

# Youth News

February 2011

## The Season of Love

Throughout the month of February, we are going to extend upon our theme of "Living the Life" by talking about our call from God to "love others as well as you love yourself." (Matt 22:39, The Message) To fully live in to this call, we must first love ourselves; so that's where we'll start.

On Feb. 3, Eddie will be leading us in a discussion about healthy study habits and time management. We will discuss why this is important, how it can help be healthier, and how it plays in to a life of faith. We will also take time during dinner to sign up for the parts of worship we would like to help lead on Youth Sunday; which, by the way, is just around the corner on Feb. 20!

On Feb. 10, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and will take time to plan and prepare some of the specific elements needed for worship on Youth Sunday. Our scripture for worship comes from the

Gospel of Matthew 5:38-48. Come ready to share your skit or prayer ideas.

For more information about Youth Sunday, see the blurb below or email/Facebook me with your questions.

The following week, Feb. 17, we will continue our conversation around love with a conversation about what it means to have a healthy self-image. We'll talk about what can sometimes make loving ourselves harder than others. We'll also look at how this all plays in to a life of faith by looking at a few examples of how God shows us love.

Finally, on Feb 24, we will celebrate the end of the month with SUPER-FUN Youth Night. This end of the month tradition is a night where you're invited to bring your ipods, games, or a movie to share with the group. I can't guarantee we'll be able to listen to or watch everything, but, so long as its appropriate, that doesn't mean we wont try!

I hope you all have a great month!

Pastor Jonathan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

On **February 20**, Youth Sunday, the United Methodist Men will host a pancake breakfast!

The men have graciously decided to donate all proceeds to help send the Sr. Highs to Washington D.C. during spring break.

### YOUTH SUNDAY! February 20, 2011

WE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF IT ALL! FROM PREACHING TO PRAYERS, THE MUSIC, TO COOKIES AND COFFEE WE'LL BE DOING IT ALL, AND WE'LL NEED EVERYONE TO HELP!

OUR SCRIPTURE WILL BE  
MATTHEW 5:38-48

COME TO YOUTH ON 2/10 WITH YOUR SERMON/SKIT IDEAS AND HYMN SUGGESTIONS!



### MOVIE NIGHT

Feb. 25, 7pm



### The Youth Group Hosts Coffee Hour! Feb. 20 & 27

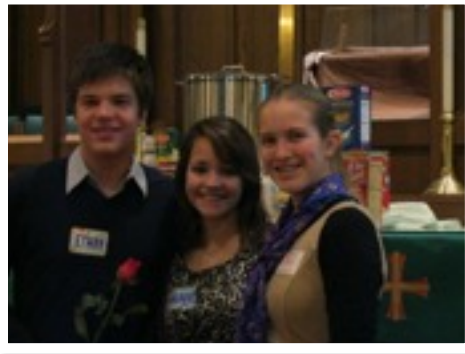
If you would like to help by serving or providing a baked good or juice, please tell one of your Youth Leaders!

# Souper Bowl of Caring Fine Arts Concert

## A WONDERFUL CONCERT...

On January 28, First UMC had the opportunity to host a benefit concert for the Crisis Center of Johnson County. This concert was organized by a small group of high schoolers from City High School (including FUMC's own, Ethan Zierke) and starred high schoolers from both West and City.

The concert was incredible! The various performers certainly brought their best to the concert. The concert was complete with a violin sextet, a piano quintet, a duet for harp and violin, solo cellists, vocal soloists, and a piano



solo or two. Suffice it say, we are incredibly lucky to live in a community which values music and arts education the way Iowa City does.

## FOR A WONDERFUL CAUSE

The 'Souper Bowl of Caring' is a national, youth-lead, organization

that uses the energy surrounding the Super Bowl to raise money and support for local agencies that provide for those fighting hunger.

The concert held at FUMC was to benefit the Crisis Center of Johnson County. At the end of the night, the group raised over \$1,000 for the Crisis Center; certainly a wonderful thing!

Congratulations to Ethan, Ana, Kara, to everyone else who helped to organize this event, and to all the exceptional performers. It really was a wonderful concert for a wonderful cause.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	Youth Group <sup>3</sup> Jr: 6-7:30p Sr: 7-9:00p	4	5
6	7	8	9	Youth Group <sup>10</sup> Jr: 6-7:30p Sr: 7-9:00p	11	12
Confirmation 4p-7p <small>*Note Time Change*</small>	14	15	16	Youth Group <sup>17</sup> Jr: 6-7:30p Sr: 7-9:00p	18	Teen Circle 10am <sup>19</sup>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;"> <b>YOUTH SUNDAY AND PANGAKE BREAKFAST FEB. 20</b> </div>		22	23	Youth Group <sup>24</sup> Jr: 6-7:30p Sr: 7-9:00p	<b>Movie Night!</b> <sup>25</sup> 7-9pm Youth Room	26
		27	28	February 2011		

## YN Articles --Featuring You!

Now that we have made it through highlighting the Youth Volunteers, it's your turn to be featured on the front page! With so many talented and active youth in our group, it would be a shame not to share some of what you all do with the congregation! So tell us something about yourself, share a piece of writing, or your original art!