PRESIDENT	TEVITA INOKE
VICE PRESIDENTS	CHRIS ALLISON & KENNY CLOSSER
SECRETARY	MELISSA ALLISON
HISTORIAN	HANNAH MCKEE

We have SUCH strong, positive leadership in our youth program. Our officers for last year (Lauren Witman, Tevita Inoke, Cori Brennan, Melissa Allison, Kalo Inoke, Becca West, and Elora Laier) were strong, committed leaders and did an amazing job representing the youth. To each person who chose to run for office this year, thanks for caring so much and wanting to make a difference!

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 both vocals and instruments, faith-based background, good communication skills, maturity, enthusiasm, and a desire to bring the Word of God to others through song.
Interested? Contact Rob Courtney, Director of Music, for an interview.

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IMPORTANT INFO on RELAY FOR LIFE

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

When is it? October 15 – October 16, 2011
10 a.m. Saturday 'til 10 a.m. Sunday

Where? Ranch Simi Community Park, on Royal Avenue (near Royal HS)

Cancer affects so many! Many of our youth and adults participate in this year's Relay for Life because they remember **Bob Brown**, one of our long-time youth leaders who lost his battle with Myelodysplasia/Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in 2008. It's not too late to join our church's Relay for Life Team, so contact Team Captain **Lauren Witman** (208-5874) for forms and fundraising info. Join thousands of people around the country as they "walk the track" raising money used to provide HOPE by finding a cure for CANCER.

IMPORTANT STUFF FOR SIMI UMC 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 always needed, especially for the overnight portion of this activity. If you're a "night owl" (or suffer from insomnia) why not 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 crew. If you'd like to help, give our Team Captain, **Lauren Witman**, a call at 208-5874.*

Also, FYI – once youth return forms and pay their \$15 registration fee, they can sign up for the time they want to walk. This is done on a "first come, first served" basis, so it's a good idea to get money and registration materials in early. Many of our youth and adults stay for the entire 24-hour time period, and there are always activities they can involve themselves in. Karaoke anyone???

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 also be present at all times for our group — if you're interested in helping with that, please call **Lauren Witman** (208-5874) ASAP.*

During the daytime hours, youth and other participants will be able to go to different areas of the park where a variety of activities will be available (Jolly Jumpers, etc.). We require that our youth 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 will also be set, and youth will be asked to check in on time at our group site. The "track" we'll be walking on will be laid out on the softball diamond area — as in past years, youth/adults will sign up for a specific walking time. Our team needs at least one team member on the track at all times during the 24-hour event.

*Since we are at a new venue this year, rules and guidelines are a little tighter to ensure the safety of all who are participating. We have a GREAT group of youth at Simi UMC, and we are 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!!!***



HALLELUJAH JUBILEE

Where? Six Flags Magic Mountain

When? September 17, 2011

Time? 9:30 am – 10 pm

Ticket cost? \$30

(that's \$29.99 off regular admission!)

Everyone should bring extra spending money to pay for food and drinks throughout the day.

This activity will be chaperoned by SIMI UMC PARENTS

Our Adult Workers With Youth are away that weekend, taking part in a SPECIAL WEEKEND RETREAT of training, visioning, and soul tending (Friday evening, Sept. 16 thru Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18)

A special THANK YOU to our AWESOME parents for shepherding this event!

Deadline for permission slips and money

Sept. 11, 2011 by the end of UMYF

(Yes, that's a FIRM deadline — tickets will be ordered Monday morning, Sept. 12)

Cash is accepted — checks should be made payable to United Methodist Church.

This flyer and permission slips are available at the church website: www.simivalleyumc.org.

Flyers / permission slips are also available in the Church Office, Youth Rooms, or Narthex.

NOTE: Participants and parent drivers / chaperones will meet in the church parking lot on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. and leave church by 9:45 a.m. Our group will leave the park at 9 p.m., when the park closes. We should be back at the church for parent pick-up by 10-10:15 p.m.

What is Hallelujah Jubilee???

It's a day where Christian Bands play concerts throughout the day at Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Park hours on this day will be 10:30 am - 9 pm, and this year's concerts will feature:

Brandon Heath and Shawn McDonald

Simi Valley United Methodist Church
2394 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065 (805) 526-6231
Parent Consent Form and Emergency Medical Release
to be completed and signed by parent/guardian.

Name of Activity: HALLELUJAH JUBILEE at Six Flags Magic Mountain

Dates of Event: Saturday, September 17, 2011

Meet at church: 9:30 a.m. *(leave at 9:45 a.m. sharp)* **Estimated return:** 10 - 10:15 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per person *(\$25.99 ticket cost, plus \$\$ to help cover parking costs)*

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 the above named activity sponsored by The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley 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 United Methodist Church, Simi Valley, 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 United Methodist Church, Simi Valley, event staff, and their boards, officers, members, clergy, staff, agents, and volunteers. This authorization shall be effective _____ *(date)* inclusive. A photocopy or other reproduction of this authorization shall be considered as original. I hereby authorize The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley to take photos and videos during the event which may later be used for marketing and promotional purposes. (If you would not like your child appearing in any of these materials, please request in writing to: The United Methodist Church, Simi Valley c/o Youth Ministries Department, 2394 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065, or by email: svumc@pacbell.net)

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Phone # _____ **cell #** _____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone #** _____

Relationship _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____ **Policy #:** _____

1) My son/daughter has the following **ALLERGIES**: *(include food allergies)*

2) My son/daughter has the following **MEDICAL CONDITION(S)**:

3) My son/daughter will need to take these **MEDICATIONS** during this activity: *(include administration time/ dose)*

I give my permission for the event staff to provide my child with over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil, should that be needed while in their care.

Parent Signature _____

Please list any over the counter (OTC) medications we should NOT give your child:



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

YPC MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 25
11:45a.m. in Rm. 8/9
Everybody is welcome!!

AWWY MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 13
7 p.m. in Rm. 12

ADMIN. COUNCIL

Wednesday, Sept. 14
8:15 p.m. in the Chapel
(YPC Officers please attend)

- Sept. 1 (Make) Emma Nutt's Day
- Sept. 2 National Lazy Mom's Day
- Sept. 3 Skyscraper Day
- Sept. 4 Newspaper Carrier Day
- Sept. 5 Be Late for Something Day (*aka, Inoke Day*)
- Sept. 6 Fight Procrastination Day (*or, you could celebrate this tomorrow*)
- Sept. 7 Google Commemoration Day (*look it up!*)
- Sept. 8 World Physical Therapy Day (*Mark, Luene's & future Lauren's holiday*)
- Sept. 9 Wonderful Weirdoes Day ; Stand Up to Cancer Day
- Sept. 10 Swap Ideas Day
- Sept. 11 Remembrance Day (*10 years ago today!*)
- Sept. 12 Video Dames Day
- Sept. 13 Positive Thinking Day ; International Chocolate Day
- Sept. 14 National Cream-filled Donut Day
- Sept. 15 Google.com Day
- Sept. 16 National Play Doh Day
- Sept. 17 International Eat an Apple Day
- Sept. 18 National Cheeseburger Day ; National Respect Day
- Sept. 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day (*Arrrrrr*)
- Sept. 20 National Punch Day
- Sept. 21 World Gratitude Day
- Sept. 22 Hobbit Day (*Bilbo & Frodo Baggins' birthdays*)
- Sept. 23 Love Note Day
- Sept. 24 Punctuation Day
- Sept. 25 National Comic Book Day
- Sept. 26 Shamu the Whale's Day
- Sept. 27 Google's Birthday
- Sept. 28 Rosh Hashanah ; Fish Tank Floorshow Night
- Sept. 29 National Coffee Day
- Sept. 30 Ash a Stupid Question Day

**Weird, Wacky, Unusual
Celebrations**



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September	Date	Birthdays
	3	Ashley Stites (<i>yay! can drive youth on trips now!</i>)
	5	Jason Hole
	6	Pastor Andy
	11	Kyle Reynolds
	15	Emma Horowitz, Patrick Rose
	16	Joneel Zinto
	17	Rebecca McKee
	18	Emely Jimenez, Peter Witman
	23	Carolynn Foster
	24	Samantha Farr
	26	Mark Witman
	29	Alex Berkel, Bradley Elliott, Chris Reynolds

Your birthday not listed? Be sure to tell Diane ASAP!

Call, or send an email, fb message to Diane about what's celebrated on Sept. 29 and get a

