



# The Youth Corner

February 2013

## Carroll 1st United Methodist Youth

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### Upcoming Dates:

**Feb 1st/3rd:** Youth Strike for Christ-Des Moines

**Feb 10th:** Mission Trip Fundraiser Meal after church services. Free will offering: Meatloaf sandwich, cheesy potatoes, dessert.

**Feb 13th:** Ash Wednesday: No formal youth group gathering, encouraged to attend Church Service together @ 6:30

**Mar 1st:** Winter Jam Concert- Omaha

**Mar 6th:** No Youth Group as there is no school this day.

**Mar 9th:** Parents Night Out: Youth will watch church member's children at the church from 5:30-11:00 p.m. (free will offering for mission trip)

**Mar 15th:** Deposit due for Mission Trip

### Carroll FUMC Youth Group

Wednesday Evenings  
**Junior High**  
5:30-6:30  
**Meal:** 6:30-7:00  
**High School:**  
7:00-8:00

**Lead Pastor:**  
Dennis Bailey

**Christian Education Coordinator:**  
Suzi Olberding

**Youth Director:**  
Jason Bush:

## Winter Jam 2013

Winter Jam 2013 is a concert of a variety of today's Christian musicians that tour across the United States providing inexpensive concerts to today's Christian Youth to enjoy. We are looking at taking any of our Junior High and High School Youth that want to go to the Omaha, Nebraska concert date on **Friday March 1st**. The cost of the event would be \$10.00 per person and you would also

need money to hit a fast food restaurant on the way to the event. Any parents that would like to go are also welcome to join us. This sounds like a great opportunity for us to have a great evening of fun! The artists scheduled to perform in Omaha include **Matthew West, Toby Mac, Sidewalk Prophets, New Song**, and many others. Tickets are only sold at the door and doors open at 6:00. The concert is scheduled from

7:00 - 10:45. We would need to leave Carroll by 4:00 Friday afternoon to make sure to arrive when the doors open so as to get good seating. Please let Suzi or myself know by Feb. 20th if you want to go so that we make sure we have enough drivers for the night! Visit [www.jamtour.com](http://www.jamtour.com) for more information.

## Mission Trip Update

The Youth Group will be going on a summer mission trip again this summer. We will be going back to Pine Ridge, South Dakota and the Lakota Sioux Indian Reservation. The mission trip will be from **July 21st through July 27th** and will be open to this year's 7th graders through High School Seniors. Mission trips allow youth to experience God in their lives in a way they may have never experienced before. Mission trips allows our kids to get

away from the real world for a week and learn exactly why we are here, to help those in need. We will also look to have a lot of fun during our free day (Mount Rushmore and who knows what else)! I encourage each of you to please consider how beneficial this trip could be to you! We will be planning a meeting with anyone interested in going to discuss more of the details of this mission trip. I am so excited to be taking our youth on another mission trip! I

watched how much those who went last year enjoyed the trip and can not wait for this year's group to get that same experience. The cost of the trip for each youth wanting to attend will be \$150.00. We are asking for a \$50.00 deposit for the mission trip by March 15th. The second \$50.00 will be due by April 15th and the remaining \$50.00 will be due June 1st. Please contact me if other arrangements need to be made. We will work it out!

## 30 Hour Famine

Our youth have asked to once again participate in the 30 Hour Famine. This is an event sponsored by World Vision. World Vision is a Christian Relief and Development Organization dedicated to helping children, families, and communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. For more information about World Vision please see their web site at [worldvision.org](http://worldvision.org). Our youth group has set up an account

with World Vision and will be raising money to help the less fortunate. Their hard work in raising this money will end on **April 26th and 27th** when they themselves will be challenged to go 30 hours without eating. We will have a lock in at the church on Friday evening where we will play games, watch movies and learn more about why it is so important to raise money to help the starving children around the world. We will have several juice breaks during the

lock in and we will end our fast after church services on Saturday evening by sharing a meal together to celebrate all of the kids hard work! We will also look to do some group fundraising to raise funds. We have set a goal to raise \$1000.00 this year. Please contact Jason or Suzi for more information on the 30 Hour Famine. We will also be looking for chaperones during the lock in if anyone would want to help out.



2012 Summer Mission Trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

#### Psalm 91: 1-2:

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.



Youth Strike For Christ 2011

## Carroll 1st United Methodist Church Scholarships

I wanted to remind all of our high school seniors who plan to pursue a college education that our church has scholarships which you can apply for. These scholarships are made possible through donations from individuals and groups from our church family. We also typically have a scholarship dinner after church at least one Sunday where free will donations are taken with all the money going

into the scholarship fund. This meal is made possible by our Scholarship Committee and Suzi Olberding, our Education Coordinator. Here are some of the priorities that the Scholarship Committee takes in to consideration: The student should be active at Carroll FUMC and activities in church, and our community are considered quite important as well. Please contact Suzi Ol-

berding or myself to receive an application. All scholarship applications must be received by the church office by **April 7th, 2013**. Scholarships will be awarded on Graduation Sunday during church. The scholarship money itself will be awarded after the recipients have successfully completed their first semester of college.

## Youth Service Fund (YSF)

**What is the Youth Service Fund?** The YSF is the United Methodist Youth Mission Fund. The funds are raised and administered by our youth for projects, programs, and initiatives that support ministries with youth. 70 % of YSF money raised in the Iowa Conference are awarded each year as

grants to ministries supported by the Iowa Conference. Iowa United Methodist youth are the primary sponsors of this fund as money collected from the YSF Day at Adventureland and Youth Strike are two of the main sponsors of this fund. Also youth groups throughout Iowa are challenged to contrib-

ute \$2.00 per youth to the fund.

I would challenge any of our youth or parents to dream big and if you have an idea of a youth ministry please let us know and I can work with you in filling out an application and help your dream become a reality!

## Where are they now???

### Brett Clausen: 2011 Graduate: Carroll High:

Brett is the son of Todd and Terri Clausen. Brett attended Sunday School and Youth Group throughout school. Brett writes: " I am at UNI and studying public relations. I am a sophomore and am in a fraternity (Sigma Alpha Epsilon). I have an executive position in the fraternity and am doing BIG things with philanthropy, as I recently logged over 35 hours of volunteering this past semester. I plan on being in Carroll this summer doing an internship for Farmers Cooperative. Classes are going well as my GPA continues to climb! I am making good choices as always and still read the college

pocket bible I received for graduation! Thanks, Stimpy."

### Julia Evans: 2011 Graduate: Carroll High:

Julia is the daughter of Lon and Donna Evans. Julia attended Sunday School and Youth Group whenever her schedule allowed. She also went on a mission trip over to Cedar Rapids with Chad Jennings and myself after the floods of 2008 as well as helping with decorating the church this past summer for VBS. Julia writes: "I am a second year student at Wartburg College in Waverly. I am studying History with a Spanish minor. I am active in Phi Eta Sigma (National Honor Society) and Phi Alpha Theta (History

Honor Society) and History Club. I also work in the college bakery baking yummy goodness for the campus, and in the college archives as an intern. Last May I had the wonderful experience to travel to Costa Rica for a month for part of my Spanish minor . The beauty of the land, ocean, culture, and people truly reminded me that God is truly amazing in all He does. This coming May I will be traveling to England, learning about all sorts of different medieval castles and cathedrals. I'm loving college and am constantly thanking God for my supportive church family that I know is always there for me. God Bless! Julia "

### Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar

of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

### Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an edito-

rial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or

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### Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

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## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your

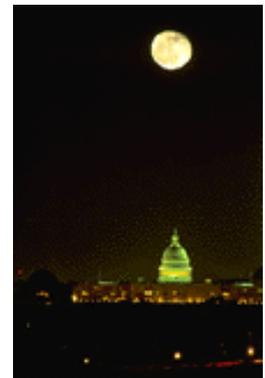
newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a

good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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