

## Middle School Update

February 19, 2012



**Drop in the Bucket:** St Francis Food Pantry is the beneficiary of our Drop in the Bucket Project in February.

### Coming Up!

**Tonight: Youth Sunday and Scout Sunday: March 4 we celebrate our youth ministry by placing youth in the center of worship. Middle Students have received their assignment for preparing their piece of the worship service. Students are to create their own 1 minute or less video of "Who Do they say that I am?" We will work on creating our group production during two Wednesdays in February. I will be calling for volunteers to be scouts, serve communion, greet and participate in the curb usher corps.**

**Scouts:** Anyone who is a scout (boy or girl scouts) are asked to wear their uniforms on Sunday, March 4. For information, [Heather@Kouris.info](mailto:Heather@Kouris.info).

**Feed My Starving Children:** Saturday, March 10, this is a great mission experience—well organized, busy and productive. On the way home, students have the opportunity to stop at Great Endeavors Climbing Wall in St. Paul. Registration information will be out and due by March 4.

**Sexuality Education:** April 1, 11:15 AM in the Chapel, there is a family meeting about sexuality education. We have the opportunity to offer meaningful sexuality education that is value based decision making. This is completely different from an abstinence position and is the type of discussion you may wish that you had had with your parents. We will not proceed without clear direction from you as parents. This Q&A session is facilitated by Jennifer Eddy and Mark Gideonsen with Mark and Kathy Attermeier. *(I have heard from four families in relation to this offering.)* Please RSVP either yes or no (only once) to this email.

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**Middle School Activities** are offered as components for your youth's spiritual growth. It is the families' choice of what your child does and when they participate.

### Middle School Program Weekly Overview:

**Sunday morning:** "If there is one God, why are there so many different religions?" with Linda Fossum

**Wednesday Meal:** A youth friendly meal is offered at 5:30 PM (\$2) for family convenience. Meal tickets may be purchased for 12 meals at \$24.

**Wednesday fellowship:** Jill Christopherson and Stephanie Ringsred, Feb 15: Who do they say that I am? For Youth Sunday, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday, Feb 29: Who do they say that I am? For Youth Sunday. Mar 7: Syverson Home for Bingo.

**Fellowship Format:** Each week develops with the same structure: *We start right at 6:00 PM.* We will be in the youth room or at the door preparing to leave at 6:00 PM. During the year we can use teams to build friendships, reinforce current relationships and train student leaders. *Activities will be creative and action oriented; activities are chosen for their support to the community.*

**Parent Volunteers:** Thanks for your generous support of our Youth Ministry Program.

### Mission Statement:

Religious Education provides opportunities within Christian community for adults, children and families to practice faith in meaningful ways. We support people to grow in their understanding of the values of the United Church of Christ and to live the UCC faith values in the family, the school, the community, and the world.