

# YOUTH NEWSLETTER

FLORENCE UMC - WINTER/EARLY SPRING 2012

## 2012 is Here!

2011 was a fantastic year but it is time to wave it goodbye and embrace 2012! We are very excited about continuing many traditions and starting new ones- like DNOW (Disciple Now, read more about it in this Newsletter). It is a blessing to work with the Youth at Florence UMC and I'm looking forward to a great year! Jonathan

### New Youth Health Forms

New health forms are now available and must be filled out for all youth. These new forms bring us up to date with insurance requirements as well as letting us get rid of permission forms that used to be required for every event. Please fill one out for your youth at your earliest convenience.

### Parent Meeting

January 16th, 6-7pm. U2 Room.



Raking Leaves back in November

## Winterblitz 2012

January 27-29. Cost = \$75 for the trip, plus bring money for two meals of fast food. We will meet at church 4:45pm that Friday and return Sunday around 2pm.

Winterblitz is a Christian festival held in Louisville, Kentucky. We stay in the Crown Plaza Hotel and enjoy Christian rock concerts, speakers, worship, and this year, Sand Art storytelling!

We have spots for 12 Ladies and 12 Guys. Registration ends January 16th or when spots are full.

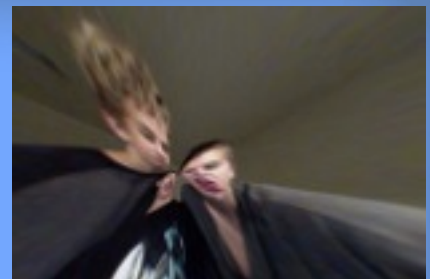
Guess the students in these pics



Middle School Lock in - Aliens!



Middle School Lock in - Chipmunks!



Middle School Lock-In - TIME WARP!

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## Upcoming Events

### WINTERBLITZ

January 27-29. Cost is \$75 dollars plus two meals of fast food. Registration deadline is January 18.

### SUPERBOWL PARTY

February 5th at the Hutcheson's House. Party will start an hour before kick off and end along with the game (best guess: 5:00-10 pm). Everyone please bring a snack or a drink to share.

Hutcheson's House  
9691 Manassas Drive  
Florence, KY 41042

### SKI TRIP

Saturday February 25 we will hit the slopes at Perfect North for some night skiing and tubing! Meet at church at 4:30pm - be back at church at Midnight. Please bring \$10 for a meal at the lodge cafeteria. We have room for up to 15 youth to participate. Rates listed below- Admission includes both tubing and skiing.

Admission/Lift Tickets- \$35

Ski Rental- \$23

Helmet Rental (optional) - \$10

### DISCIPLE NOW (DNOW)

March 2-3. Cost is \$30.

This year we will be partnering with other United Methodist Churches in the Northern Kentucky area for Disciple Now, a retreat with the primary focus on deepening commitment to Jesus Christ. There will be worship, games, and fellowship with youth from around the area. Services and activities will be held at Highland UMC and participants of our church will stay in houses of Florence UMC Church members.

### Disciple Now Continued

We will need adult volunteers for three different things. The first is to help coordinate one meal at Highland UMC for all youth in the DNOW retreat. The second are volunteers to open their houses for Florence UMC youth to stay at on Friday March 2. Finally we need drivers to help bring youth back and forth from the houses to Highland UMC. If you have interest in helping, please contact Jonathan.

### MOVIE NIGHT

March 23, Movie night at Moore's! Starts at 6:30pm and will end with the movie (around 9:15pm). Please bring a snack or drink to share. Movie TBA

Moore's House  
10855 Arcaro Lane  
Union, KY 41091

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2012

Leave afternoon of June 15 and get back evening of June 22. Cost is \$75 plus 2 meals of fast food. This year we will be helping out with an Special Needs Camp, Camp Echoing Hills. Our week is for autistic children and most of our youth will be partnered with a camper buddy throughout the week. The number of autistic children the camp can hold is largely dependent on how many youth come from our church, so when sign ups start, please only sign up if you know for sure you are coming and please only cancel your trip if it is an absolute emergency - *there is a camper depending on you!* If you need to come late or leave early because your youth is involved in school/sport activities we can talk in the coming months to work out the details. Sign ups for the Mission Trip will begin January 18th.

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## CONFIRMATION 2012

If you are a 7th grader (or you are older than 7th grade and have never been through confirmation but would like to) start thinking of whom you might want as your mentor. Your mentor should be an adult from the church who is regularly involved and someone whom you respect. They will meet with you once a week, walk with you through the confirmation process, and hopefully be a friend that you can count on throughout your life. Confirmation will start the week of February 5 and will meet the following dates:

Week of Feb 5-11, with mentor

Week of Feb 12-18, with mentor

Week of Feb 19-25, with mentor

Week of Feb 26-March 3, with mentor

**March 4** Confirmands meet with Jonathan instead of mentor this week. 4:00pm-5pm.

Week of March 11-17, with mentor

**March 25** Confirmands meet with Mark instead of mentor this week. 4:00pm-5:00pm. You are welcome to stay for youth group, 5-7pm!

**April 1-7- No Meeting, Spring Break**

Week of April 8-14, with mentor

Week of April 15-21, with mentor

Confirmation Sunday April 22

## Sledding Open Invitation-

When the weather gets cold and frosty and there happens to be significant powder on the ground, our youth group goes spontaneously sledding- especially if school is called off! This is an open invitation for all the youth group to join in the fun and bring a friend. On days where it looks promising we choose a time to meet at South Fork Park and sled down the big hills there. To find out if we are meeting to sled that day, simply call/text Jonathan (404)-759-6655. To find the exact location where we meet up, google map

140 Wellington Drive  
Florence, KY 41042

## sledding continued

This location is in the back of a condominium complex- but you are in the right place. Once at the location above, look left and you will see a walking trail that leads to a large hill directly behind one of the condos. That is the hill you are looking for!

## YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 4:30-5pm, Youth Drama Team Practice

Sundays 4:30-5pm, Youth Guitar/Band Practice

Sundays 5-7pm, Youth Group

Wednesday Fellowship 6:30-7:30pm (Feb 8-March 28)

## 2012 Winter/Spring Calendar:

**January 1- No Youth, enjoy New Years with Family**

January 8- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

January 15- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

January 22- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

**January 29- No Youth- Winterblitz**

**February 5- SUPERBOWL PARTY**

February 12- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

**February 19- No Youth, Jonathan out of town**

February 26- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

**March 4- No Youth, Disciple Now Weekend and Preschool Auction**

March 11- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

March 18- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

March 25- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

## Looking Ahead

April 1- First weekend of Spring Break, but we will have youth for those in town. Pizza Night!

**April 8- No Youth, Easter**

April 15- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

April 22- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

**April 29- No Youth, FUMC Children's Fundraiser**

May 6- (Need Snack Supper Volunteer)

**May 13- No Youth, Mother's Day**

**May 20- Youth Dinner Show Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip 2013!**