

**Check It Out!**

# St. Paul's UMC Youth Update

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## Cool Events

### That Are Coming Soon!

- 'Revolution,' the UMC Statewide Youth Conference, February 14 - 16.
- WonderWorks, 'Family Fun Day,' February 9th
- Boy Scout Sunday in February, Girl Scout Sunday in March.
- Chrysalis Weekends in March.

## Kicked Off the Year With a Great Winter Retreat at Lake J!

What an awesome time we had a Lake Junaluska on our Youth Winter Retreat! We skied all day Saturday, had powerful praise and worship every night at Lake J, and just had a cool time together. Really, cool. It snowed the day we arrived!

You should have seen us on the slopes! Cataloochie was so crowded that day, that it seemed like we spent most of the day just lining up to get skis, boots, ski bibs, etc. We took a ski class, and then we were off slip sliding away. We met in the lodge for a picnic lunch and then back out on the slopes for the rest of the afternoon. What fun!

Many of us had never skied before. So proud of our group. Everyone did great. (And no ski injuries - yay!)

Every night we went to a big 2-hour Youth Worship at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Lake J. The theme for the event was 'Do Not Worry,' based on Matthew 6:34. "Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up with the time comes."

Our worship leader, Andy Lambert, gave us lots to think about with scripture and hilarious stories. And, the band, 'Second Hand City' kept us rockin' with some awesome praise music.



On Sunday, before we drove back to the beach, we had our own worship service at Lambuth Inn. We shared some 'God Moments,' those moments that happen every day where we see God at work in our lives. Perhaps it's a small thing, or a big thing; something we see or do reminds us that God is with us.

Climbing the hill to leave Cataloochie reminded us to stay on the right path with God. Praying at the worship service, going up for an altar call, reminded us to fill our spirits with Jesus, so there is no room for any bad influences in life. And a photo by the cross reminded us that we are taking our 'mountaintop experience' home with us. We are called each day to live a life of passionate faith and service as followers of Christ.

Thank you so much to our church family for your prayers and support of our Winter Retreat. And, a special thank-you to Clarissa Grant and Kirk Lovell, for serving as our adult Youth Leaders. Thanks to Tom Wooten and Pat & John Armstrong for helping us pick up and return our vans.

When we returned, our Youth helped with the 'Celebration of Life' dinner for Peggy Rolfsmeyer. So proud of our youth for doing such a great job serving the meal for this wonderful family! We were so honored that Jerry and his children would ask us to be a part of this event. We loved Ms. Peggy so much, and we will keep that love for her in our hearts always.

Mark your calendars for next year's Youth Ski Retreat.

# Upcoming February Fellowship Fun!



**Sunday, February 2 — ‘Souper Bowl’ Sunday.** On ‘Souper Bowl’ Sunday, our youth will collect a loose change offering after the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 worship services. Donations will go to Baskerville Food Pantry to help feed those who are hungry in our own community. Watch for the big soup pots as you leave worship!

Also, on Sunday, the 2nd, our Youth are having a ‘Sub Sandwich and Bake Sale’ in Berly Hall. Youth will meet in Berly during Sunday School to make sandwiches, and then we’ll meet to have a sandwich after the sale for our UMYF lunch.



You can preorder a delicious Italian sub sandwich by emailing [cindystpaul@gmail.com](mailto:cindystpaul@gmail.com). Cost is \$8 for 1, \$15 for 2 and \$20 for 3. You can pick up your sub after Sunday School or after the 11:00 o’clock service, to take home and enjoy while you watch the game.

**Sunday, February 9th - WonderWorks!** February 9th is Boy Scout Sunday, so come and support our scouts, who will be helping with worship that day. Then after church, meet at 12:30 at the Youth Center to go to WonderWorks in Myrtle at ‘Broadway at the Beach’ for our first St. Paul’s ‘Family Fun Day’ in 2014. Families of all ages at St. Paul’s are invited! Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. Our youth will ride together, and this will serve as our UMYF event that day. Lunch is provided at WonderWorks. Go on-line and check them out. Lots of cool interactive events to see. Email [cindystpaul@gmail.com](mailto:cindystpaul@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**Fri., Sat., and Sun, February 14 - 16 -- Revolution!** Sign up this week to go to ‘Revolution,’ a huge youth event sponsored by our Methodist Conference, in Columbia, over Valentine’s Weekend. It’s an awesome weekend of praise and worship for over 3,000 youth. We’ll leave after



school on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$75; let Ms. Cindy know if you need a scholarship to go. Youth Pastor, Brooklyn Lindsey, is the speaker with worship band: The Josh Ridings Band and The Skit Guys.

## Sunday, February 16 - No UMYF

Sine we are returning from Revolution that day, we won’t have UMYF.

## Sunday, February 23 - Music Mania!

Hopefully more music than mania! We have some cool Orff instruments (like handbells), and Chuck will teach us how to play. Make plans to have some musical fun after our lunch (bringing in some KFC and mac & cheese) in the Youth Center at 12:30 p.m. If you can bring a dessert, let us know.

## Friday, February 27 - K-Love Concert ‘Only Name Tour’ in Conway.

K-Love is hosting a free concert for World Vision called ‘Only Name Tour’ featuring Big Daddy Weave, Group 1 Crew, and Tim Timmons, some of our favorite Christian artists. The concert starts at 7:00, doors open at 6, at Langston Baptist Church in Conway. We’ll need to get there early to get a seat! Plan to meet at the church to leave at 4:30 p.m. Need a couple of our parents to help drive us. If you can help, let Cindy know.

## More Lake J. Ski Pics ...



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