

PARENT

PACKET

FALL 2018

LAMY

LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST YOUTH



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# THE HEART OF LUMY

Liberty United Methodist Youth exists to be an loving and welcoming community for its youth and their friends that allows them to experience the life changing love and freedom of Jesus Christ through...

- Authentic worship environments,
- Unconditional love that fosters meaningful relationships with their peers and adults,
- Partnership with parents that deepens their faith journey outside the walls of the church,
- Christ centered community that energizes and equips them to extend the love of Christ to the world.

LUMY's dream is for students to have such a strong and personal relationship with Jesus that impacts what they do, how they live their life, and how they view themselves.

## Values

Our values define the spirit with which we go about accomplishing the mission of LUMY.

**Love:** We show compassion, concern and care for others because we first have been loved by Christ.

**Welcome:** We seek to live as an accepting community of faith in which everyone feels welcome.

**Spiritually:** We base all we do on the foundation of a common faith in Jesus Christ.

**Mission:** We live out of a place of love from Jesus, and express that love through tangible acts of service to the people around us.

**Trust:** We affirm an atmosphere of acceptance in which the expression of honest questions and opinions is valued.

**Joy:** We live with a contagious excitement about our faith that draws others to become a part of our church family.

**Safety:** We provide trustworthy adult leaders for all youth and a welcoming environment in which youth feel safe asking questions and seeking support and guidance.

IT'S JUST A  
PHASE  
SO DON'T MISS IT

*"Parents know things no one else knows about their own children. That's why parents have an advantage the church will never have related to the future of a child. A parent has history. No scientist, or theorist, or expert can really know a child the way their own parent does."*



That being said, churches know something that parents don't know. Churches work with multiple kids in the same phase every week. That means churches & parents should partner together.

Middle Schoolers:

- NEED A CONSISTENT ADULT, BECAUSE NOTHING IN THEIR LIFE IS CONSISTENT.
- ARE PRIMARILY MOTIVATED BY ACCEPTANCE
- **TAKE AWAY:** WHEN YOU AFFIRM THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEY YOU HELP A MIDDLE SCHOOLER OWN THEIR FAITH & VALUE A FAITH COMMUNITY

High Schoolers:

- NEED A CONSISTENT ADULT, BECAUSE THEY ONLY TRUST PEOPLE WHO SHOW UP CONSISTENTLY.
- ARE MOTIVATED BY FREEDOM
- **TAKE AWAY:** WHEN YOU MOBILIZE THEIR POTENTIAL YOU HELP A HIGH SCHOOLER KEEP PURSING AUTHENTIC FAITH AND DISCOVER A PERSONAL MISSION

Every kid needs a parent who  
has history



Every kid needs a leader who  
can discover them now

*"Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."*

# Ongoing Programming

## LUMY Gathering

Sundays from 6:30-8:15P | Rush Creek

### Our Heart

Our moto for LUMY is “Better Together,” and we truly believe that life is better when you are surrounded by a community of peers and leaders that love and support you for who you are. LUMY is a place for all 6-12 graders to come together, support one another, grow together through Christ, and live life with each other. We do this through playing together, serving together, having small groups with others determined by grade and gender, and listening to a message each week.

### Playing Together

Each week, students get a chance to play together beforehand with different activities such as gaga ball, basketball, board games, video games, and others. We also have weeks dedicated to playing together that help form relationships among other students and leaders, and allow students to experience God through fun and laughter. These weeks include the Fall Kickoff Party, the Thanksgiving Feast, and the Christmas Party.

### Serving Together

Some weeks throughout the semester are dedicated to serving others through the love of Christ. On October 1, we will have a Serve Night, and there are also many other opportunities to serve our community.

### Small Groups

Small Groups are a vital part of LUMY Gatherings. We believe that small groups allow students to learn together, struggle together, live life with each other, and grow in their faith together. Our Small Group Leaders help guide students throughout their faith journey and wrestle with tough questions alongside of them.

### Messages

At LUMY we strive to be relevant in students' lives, and we hope to have a message each week that speaks to students, where they feel comfortable opening up about a spiritual topic. Our hope is that they encounter Jesus in a new way and their lives are changed.

# Middle School Mania

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00P | Rush Creek

Middle School can be a unique time! Our Middle School ministry is a place of acceptance where 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders can connect with God, their peers, and LUMY leaders who are committed to walking alongside students, as they grow closer to Jesus. In these three years, we are devoted to helping build a foundation of faith, character, and relationships. Our goal for Middle School Gathering is to create a safe environment for students to come as they are, where they will be accepted and connected, enabling them to grow in their connection with God, other students, and LUMY Leaders.

Middle School Gathering will consist of a fun theme, food, games, and fellowship, where we will be focused on experiencing God in the midst of laughter and community. We believe this will create an environment where students will want to reach out and invite their friends to join in on the fun and we will be able to reach a diverse group of students.

# Confirmation

Thursday's from 6:30-8:00P | Rush Creek

Confirmation is intentionally designed to help students grow in their spiritual formation and will allow students to form a more personal and in depth relationship with God. This experience will give students the opportunity to ask hard questions about what they believe and why. As a community we will explore the history, practices, and beliefs of the Christian faith from a United Methodist perspective. We want students to not just learn *about* Jesus, but become deeply devoted *followers* of Christ. *Confirmation is offered to students 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up.* At the end of 14 weeks they are given the opportunity to personally respond to Jesus' call to live as a disciple after intentional faith formation through discipleship and hands-on experiences.

## The Class

On Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00, students will meet in small groups in Room A1 at Rush Creek. As a class, we will discuss a spiritual topic and then students will have the opportunity to ask questions and explore the topic in depth with their peers and a small group mentor that will help guide their discussions. This will allow them to grow deeper by learning from their peers and it will create an environment where they feel safe taking their faith to the next level. Our goal is for the topic to be engaging, meaningful, and fun, where they will grow in knowledge and love of God. Each week we will have different games and activities that go along with the topic at hand.

## Service Projects

As a class we will be serving alongside one another. Serving is a vital part of living out our faith and allows us to spread God's love to those around us. We believe serving as a group will help create unity as a class and within small groups. We will be doing one project as an entire class. And then as a small group, they will get to choose a project where they directly serve others and interact with people. This will be agreed upon as a small group once classes begin.

## Experience Days

Students will have the opportunity to experience various forms of worship through experience days. They will be given the opportunity to attend another church or worship service outside of the United Methodist denomination. We believe this will open their eyes to new types of worship, whether it's a different denomination or a different religion entirely. In class they will have time to discuss where they experienced God and what stuck out to them through these different worship experiences.

## Fall 2018 Details

- 14 class periods: September 6<sup>th</sup>– December 13<sup>th</sup>, except November 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)
- Thursdays 6:30-8:00P, Rush Creek Campus, Room A1
- 1-2 service projects
- 1-2 experience days
- \$60 covers cost of materials, food, etc. If money is an issue, *scholarships are available.*

# LUMY WORSHIP TEAM

LUMY Worship exists as a platform for students to lead one another in praise and prayer through music and creativity.

All students 7<sup>th</sup> grade and higher are welcome!

LUMY worships in a contemporary setting with modern instrumentation and technology including:

- Drums
- Bass
- Electric Guitar
- Acoustic Guitar
- Piano
- Pop Vocals
- Stringed Instruments
- Audio Technician
- Lighting Technician

Tech Team: No experience required. Students are invited to learn how to use a soundboard and light board while serving alongside the music team.

Guidelines & Expectations:

- A student must be at both practices in order to lead Sunday services
- Students must provide their own instruments (except drums & piano)
- Students cannot leave instruments at church
- Students are expected to practice and to strive for excellence
- Students are expected to lead worship in a way that glorifies God and invites their peers to join them in doing so

Please contact Sam Wells at [sam.wells@lumcmo.org](mailto:sam.wells@lumcmo.org) with any questions or concerns.

# LUMY 2018 FALL SCHEDULE

## September

- 9: LUMY Fan Fest: Fall Kickoff Party
- 14: Liberty v. Liberty North Tailgate
- 16: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 23: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 30: LUMY Serve Night

## October

- 3: MSM: Middle School Mania
- 6: HS Campfire Worship Night
- 7: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 14: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 19-21: Fall Retreat
- 21: NO LUMY, Fall Retreat
- 28: Small Group Sunday, Offsite

## November

- 4: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 7: MSM: Middle School Mania
- 11: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 18: LUMY Friendsgiving, Sunset Campus
- 25: NO LUMY, Thanksgiving

## December

- 2: LUMY Worship Gathering
- 5: MSM: Middle School Mania
- 9: LUMY Christmas Party
- 16: Small Group Sunday, Offsite
- 23 & 30: NO LUMY

# Investment Opportunities

## WHY INVEST?

By committing to invest in LUMY, you're able to visibly show your kid(s) the importance of investing in their relationship with God and growing together with a community of believers.

### ALL THE TIME – Prayer:

No matter how much you decide to do, we would love for you to pray for our students, the ministry, and for God to move every week in LUMY.

### SUNDAY EVENING – Set up Crew:

Why you matter: Since LUMY does not have a dedicated space for student ministry it is vital that we do our best to create a meaningful atmosphere for our teens to worship in. Having a reliable crew to consistently create a unique space for our students is important because it allows for greater emotional and spiritual connectivity.

- Commitment: Serve 1-3 times a month from 5:00-6:15P.

### SUNDAY EVENING – Hospitality Team:

Why you matter: Hospitality is a vital part of LUMY's overall vision of ministry because you are the first point of contact that LUMY has with each student! It is critical that every student hears a heartfelt "hello" from a caring adult and a "goodbye" when they leave. This position ensures that the space in which we meet is safe, secure, clean, and connected.

- Commitment: Serve 1-3 times a month from 6:00-8:15P.

### SUNDAY EVENING – Small Group Leader:

Why you matter: The most important thing a church can do to disciple and reach the next generation is to nurture relationships. We believe most teens come to church because of caring relationships and curiosity about God. The Facilitators role is not to work on one's preaching skills...it's about networking relationships (you, other students, the church, & God) and providing a safe space for teens to walk out their faith journey.

- Commitment (lead): Serve 3 times a month from 6:00-8:15P.
- Commitment (co-lead): Serve 1-2 a month from 6:00-8:15P.

### SUNDAY EVENING – Media & Sound Tech:

Why you matter: This position is critical to LUMY! In any church service timely transitions and clear sound are everything. If we are able to create seamless, beautiful, and creative services that are memorable for students then we are achieving our goal as a ministry.

- Commitment: Serve 1-2 a month from 5:45-8:00P.

### SUNDAY EVENING – Monthly Volunteer Team (Serve & Social Nights):

Why you matter: The Monthly Volunteer Team is a crucial part of the LUMY mission. In this role you are able to help create an environment for students to encounter God through service and community. As a Monthly Volunteer Team member you'll be responsible for helping set up for, as well as participate in, either a service project or a social. On serve nights we complete a mission project to help the local community, allowing our students to be a part of something bigger than themselves. On social nights we have a themed party, which allows

our students to experience God through laughter and fellowship. Serving on the Monthly Volunteer Team is a meaningful way to connect with students and create a safe place for people to encounter God.

- Commitment: Serve once a month (the last Sunday of the month) from 5:30- 8:15P.

#### THURSDAY EVENING – Confirmation Mentor:

Why you matter: Confirmation mentors get to walk alongside the students as they deepen their relationship with God by asking hard questions and growing in the knowledge and love in God. You will be someone that the students can process what they're learning with, as well as someone who can model what a relationship with God looks like.

- Commitment: Thursday evenings (2-4 times monthly) from 6:15 - 8:30P.

#### OCTOBER 19-21 – Fall Retreat Volunteer:

Why you matter: Serving at the Fall Retreat allows your relationships with the students to deepen in ways that aren't possible on Sunday evenings. You eat together, worship together, play together, and grow deeper with God together. Volunteering at a retreat makes a lasting impact in the life of a student. You not only create a safe and welcoming environment, but you show students how important craving out time for God is by committing to volunteer for a weekend.

- Commitment: Serve October 19-21 and stay at Youthfront Camp West in Edgerton, KS. If you can only serve part of the weekend, we would still love your help.

#### SUNDAY MORNING – Sunday School Facilitator:

Why you matter: The most important, practical thing a church can do to disciple and reach the next generation is to nurture relationships. The primary reason for Sunday School is to 1) develop relationships with students and to allow them opportunities to connect with one another. 2) Provide a safe environment for them to wrestle with faith and doubt. It is not to preach at them.

- Commitment: Serve at least twice a month at Rush Creek 8:40-10:00AM or Sunset 9:15-10:40AM.

- *Commitment would begin in January 2019.*



Please check all the volunteer opportunities that you are interested in. If you'd like to be contacted to learn more information, please note that as well.

- Prayer
- Set up team
- Hospitality team
- Small Group Leader
- Monthly volunteer team
- Fall Retreat Leader
- Confirmation Mentor

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

# How can you stay up to date with LUMY?

Texting Program:

- 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade text *lumy ms* to 39970
- 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade text *lumy hs* to 39970
- Parents/guardians text *lumy parent* to 39970

Sign Up for our Weekly Emails by going to:

[lumymo.org](http://lumymo.org) > parents > weekly email

Weekly Emails Include the Following:

- Upcoming Events
- Weekly Overview
- Parent Guide

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