

**January to March 2019**

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**Noon Year’s Eve Party**

**Monday, December 31st**

**11 AM to 1 PM**

On Monday, December 31st at 11 AM, we will play a few games, have lunch and ring in the new year! This is always a fun event. Hope to see you there!

**Roadrunner Food Bank Service Project**

**Thursday, January 3rd**

We will meet at the church at 12;15. Remember to eat lunch before coming, wear close toed shoes and shirts with sleeves. We should return to church around 4:45 PM.

**Adult helpers are needed for service projects!**

**Youth Dinner**

**Schedule**

1/6 Hilborn Family

1/13 Sechrest Family

1/20 Selover Family

1/27 Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night

2/3 No Youth – Super Bowl Sunday

2/10 Roberts Family

2/17 Mini-Retreat

2/24 York Family

3/3 Mueller Family

3/10 Youth Led Worship & Special Event

3/17 Holland Family

3/24 Mission Trip

3/31 Baltz 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.

**Maggie Cordova Service Project**

Monday, January 7th, we will meet at the Church at 9 AM, to bake cookies to take to the teachers at Maggie Cordova for lunch. (We may even deliver some to other schools if we get the opportunity!)



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 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

**Attention Youth: Sunday, January 6th, 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!**

The final collection day for the Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 3rd. We will need youth with soup pots at the doors to the sanctuary at the end of each worship service, to collect money donations. Also, we will need to count and bag up all the food that has been collected, so that we can take it to Storehouse West. We will be bagging the food after the 11:00 worship service. Please plan on helping!

**Please Note…** We will not have Youth Group on Sunday, February 3rd. Enjoy the game!

**Chile Cook-Off & Dessert Auction**

**Sunday, January 27th**

We will start the day with one worship service at 10 AM, followed by our chile cook-off and dessert auction. We will need chile chefs & tasters/judges!

**Calling all Chile Chefs:** Who is a chile chef you ask? Anyone who would like to make a batch of chile and bring it to the event! If you are interested in making a batch of chile, please let Kim Peterson know by calling 450-9795 or 892-0404x3. You will need to have your batch of chile to the church by 11 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 chile!

**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 Chile Cook-Off & Auction. Everyone will have the opportunity to taste each batch of chile, and then you will vote for your favorites by putting money into the jar next to the chile of your choice. The Chile 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.** Something to consider – cupcakes or cake pops sell better than a large cake. People will generally bid more for smaller packages than for one large item. This also gives more people the opportunity to bid. Also, make your dessert item pretty, by using bright colored bows or wrapping! Each family that contributes a dessert for the auction will earn fund raiser credit.

**As a fun event, we will go to the movies, instead of having our regular youth group meeting on Sunday, January 27th. Watch your text or e-mail for the movie and time to meet.**

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**Sunday February 17th – Monday, February 18th**

**5 PM to 11 AM**

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 11 AM. 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 2019, which is on Sunday, March 10th. We will also have some amazingly fun activities! 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) and the food item you will be bringing, so that we make sure that we get a full menu. (This is kind of like a pot-luck, only we will know what is for dinner!) Attention Adutls: Additional adult help would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help out and what time is good for you.**



**Who wants to go to**

**ROC – Mid-High Camp – “I AM”**

Friday to Sunday, March 1st – 3rd

**CCYM - Senior High Camp**

**“Standing Strong in Faith”**

Friday to Sunday, March 29th – 31st

Registration starts in January, please let me know if you are interested in attending camp.

**Fat Tuesday**

**Pancake Supper**

**Tuesday, March 5th**

The youth will be serving a delicious dinner of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, juice and coffee on Tuesday, March 5th, 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.

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**Sunday, March 10th**

Our first youth led worship service for 2019 is on Sunday, March 10th. This is a combined service at 10 AM. 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, March 9th at 6:30 PM.

**Destination Unknown…**

After Youth Led Worship on Sunday, March 10th, instead of our regular youth group time, we will have a “Destination Unknown” event. We will leave the Church at approximately 11:30 AM, grab a quick bite of lunch and head to our “Destination”. Be sure and dress for the weather, as we will be outside. We will return to the Church at 5:30 PM.

# Our Scripture emphasis for this destination is… **Luke 12:6-7 Living Bible** “What is the price of five sparrows? A couple of pennies? Not much more than that. Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And he knows the number of hairs on your head! Never fear, you are far more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.

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**Spring Break Mission Trip**

**Landsun Homes**

**Carlsbad, NM**

**March 24th – 28th**

Details are still being worked out, but here is the basic info…

Depart Rio Rancho UMC at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 24th.

Return to Rio Rancho UMC at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 28th.

****Cost is $50.00 per person. If we only have 2 adults going, we will only take the church van, so we will have room for 10 youth. If you want to be assured of going, you need to get your paperwork and money in ASAP! Registration forms are in the youth room on the bulletin board.

Once again, we will be working at Landsun Homes. That means outside yardwork, cleaning, office duties, plus games and visiting with residents. As in the past, we will prepare all our own meals, so everyone will be assigned a day to help cook and clean up.

Looking Ahead…

Easter week is in April. It has been a couple of years since we set up the “Stations of the Cross”. If there are enough youth interested in participating, it would be good to put it back on the schedule.

I have been asked when the youth group was going to do another “big” dinner and silent auction. I have looked at the calendar and think that it might be good to put it on Friday, May 3rd, which is May Friendship Day. I need to know if a Friday would be a good time for everyone to be available to serve/volunteer. Plus, we will need items for the auction.

I have been looking at options for our summer trip. There is a rally in Kansas City in July, however, it would be about $1000.00 dollars per person. There is a camp in Durango, but we need to make that decision ASAP as they are about full. We could go to Sacramento Methodist Camp and work, which is our cheapest option. We also have a contact to go to Four Corners and work on the reservation.

**I need your input. What are you interested/not interested in? Please let me know by January 27th, what activities you would be willing to help with/participate in for the second quarter of 2019.**

**PEACE… It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.**

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