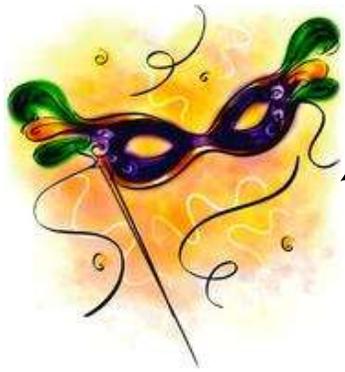


# Youth & Family Ministries

FEBRUARY 2016



## *fat* **Tuesday** **Dinner**

**Feb 9 at 6pm**

*Jambalaya & Dirty Rice*

**Advance tickets only**

*Tickets will be available Jan 10*

**Proceeds will go to the Back Bay Mission trip fund**



## Quick Reference

We welcome God's children of all ages to join us in worship on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 or on Sunday mornings at 8:30.

Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday nights. Classes begin at 6:15 and end at 7:30 unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Except when otherwise noted on the Sunday School calendar. Children beginning 4K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade from our church and community are welcome to participate in Sunday School.

Confirmation classes meet on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:15pm. Students are welcome to enroll as early as 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Confirmation program is a 3 year program that combines study of scripture, faith application, prayer, worship, discipleship, and fellowship.

JR Youth Fellowship is open to children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

JR Youth meets once a month from October-May. They generally meet after Sunday School until noon, except when they have special activities or events planned.

SR Youth Fellowship welcomes youth from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

SR Youth Fellowship meets for specific projects throughout the year.

Our faith community at Salem enjoys times of fellowship for people of all ages throughout the year. Watch for upcoming events and opportunities in the Chapel Chimes.



Come and see! Sticky Faith is our intergenerational midweek faith formation program. We will gather next on Feb 24 for a meal, a non-traditional worship experience, faith formation, and fellowship from 5:30-7:30pm.

ALL AGES are welcome! (children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger need to be accompanied by a parent)

Come and see.



## Sweetheart Dinner & Dance

### March 11

Dinner served at 6 o'clock

Dancing to follow

## At Salem UCC

## 217 Salem Drive

The sweetheart dinner & dance is an event for adults. Dinner will be served at 6pm (advance tickets required) the dance will follow with all of your favorite love songs. Get dressed up and come with your sweetheart or come with friends. A limited number of dinner tickets will be available. Tickets can be purchased through the church office (892-7456) or after worship on Sundays.

### Advance Tickets Required

Dinner tickets are \$7 per person



## Hugs N Cookies

JR Youth Fellowship will begin taking orders for this year's Hugs N Cookies sale on Jan 10 after worship

Cookies are \$1 each

Cookies will be delivered Feb 7 following worship

Thank you for your support ☺



### Opportunities

**JR Youth cookie baking Feb 6 10:00am-2pm**

**JR Youth Cookie Deliveries Feb 7 after worship**

**JR Youth Meeting Feb 7 10:45-noon**

**fat Tuesday Dinner Feb 9 6pm**

**Sticky faith Feb 24 5:30-7:30**

**Pizza Making Day Feb 27 8am-noon**

**Youth Retreat for SR Youth March 4-6 at Pilgrim Center**



## Pizza Sale Fundraiser

**We'll be taking orders from**

**Jan 17-Feb 12**

**Pizza pick up will be on Feb 27 at noon**

**Please sign up to help make pizzas on Feb 27 from 8am-noon**



Faith Statement Workshop  
For Year 3 Confirmation Students  
Feb 2 10am-noon

## Lenten Study Topics

February 17 Sunday

Do we get so wrapped up in religion that we miss out on what's important to God?

Why do we do the things we do? Why do we go to church or give money away? Because we're supposed to or because we think God needs it? Do we honestly put on our best clothes for an hour once a week, stand and sit at all the right times, and sing all the appropriate songs for God's sake, or because it'll make us look better to the world around us? We're tired of all the empty rituals and routines. And so is God. God hates it when we call ourselves Christians but ignore all the things he really cares about. He hates it when we go through hollow religious routines out of some feeling of duty or obligation. God doesn't want the meaningless rituals. God wants our hearts.

February 24 Sticky Faith

March 2 Store

Is anger the issue, or is the real problem what you get angry about?

We all get angry about things from time to time—some of us more often than others. For some of us, it feels like we're constantly on the brink of losing it, where it doesn't take much to get angry about anything. And this kind of anger can be seen everywhere we go—at work, in traffic, at the store, at home. But what is really at its root? Anger is often looked at as a bad thing, but are there things actually worth getting angry about? Maybe if we had a better understanding of our anger and where it comes from, we could learn how to channel it toward something constructive—something that's bigger than ourselves.

March 9 You

Do we get so hung up on debating and defending our faith that we miss out on the point of it?

Some of the central claims of the Christian faith are the source of many discussions and heated debates. But are we always debating the right things? Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement—if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in. Maybe some of the claims of the Christian faith that we typically perceive to be unique aren't really that special at all. And at the same time, maybe we don't always put enough emphasis on the things that truly should matter in our lives.

March 16 Sticky Faith

Join us in fellowship for



## Soup & Sandwich

Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning Feb 17

A freewill offering will be received

## Planning Ahead... Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday

March 20 worship @ 8:30am

Maundy Thursday

March 24 worship @ 7pm

Good Friday

March 25 worship @ 1:30pm

Easter Egg Hunt

March 26 @ 10am

Easter Sunday

March 27

worship @ 7:30am & 9:30am