

# Youth News

First United Methodist Church, Iowa City

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## YOUTH BACK FOR FALL!

It's August and that means that a new school year is about to start. Pretty soon you'll be pulling your backpack out of the closet, heading off to the store for new school supplies, and gearing up for another school year.

Well, we here at First United Methodist Church, Iowa City are gearing up for a new year too! Throughout the next few pages you'll find information on all things youth happening at first this fall! Get excited... 'cuz it's gonna be a great year!

See you this Fall!  
Pastor Jonathan

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### **2011-12 YOUTH PARTICIPANT FORMS NOW AVAILABLE DIGITALLY!**

Remember how time-consuming and "hand-crampingly" painful it was to fill out the Youth Participant and Health forms by hand? Well have no fear! Now, if you have an internet connection and an Adobe PDF reader, you can fill them out digitally and email them back to the church office!

If you would like a digital copy of the 2011-12 Participant Information and Health Forms please email a request to Pastor Jonathan at [jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org](mailto:jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org)

# ChAOS

## Meet the **ChAOS** & Youth Crew!

“This is going to be **ChAOS!**” Were some of the first words out of our mouths when we decided to start a brand new group for all teens and tweens in grades 5 through 8. And we couldn’t be more excited for the **ChAOS** start!

Starting on Sunday, September 11, from 5-7pm (after Children’s Choir) **ChAOS** will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

This new group is going to look and feel a lot like youth group but will be geared toward kids like all of you! Kids who want to have fun and to learn how faith can be a part of life in late elementary school and junior high!

We’ll all meet together and then break apart and have time with our own age groups.

There’s a lot of fun planned and we can’t wait!

See you soon!  
The Chaos Crew!



JONATHAN



KATY



KEEGAN



MEREDITH



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## Senior High Youth Group

### ATTENTION!

Sr. High Youth to start in September

YouthGroup is back this fall! Starting on September 8 from 7-9 pm come and meet up with all your friends and favorite youth leaders for the start for another great year!

We’ll be on the same format as last year so if you’ve got rehearsal or practice after school on Thursdays and don’t have time for dinner – have no fear – we have dinner together every week.

If you haven’t had a chance to fill out your 2011 forms online, be sure to bring them ready to go on September 8... or bring along an adult-type person who would be able to fill out your forms for you!

We are so excited for youth group to start we can hardly stand it!

See you in September!  
The Youth Leaders!

# THE WELL

Throughout the year, those involved in Chaos and Sr. High Youth Group at First United Methodist Church have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of events. From outings to movie nights, to special trips away from town we have a lot to do and see!

"The Well" is an account dedicated to Youth Ministries at First UMC, Iowa City and is our way of ensuring that any youth involved with the youth program can participate regardless of their family's financial situation.

Your donation to "The Well" will help us to provide both individuals and the Youth Group as a whole with individual scholarships, Thursday night meals during youth group, and much more.

If you or your family would like to make a donation to help out, please contact the First UMC, Iowa City Office at 319.337.2857 or email Pastor Jonathan at [jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org](mailto:jonathan-fell@icfirstchurch.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Junior High

This year the Junior Highers will be studying Ancestors from the Old Testament. This series is called "re:form Ancestors" it is a great video series that helps us explore the lives of individuals from the Old Testament – people like Moses – and how what they went through (did you know Moses stuttered?) might help us navigate our way through Junior High. It's a great series and I hope you'll join us for classes Sunday mornings in the Youth Room.



## Senior High

This year the Senior High class is moving in a new direction as well. Working with suggestions from some of you who participate in Sunday school, Pastor Jonathan is looking for a new and exciting curriculum that will incorporate community service, biblical lessons, as well as conversation about how we can better live out our discipleship in the world. For example... how does a Habitat Build sound to everyone?

It'll be new and exciting but retain a lot of what you've told PJ you love about Sunday school; the opportunity to talk with one another and help each other grow in faith. See you in the Youth Room Sunday morning!

