



January to March 2020

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Kim

Youth group meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We start the evening with a meal, followed by games and Bible study/discussion groups. In addition to Sunday evenings, we hold fund raising events; participate in service projects, and fun activities. Youth group is open to all youth who are 6th grade and older.

Fund Raiser Credit

Each time a youth works a fund-raising event, they earn money that can be used to help pay for **camp, retreats, and mission trips**. Hours are tracked and based on the profit from the event each youth who worked will earn a percentage. To earn credit, youth must actively participate in the fund raiser, including set-up, and clean-up. (Adults can earn credit for their youth also!)

During youth group in the fall, we discussed inviting our friends to youth group. The youth asked that we have a different event each week for at least a month. We are doing that starting January 19th! Check out the last page for details!

Youth Dinner Schedule



- 1/5 Baltz Family
- 1/12 Mueller Family
- 1/19 Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night
- 1/26 Fruit Family
- 2/2 No Youth - Super Bowl Sunday
- 2/9 Weir Family
- 2/16 Mini-Retreat
- 2/23 Elliott Family
- 3/1 Youth Led Worship & Special Event
- 3/8 Holland Family
- 3/15 Hilborn Family
- 3/22 Selover Family
- 3/29 No Youth - Spring Break
- 4/5 Sechrest Family

Dinner reminders are sent the week you are to bring dinner. The Church is open at 4:00 PM if you need to use the kitchen. Please plan on 15. We eat from 5 to 5:30 PM. You can clean up after 5:30. If the above date will not work for you, please trade with another family. (Please note: we do have a couple youth who are gluten intolerant. They are good about working around whatever is brought, just want to make everyone aware.)

Meal ideas: tacos, spaghetti, sub or BBQ sandwiches, pancakes, hot dogs, hamburgers, mac-n-cheese, baked potatoes, fried chicken, etc.



Cookie Service Project

Monday, January 6th, we will meet at the Church at 9:30 AM, to bake cookies. After a quick lunch, we will deliver cookies to our shut-ins and teachers.



The Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food around the time of the Big Game. These groups then give 100% of their donations to local charities. Every non-perishable food item and dollar donated here at RRUMC goes to Storehouse West, Rio Rancho UMC Youth Group's 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Attention Youth: Sunday, January 5th, we will be decorating posters and setting up the Church for the "Souper Bowl" Challenge. So, be thinking about what competition would work best and how we need to advertise it!



Sunday, January 12th, 3:45 PM

It is time to have a parent/youth meeting, to catch up paperwork and look at what we want 2020 to look like for the Rio Rancho Youth Group. We will also be deciding where we want to go on our Spring Break Mission Trip. It is important that an adult from each family is present at our meeting. We will start right at 3:45 PM and conclude by 5 PM so that we can start our regular youth group meeting! See you there!



and Dessert Auction

Sunday, January 19th, 11:00 AM

Calling all Chili Chefs: Who is a chili chef you ask? Anyone who would like to make a batch of chili and bring it to the event! If you are interested in making a batch of chili, please let Kim Peterson know by calling 450-9795 or 892-0404x3. You will need to have your batch of chili to the church by 10:30 AM on Sunday, January 27th. You will need to "Name" your dish and indicate a heat index. Then you can encourage the tasters/judges to vote for your chili!

Calling all Tasters/Judges: Who is a taster/judge you ask? If you are reading this, you are! Our entire church family is invited to attend the Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction. Everyone will have the opportunity to taste each batch of chili, and then you will vote for your favorites by putting money into the jar next to the chili of your choice. The Chili with the most money collected will be the winner and will have bragging rights for the coming year! All money collected will be used to fund youth trips.

Dessert Auction: Youth families will provide the desserts – everyone can bid on them! **Each youth family is asked to bring a dessert for the auction and is encouraged to stay and help with the event.** Making your dessert item pretty, by using bright colored bows or wrapping, and adding a label to identify your dessert adds interest when people are bidding! Each family that contributes a dessert for the auction will earn fund raiser credit.

Instead of our regular youth group meeting, we will be going to the movies! Watch for a text or an e-mail with all the details!

The final collection day for the Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 2nd. We will need youth with soup pots at the doors to the sanctuary at the end of the worship service, to collect money donations. Also, we will count and bag up all the food that has been collected immediately following the worship service. Please plan on helping!



Please Note... We will not have Youth Group on Sunday, February 2nd. Enjoy the game!



**Sunday February 16th
Monday, February 17th
5 PM to Noon**

We are going to have another Mini-Retreat. We will be spending the night at the church, so everyone needs to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. (There will be a mandatory "sleep" time. If you want to stay up all night – stay at home!) We will start the retreat at 5 PM on Sunday evening with dinner. We will conclude the retreat on Monday at Noon. Breakfast will be provided by Kim. As part of our Mini-Retreat, we will develop a theme, choose a skit, write prayers, and responsive readings for our first youth led worship service of 2020, which is on Sunday, March 1st. We will also have some amazingly fun activities, including making our cross of shards! Parts will be assigned during the retreat, so be thinking about what part you want and come prepared with some ideas and be ready to practice. Everyone is encouraged to attend, to build unity within our group and to help with Youth Led Worship.

We will need participants to bring dinner and snack items. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the youth room. Please write your name (if you plan on attending) next to the food item you will bring for dinner. Attention Adults: Additional adult help would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help out and what time is good for you.



Tuesday, February 25th

The youth will be serving a delicious dinner of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice and coffee on Tuesday, February 25th, from 5 to 7:00 PM. This will be a traditional "all you can eat" Fat Tuesday meal. We will need youth and adults to help prepare, serve and clean up the meal. Helpers should arrive around 4 PM. Each youth/adult working will receive fundraiser credit. Sign up on the bulletin board in the youth room if you plan on helping.

Sunday, March 1st



Our first youth led worship service for 2020 is on Sunday, March 1st. We will be determining the theme and writing and practicing parts during our Mini-Retreat in February. In addition, we will have a practice on Saturday, February 29th at 6:30 PM.

Destination Unknown...

After Youth Led Worship on Sunday, March 1st, instead of our regular youth group time, we will have a "Destination Unknown" event. Plans are still being finalized, but the tentative plan is to meet at RRUMC at 1 PM to travel to our destination. We should return around 5 PM. The scripture for this event is John 6:33- 51 (ERV):

God's bread is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The people said, "Sir, from now on give us bread like that." Then Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who believes in me will ever be thirsty. I told you before that you have seen me, and still you don't believe. The Father gives me my people. Every one of them will come

to me. I will always accept them. I came down from heaven to do what God wants, not what I want. I must not lose anyone God has given me. But I must raise them up on the last day. This is what the one who sent me wants me to do. Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him has eternal life. I will raise them up on the last day. This is what my Father wants." Some Jews began to complain about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that comes down from heaven." They said, "This is Jesus. We know his father and mother. He is only Joseph's son. How can he say, 'I came down from heaven'?" But Jesus said, "Stop complaining to each other. The Father is the one who sent me, and he is the one who brings people to me. I will raise them up on the last day. Anyone the Father does not bring to me cannot come to me. It is written in the prophets: 'God will teach them all.' People listen to the Father and learn from him. They are the ones who come to me. I don't mean that there is anyone who has seen the Father. The only one who has ever seen the Father is the one who came from God. He has seen the Father. "I can assure you that anyone who believes has eternal life. I am the bread that gives life. Your ancestors ate the manna God gave them in the desert, but it didn't keep them from dying. Here is the bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my body. I will give my body so that the people in the world can have life." Watch for more information in an e-mail or text!



**CCYM for Senior High
March 27th - 29th**

Lifesavers:

Fear Not, He is our Rescuer

If you are interested in attending camp, please let me know.



**SPRING BREAK
MISSION TRIP
MARCH 29TH - APRIL 2ND**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING TO CARLSBAD TO WORK AT LANDSUN HOMES OR TO LAS CRUCES TO WORK ON THE COMMUNITY OF HOPE CAMPUS? BE SURE AND COME TO THE PARENT/YOUTH MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, AS WE WILL BE DECIDING AT THE MEETING WHERE OUR SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP WILL BE!



Ask a friend to youth schedule of events:

Sunday, January 19th

Movie Time!

Watch your text or e-mail for the movie and time to meet.

Sunday, January 26th

It's a Lesson!

Our lesson is "Made of Clay", Genesis 2:4-8. Regular youth time 5 to 7 PM

Sunday, February 9th

Getting Crafty!

We will be painting clay pots that will be used to make a "Cross of Shards". Regular youth time 5 to 7 PM

Sunday, February 16th to

Monday, February 17th

Overnight Mini-Retreat!

We will be planning our first worship Service of 2020 and finishing our "Cross of Shards" at this retreat. Sunday 5 PM to Monday at Noon

Sunday, February 23rd

Games Galore!

Be ready with your favorites! It's a night of games. Regular youth time 5 to 7 PM

Sunday, March 1st

Destination Unknown

Details are still being worked out, but plan on leaving the church at 1 PM and returning at 5 PM. Watch your text and e-mail for complete information.

We are gearing up for another busy quarter. I am excited about our emphasis on asking friends to come to youth group, and I encourage each of you to give it a try!