



Youth Ministry

Summer is here and our students are on the move. Be sure to pray for our senior high mission team and our summer festival campers!

CROSS WINDS UMC SENIOR HIGH
MISSION TRIP
BENTON HARBOR, MI

JULY 6-12

*Be in prayer for our
students*



Prayers for Senior High Mission Team

We have 12 students and 6 adults heading to Benton Harbor, MI for a week of serving. After the trip, we'll hear more about what our team experienced and learned. In the meantime, it's time to pray for them! Our partner organization, YouthWorks especially asks that as we pray for our mission team members, we also pray for the people of Benton Harbor, that

recent economic development and revitalization would help people in the community rather than displace the most vulnerable in the community. Prayers are also requested for Mosaic Christian Community Development, and their voice in the revitalization effort. Prayer for YouthWorks partners, such as the Arts and Culture Center and Benton Harbor Community Development Corporation to be beacons of light and agents of transformation in the community.

Summer Festival Camp is Coming!

Please be in prayer for our adult chaperones and students attending Summer Festival Camp at Gustavus Adolphus camp this month. Please pray that our students have time to deepen their faith, friendship, and have fun!



July 10 Community Night - 5:30-7:30 pm

Sloppy Joes and Sloppy Games

It's time to get messy! We will have sloppy Joe's for dinner and then the real mess will begin! Slime, flour, whipped cream, water and paint- the messy possibilities are endless! This event is open to all ages. Friends welcomed. No sign up necessary.

July Community Night

Wednesday, July 10

5:30-7:30pm

Sloppy Joes

**slime, water balloons, flour war
wear your messy clothes and prepare to
have some fun!**



Looking Ahead - Fall Programming

Next month, we'll have more information about Wednesday night programming and youth music opportunities. While we work on getting ready for a great school year, here are a few notes for your calendars.

School Year Wednesday Night Programming – dinner and activities for all ages!

This September we look forward to restarting our Wednesday night community meals and small group/class gatherings. Given the popularity of dinner and great response for programming for all ages, we are working on getting ready for the following schedule from September through April:

- 5:30-6:30pm - community dinner (open to all, recommended \$5 donation/person)
- 6:30-7:30pm – small group/classes for all ages

NEXT MONTH – stay tuned for more information about a possible Open House event on Sept 20th and opening programming on September 27th for all ages.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT....

Wednesday Night School Year Programming: Middle School Ministry (Grades 6-8)

New groups start in the fall, winter, and spring. Each series includes approximately 6-8 weeks for middle school group time. The teaching times are facilitated by our pastor along with trained adult volunteers who assist with small group time and mentoring. The fall semester focuses on exploring the Bible. The winter group includes mentor involvement as students go deeper into questions about faith and life. The spring focuses on Christian living, service, and social time. Students interested in being confirmed attend the Middle School classes as part of their confirmation requirements, but students do not have to seek confirmation to participate.

Wednesday Night School Year Programming: Senior High Ministry

New groups start in the fall, winter, and spring, each lasting about 6-8 sessions. Each series includes approximately 6-8 weeks for small group time. Groups are facilitated by trained adult volunteers and focus on creating a space for students to find support and encouragement for their lives of faith and develop leadership skills and service opportunities.