# EPIPHANY UMC YOUTH MINISTRIES

# **August 28, 2020**

- 1. Introduction Name and Mission Statement
  - A. Name: Epiphany UMC Youth Group
  - B. Mission Statement: Love God, Love Others, Have a Blast!

## 2. Sunday Mornings -

- A. Class at 9AM & 10:30AM for Junior High and Senior High
- B. COVID-19 Safety: Masks required

# 3. Opportunities for Parents -

- A. Book Study Class at 6:30-8pm starting September 23 through November 11
  - 1. Book: Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren
- B. Book Study Class On-line starting September 24 through November 19
  - 1. Book: Growing With by Kara Powell & Steve Argue

## 4. Small Groups

- A. COVID-19 Safety: Mask required / Large group meet in sanctuary
- A. ACTIVITIES: Typically are the last Sunday of the month
  - 1. October: Small Groups Night Out
  - November: Fall Retreat
     December: Gift Exchange
  - 4. January: Winter Retreat at Great Wolf Lodge
  - 5. February: Mystery Night6. March: Mystery Night7. April: Graeter's

## **B. SMALL GROUP TIMES:**

Junior High: Sundays at 6-7:30PM
 Senior High: Sundays at 7:30-9PM
 All Together Worship Nights: September 13 and May 2

## C. MISSION ACTIVITIES:

- October 31: Hands Against Hunger
   December 12: Santa's Workshop
   March 20: Freestore Foodbank
- 5. May 15: New Life Furniture / Matthew 25
- 6. July: The NEST week

## 5. Communication

# A. PRIMARY COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- 1. Fill out the 2020-2021 Year Release Form
- 2. Look at the **Website Page!** I will use this as a hub of info for all things student ministries related!!!
- 3. Weekly **Update e-mails** to parents and students. I will put your email into a distribution list for each class (i.e. Class of 2026). There are regular emails and the Constant Contact emails. Be sure you are getting both.
- 4. **REMIND:** Text messaging updates:
  - @eumc2021 to 81010
  - @eumc2022 to 81010
  - @eumc2023 to 81010
  - @eumc2024 to 81010
  - @eumc2025 to 81010
  - @eumc2026 to 81010
  - @eumcyl to 81010



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## **B. SECONDARY COMMUNICATION TOOLS**

- 1. Facebook: Groups for EUMC and youth group
- 2. Twitter: @EUMCYouth1
- 3. Instagram: scottruss
- 4. SnapChat: scottruss

## 6. Opportunities to get involved (teens and parents):

# A. Weekly Help

- 1. Small Group Leader
- 2. Sunday Morning Teacher
- 3. Snack Coordinator
- 4. Director of Mentors
- 5. Confirmation Mentor

## B. Occasional Help

- 1. Driving for activities
- 2. Making/buying snacks
- 3. Administrative Help

### D. Youth Leader's ONLY:

- 1. Available training: Download Youth Ministry University
- 2. National Day of Volunteer Youth Ministry Training: Saturday, September 19 from 9-11:30am
- 3. Safe Sanctuary
- 4. Background Check
- 5. Staff Commitment Form

### 7. The Big Three!

- A. Retreats: Fall and Winter
- B. Mission Trips:
  - 1. Junior High to Cleveland: June 13-19
  - 2. Senior High to Memphis: June 26-July 2

### 8. Confirmation

- A. Kickoff Retreat: November 13-14
- B. Mentors:
  - 1. Need to find a mentor starting right now! We want all mentors to be at the Kickoff retreat as much as possible.
  - 2. All mentors must submit to a Criminal Background Check
- C. Class on Wednesdays starts on November 19 at 6:30PM in the youth room
- D. Work: daily reading, memorization, monthly quizzes
- E. Retreat Weekend: March 11-12
- F. Confirmation Weekend Overnight: April 23-24
- G. Confirmation Services: April 24-25
- H. Confirmation Banquet: April 25
- I. General Expenses of Confirmation
  - 1. Money: 2 Overnights: \$125 and \$75
  - 2. <u>Time</u>: Wednesday nights, intentional time together discussing spiritual issues, Confirmation weekend (start preparing now!)
- J. **The Myth of Confirmation:** this is NOT graduating from church, this is launching them into becoming full members of Christ's family.

# K. Mentor / Parent Guides:

- 1. We will be doing a mentor training event
- 2. We will be providing 2 discussion guides designed for parents, and the other one for mentors. This will give you the knowledge of knowing right where we are at in the curriculum and provide you with some easy and basic questions that you can use to initiate dialogue between you and your confirmand!



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