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Dear 5th/6th Grade Parent,

You and your child are invited to a unique and important experience of Christian learning and spiritual growth. St. Mark's UMC is offering the outstanding Bible-based sexuality education seminar, "Created by God," for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls and their parents.

The seminar will use the United Methodist resource "Created by God," with these emphases:

- 1) We recognize that sexuality is God's good gift to all persons.
- 2) We affirm the sanctity of the marriage covenant which is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment and shared fidelity.
- 3) We acknowledge that the gift of sexuality comes with a call to responsible living.

Through this seminar, we strive to reclaim and redeem sexuality for the good and holy purposes God intended. This resource, plus additional information about the topics and sessions of the seminar, is available in my office if you would like to see the material before registering your child.

The seminar will be held Thursday, February 23 (parents only 7:00 - 9:00 PM), Friday, February 24 (students only 6:00 – 8:30 PM), and Saturday, February 25 (students 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, parents and students 3:00 - 4:30 PM). All participating students and parents are expected to attend all the sessions. This event will be held at St. Mark's with students from St. Mark's, Trinity, and other UM churches, each church providing adult small group leaders.

Registration is \$30 per child, payable to St. Mark's UMC. This fee covers student books, Saturday lunch, and the fee and mileage for our certified leader, Rev. Nan Zoller. ***Paid registrations must be received by Monday, February 13th.***

This is a vital opportunity for your child to grow in their Christian faith, their understanding of themselves, God and the world around them, and their appreciation of one of the most important and challenging aspects of Christian stewardship – one's body and sexuality. The positive feedback I have received from parents whose children have participated in this event is tremendous! I strongly encourage your participation, and invite you to contact me with any questions or concerns you have.

Grace and Peace,

Martha Touchton

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The Ministry of Christian Education

*Making Friends out of Strangers Making Disciples out of Believers
Teaching Methodists about Methodism*

**REGISTRATION FOR "CREATED BY GOD"
SEXUALITY EDUCATION EVENT FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
February 23-25, 2017**

Student Name _____

Grade _____ School Attending _____

Home Church _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Emergency Phone # _____

Family _____ Email _____ Address _____

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to attend the entire Friday and Saturday sessions of the Sexuality Education Event. I will arrive promptly, give the leadership my full attention, and participate to the best of my ability.

Signature of Student

PARENT AGREEMENT

I, _____, agree to attend the Thursday and Saturday parent sessions. I will deliver my son/daughter to each session promptly and enable and encourage him/her to participate fully.

Signature of Parent

Please return this completed form
along with \$30 registration fee payable to St. Mark's UMC
to: Rev. Martha Touchton
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Deadline: *Monday, February 13th*