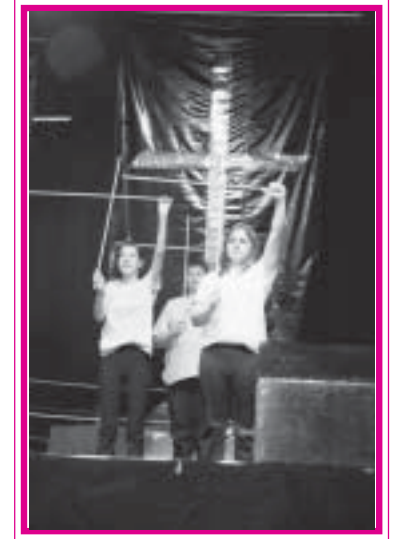


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Youth Events 2005



A NEW DAY DAWNING

Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

(New Revised Standard Version)

God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with God (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left.

(The Message)

North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church

For Youth Groups to register & attend as a group with adults

Conference Youth Rally Day

April 24

3:00-6:00pm

NC Wesleyan College - Rocky Mount

Conference Youth Rally Day is an afternoon gathering of youth groups from local churches across the Conference. The Rally is a time for fellowship in faith, worship in praise of God, and a celebration of the place and role of youth in the life of the church.

The theme for Rally Day 2005 is **The Big Shindig**. The Kingdom of God, the Church Triumphant will be like a huge party - with plentiful food and music and laughter and joy and fellowship with one another - we seek to catch a glimpse of this Big Shindig. "People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." (Luke 13:29)

Our Rally Day will feature a carnival of recreation and fellowship activities. Youth groups from local churches are invited to sponsor various activities at Rally Day. We will have inflatable games, volleyball, soccer, softball and much more! After this time of fellowship, we will come together for a worship service with music and messages of Christian faith. We also invite youth groups to share with us in worship through music and drama.

While we will have an offering for Youth Service Fund and refreshments may be available for purchase, there is **NO** cost to Rally Day. **PRE-REGISTRATION TO ATTEND IS NOT REQUIRED.** Registration of sponsored activities or participation in the worship service is required.



Registration Form

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Social Security # _____

Gender F M Grade 04-05 _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____

Email _____

Local Church _____

District _____

Signature of Parents _____

Roommate Preference _____

How to Register...

- 1) Please check the event for which you are registering.
- 2) Complete the registration form and send it with the registration deposit to:
**Youth Ministry, Treasurer-NC Conference,
The United Methodist Church (Raleigh Area)
PO Box 60053, Charlotte, NC 28260-0053**
- 3) Make checks payable to **Youth Ministry**.
- 4) Confirmation and other materials will be mailed to you.
- 5) **Registration policies to be aware of:** Registration deposits are **NONREFUNDABLE** with the exception of those over \$50 (of which only 50% will be refunded). Cancellations must be made in writing. The cost of an event will not be pro-rated for partial attendance. Registration deadlines apply to postmark dates! Note those events indicating limited spaces. All event registrations received after the deadline (when space is available) will incur a late fee of \$25 added to the cost of the event. There will also be a service charge of \$25 for returned checks (insufficient funds).
- 6) Youth eligible to register for and participate in Conference Youth events are youth currently in or having completed grades 6-12 (or as stated for each event) **and** 19 years of age or younger.

Please note: Registration forms take 7 to 10 business days to reach us. Please use a separate registration form for each event. The registration form may be copied.

Who to Contact...

For questions about any of these events and for special event registration forms please contact the **Office of Youth Ministry at 1-800-849-4433**. Limited scholarship funds are available for some events.

Visit our Website: www.nccumc.org/youthministry

Pilgrimage

November 11-13

Crown Coliseum
Fayetteville

Pilgrimage is a weekend event for UMYF and local church youth groups in which youth and adult advisors are challenged to a new or deeper faith in Jesus Christ. The content of the event will focus on evangelism, faith sharing and discipleship for youth and adult advisors to youth ministry. Pilgrimage is a time and place to discover that faith and discipleship can be fun!

The Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville will host our group sessions. Our speaker will be Ray Buckley, Native American author and storyteller. Our music leaders will be Chris Hughes, and the youth house band. Pilgrimage will feature large group sessions and much, much more.

The theme for Pilgrimage 2005 is **Tuning In To God**. How do you hear a station on the radio? First you have to plug in to a source of power and then you must tune the radio to the frequency of a station. Only then can you hear the music, learn the beat and pump up the volume. We can think about our Christian lives like that - we must first plug in to our Source and make a connection with God. We must then tune our lives to the frequency of God's Word and will. As we grow in faith and grow in relationship with Christ, our lives through what we do and say and how we live pump up the volume of God's presence in our world.

Cost: \$15 per person (excludes meals and lodging)
Registration Deadline: October 24



NOTE: A separate brochure for group registration is required for this event. This brochure will be available in the spring, 2005. A late fee of \$25 applies to registrations received after the deadline.

For Youth to register individually, adult staff provided

Global Vision

March 15-20

Washington DC/New York City
For Youth in Grades 10-12

Global Vision is a trip to New York City with a study seminar at the Church Center across from the United Nations. Our purpose is to further knowledge of world affairs in a Christian context so as to allow youth to respond as they feel called by God.

Our seminar topic will be "Racism." Our theme is **Making Harmony in a World of Differences**. In a society where violence and intolerance are so prevalent, as Christians we seek to break down the barriers that separate us from one another as well as God, and to open our lives to a whole new perspective on diversity, peace and understanding.

Global Vision will begin with travel from the Methodist Building in Raleigh to Washington, DC where we will spend the night and visit the Methodist Building on Capitol Hill with part one of our seminar. We will then continue on to NYC by chartered bus. On Thursday and Friday we will engage in our seminar and tour the UN. Saturday will be our sightseeing day. In the evenings we will visit the Empire State Building, eat at Hard Rock Café, and see a Broadway play. We will return home on Sunday after worship at Riverside Church.

Cost: \$500

Registration Deposit: \$125
Limited spaces

Registration deadline: January 28



Other Opportunities For Youth as Individuals...

Exploration

Fall 2005

This is a weekend retreat, sponsored jointly by the NC Conference and the Western NC Conference, and held every other year for high school youth and college age young adults exploring Christian vocation and calling to ministry.

NOTE: A separate brochure and registration form will be available for this event in the summer, 2005.

Other Opportunities For Youth Groups...

Footprints

Week-long experiences from June 12 through August 13 (excluding week of July 10) MERCI Warehouse-Goldsboro

Footprints is a summer youth work camp experience for local church youth groups (youth ages 13 and older with one adult for every 5 youth) run by and held at MERCI (Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives) and endorsed by the NC Conference United Methodist Conference Council on Youth Ministries. The theme is "Putting Feet to Your Faith" ...a walk in the community ...a walk in construction ...a walk in MERCI ...a walk in joy ...explore your walk with the Lord.

Youth are housed in mobile homes at the MERCI warehouse in Goldsboro. Activities center on a "walk" with Christ and are selected for each team to include worldwide mission as well as work with community families. Evening activities range from picnics to speakers and entertainers.

Cost is \$100 per person. Deposit of \$25 per person is required to reserve a week (50 person per week limit). Brochures and registration forms are available from MERCI, 676 Community Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27530; 888.440.9167; email: merci@nccumc.org; website: www.merciumc.org.

United Methodist Days at Paramount's Theme Parks

Saturdays in May

Discount tickets to the theme parks Kings Dominion & Carowinds will be available. A portion of the ticket price for advance purchase tickets serves as contribution to Youth Service Fund.

Annual Conference Session (ACS)

July 18-23

Methodist College-Fayetteville
For Youth Completing Grades 9-12

ACS is an exhilarating experience for youth to meet God through themselves and others. In this week-long event dedicated to the formal establishment of opinions on relevant issues, youth also attend to the business of the North Carolina Conference UMYF.

The theme is **Come Sail Away**. Imagine yourself all alone on a boat in gentle, calm waters with Jesus. Just think about the peace and love you would experience. Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can be directed in the decisions we make in our lives to move toward new horizons of life, love and peace with Jesus Christ. Take part in the journey and come sail away with Christ!

Each day at ACS features legislative affairs sessions dealing with resolutions on current issues, growth groups focusing on spiritual growth, meals in the cafeteria, interest groups on a variety of topics, free time with options for recreation, worship services and an evening program (icebreakers, a speaker, dance, talent show). The week concludes with an inspiring communion service on Friday night. Elections of officers are held along with district meetings to select district representatives to Conference youth committees.

Cost: \$200

Registration Deposit: \$25
Registration Deadline: July 1



Kaleidoscope

April 8-10

Don Lee Center
For Youth in Grades 6-8

This weekend retreat provides middle school youth encouragement in faith and growth in spiritual life. The weekend will feature total group activities of worship and recreation and fun as well as small groups to explore prayer, Scripture and other aspects to spiritual life.

The theme is **Under Construction: God the Builder**. We are the creation and workmanship of God. Our lives need the solid foundation of Christ to then be built up in faith for all that God has created us to be and to do.

Cost: \$85

Registration Deposit: \$25
Limited Spaces
Registration Deadline: March 11



Appalachian Trail Hike

June 11-18

Appalachian Trail
For Youth Completing Grades 9-12

The **Appalachian Trail Hike** is an experience of spiritual journey. This backpacking hike along a section of the Appalachian Trail calls for a balancing of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life factors. Youth are grouped into teams of eight youth with two to three adult hikers. Groups travel by van from the Methodist Building in Raleigh to the Trail. Each participant is responsible for their own backpack and gear, as well as a share of the community gear. Meals are cooked along the Trail over campfires. Campsites and shelters provide resting places for each evening. Reflection, worship and sharing are a significant part of the journey. The hike provides a mountaintop experience for youth to face and meet a challenge, to see God at a new height, and to become aware of God's abiding presence.

The theme for the Trail Hike is **Love is an Uphill Climb**. Many places along the trail are uphill - calling on all the resources we have and oftentimes even more just to make it, just to take that next step. Our life journey can be like that too. Faith and love are two of the things we need, receive and give to make that uphill climb.

Cost: \$125

Registration Deposit: \$25
Limited spaces
Registration Deadline: May 6



Summer Breakaway

June 20-25

Louisburg College
For Youth Completing Grades 6-12

Summer Breakaway - an event for youth from middle school to high school age - is an exciting week for youth to devote themselves to Christ through a Christian community establishing a strong relationship with God.

The theme is **What You Talkin' 'Bout Jesus?** The world says to do "this" and Jesus seems to say do "that." Some of the sayings and teachings of Jesus make us like the disciples in not understanding and wanting to say, "What you talkin' 'bout Jesus?" Part of what it means to live a Christian life is to seek to understand and to do what Jesus says, no matter how hard or strange it may seem.

Each day at Breakaway features a morning assembly to celebrate community life, growth groups (by age levels) to focus on spiritual growth, meals in the cafeteria, movie groups (by age levels) to create and produce movies for a film festival at the end of the week, free time with some structured recreation offered, worship services and an evening program (icebreakers, concert, dance, talent show). The week concludes with an inspiring communion service on Friday night.

Cost: \$190

Registration Deposit: \$25
LIMITED SPACES
Registration Deadline: April 15

