

February Happenings:

February 5

Acolytes
8:30: Sarah & Rachel LaFlame
11:00: Justin Hinkle & Rachael Whitehouse

Normal Epworth Evening Schedule with SOUPERbowl Party!
Pickup will be at the discretion of parents.
Adults will be there till the end of the game.
BRING YOUR SOUP CANS!

February 12

Acolytes
8:30: Ben Koch & Michael Sisler
11:00: Nick Davis & Libby Tomko

WC3 Pizza & a Movie
12:00-5:00pm
\$6 age 10 & under
\$8 age 11 and up

Normal Epworth Evening Schedule

February 19

Acolytes:
8:30: Alyssa McClure & Tyler Reinhold
11:00: Kristopher Lewis

Normal Epworth Evening Schedule

February 26

Acolytes:
8:30: William Boss & Wes Terrill
11:00: Rachael Smith & Kaitlyn Lewis

Double Choir Rehearsal
No Epworth YF

February 2011

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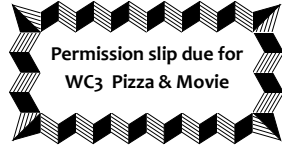
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			1 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study ROCK Normal Schedule 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups	2	3 March 'U'thsletter Deadline All dates and info due to the Education Office	4
5 8:30 am: Epworth Choir 9:45am: Confirmation TALKPOINTS & Sunday School 11:00 am: Carillon Choir 4:00pm: Epworth Ringers 5:00pm: Epworth Choir 6:00pm: Epworth SOUPERbowl Party	6	7	8  4:30 pm Youth Bible Study ROCK Normal Schedule 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups	9	10 Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm	11
12 DEADLINE FOR CONF/JR HI RETREAT 8:30 am: Epworth Choir 9:45am: Confirmation & Sunday School 11:00 am: Wesley Choir 12:00-5:00pm: WC3 Pizza & Movie 4:00pm: Epworth Ringers 5:00pm: Epworth Choir 6:00pm: Epworth Youth	13	14	15 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study ROCK Normal Schedule 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups	16	17 Confirmation/Junior High Retreat at Faith UMC in North Canton, OH →	18
19 8:30 am: Epworth Choir 9:45am: Confirmation & Sunday School 11:00 am: Carol Choir 4:00pm: Epworth Ringers 5:00pm: Epworth Choir 6:00pm: Epworth Youth	20 President's Day Church Closed	21 Mardi Gras Pancake Celebration at the Osier's 5:30 pm	22 Ash Wednesday 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study ROCK Normal Schedule 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups	23	24	25
26 8:30 am: Epworth Choir & Ringers 9:45am: Confirmation & Sunday School 11:00 am: Cherub Choir 5:00pm: Epworth Choir 6:00pm: Snack Dinner 6:15pm: Epworth Choir	27	28	29 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study ROCK Normal Schedule 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups		What does Mardi Gras literally mean and why is it celebrated before Ash Wednesday? Your answer just may be worth \$10.00!	



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SUPERbowl party!

Sunday, Feb 5, 6:00 pm Bring: Snack, Drink to Share and \$3.00 for dinner

Bring friends, and even your enemies, for this fun evening! Youth in the Cuyahoga, Stow, Akron, Tallmadge area will be celebrating a night of fun, games, and mission while watching the Giants and the Patriots battle on the gridiron in the Youth Lounge.

Please bring a snack and a drink to share. **Also, bring as many cans of soup as you can.** Class will be competing against class to see who can bring in the most. The winning class will be given a special prize—it is worth your while! This is an EASY night to invite friends. It is open to ALL youth in the area!

Pasta Dinner

February 10

Reminder—all youth are encouraged to come serve and connect with our guests February 10 during the Pasta Dinner. Please dress nicely, preferably white dress shirt and black pants. By serving, you provide the ministry of hospitality to those who are so gracious to support us! Please make every effort to be there, beginning at 4:30 till 7:15 pm. Thank you!

Mardi Gras Pancake Celebration!

This is a night to share in fellowship, indulge in the joy of pancakes, and prepare our hearts for Lent! Friends welcome!

When: Tuesday, February 21, from 5:30 pm till 8 pm

Where: The Osier's House, 2762 Oak Park Blvd, Cuyahoga Falls

What to bring: Your appetite for gourmet pancakes and something to drink for yourself

Confirmation/Junior High Retreat

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18, 2012 Cost: \$25.00 and snack and drink to share

Share in learning and experiencing the joy of living in the Spirit of God! The weekend will include fellowship, ice skating, broom ball, activities, learning sessions on the fruits of the Spirit, and a unique worship experience.

We will meet at First UMC at 5:30 pm to travel to Faith UMC for our time together. Make sure to bring games or movies we can share together, along with a snack and a beverage to share. The rest of the meals will be provided for over the course of the weekend.

For more information, go to www.epworthyouth.com for a letter and permission slip for the retreat. We would love you and a friend to go!

Deadline is Sunday, February 12.

Wondered how you can grow your faith?
Join your fellow youth in a small group! Small groups will be starting a new series related to school issues and their faith. Our bible study continues on Revelation.
 Youth Bible Study (Grades 6-12) meets Wednesdays, 4:30 pm
 Ladies and Gents Small Groups meet Wednesdays, 6-7 pm



Epworth and Wesley February Edition

Temptation—it gets the best of us. Temptation—the leading away of the mind or soul from important persons or things. Temptation—things that turn our attention and focus on God. Temptation—desires which cause us to worship things, ourselves, or others in place of God.

As we approach the season of Lent, we learn of Jesus' temptation towards food, fame, and power—things with which our world still struggles. Even more so, our world has increasingly shiny new objects to turn us away from God and from each other.

Many years ago, I attended a conference that challenged us to give up technology for a week or even a month. This was, of course, before the heyday of cell phones and Facebook. So I chose television. For one week, I avoided television with all my might, because it was still available to my husband.



God, Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

What did I miss? Nothing—I didn't even miss watching Duke play. Instead, my joy increased by not being bombarded by the news. I saved more money, because I was not tempted to purchase items from stores. We ate at home all week that week because I had more time to prepare food. I called more friends that week and took time to spend quality time with Eric. In fact, I devoted more time to reading the Bible and praying, which led to appreciating more persons around me. Could just this one thing be turning me away from God and others so drastically?

So, did I try another week? No, regrettably. But is it imprinted in my mind as to how much technology can hinder us to connect in real ways? Yes.

I am reminded of this frequently as I listen to my apple nano—which ironically has the symbol of original temptation and sin engraved on the back...

What temptation is toying with you? Could you give it up for a week to see how it is impacting your life with God and others? Could you give it up for Lent (6 weeks)? For Life?

REMINDER
 Epworth Parents' Tour Meeting
 Sunday, March 4, 2012, 5:00—6:00 pm
 Chapel, First UMC

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