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Sunday School 2010-2011

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We had a great summer together — and now school is starting up!

That means we'll be having a Sunday School Kick-Off on September 12!

Please be at church that day, not only to start the 2010-2011 year for Sunday school, but also to stay for a covered dish picnic after worship.

We'll provide hot dogs, rolls & drinks, so please bring a salad or dessert to share. Helpers are needed to set up and clean up.



Bible Song Sunday School for preschool-6th grade starts in worship at 10 am, then moves upstairs for presentation and small group time.



Adult Sunday

School begins on Sept. 12 at 9:00 am in the parlor. They will plan what they will study over the next few months.

Youth Sunday

School will kick-off on Sept. 12 at 9:00 am. All 7th-12th graders are invited to come. We'll start with a short, very wacky video that asks a question, followed by discussion. We could also do a "breakfast-out" class once a month. Any takers?



FAITH 5 Workshop

Got kids? Then you need this — no matter what their age! On September 26 spend two hours after church and learn how keep your family together in a world that threatens to tear it apart. Childcare and lunch provided.

RSVP by calling the church office (908-725-1473) or emailing fumcsomerville@verizon.net.

Senior Youth



A new year is starting! Youth in 7th-12th grade are invited to come to our first meeting on September 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Bring your calendars so we can plan the year.

If you're on Facebook and received the invitation, please RSVP. If you're not on Facebook, please RSVP to Candy at: wintergirl1973@hotmail.com

Sunday Night Live will also be meeting again. These are monthly gatherings at the Somerville YMCA with other youth groups for devotions, supper, swimming and other activities. SNL starts at 5:30 and ends at 8:30 on October 3, November 7, January 30, Feb 27, and March 27.

District Youth Team

Did you know that there is a group of people from our District's United Methodist churches that plans ministries for and with youth? Well, there as and it's coming to FUMC!

The Raritan Valley Youth Team will be at our church on Thursday, November 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We are responsible for setting up, serving supper, and cleaning up — so Janet will need some hands to help her do this!

ALSO, **all** interested youth are invited to be on this committee. We need **YOUR** input as we plan activities and missions as a District. Conference youth will be going to the Youth2011 event at Purdue University, July 13-16, and our District would like to rent a bus and stop on the way to do some mission work. **YOU** can help plan this and other activities! All you have to do is come out on November 18.



The Arts at FUMC

Music

Our new Music Director, Michelle DiBona, would like to kick up the music in Sunday school. We've already got some really good stuff going, thanks to Bible Song — but Michelle wants to visit the Sunday school and help us learn to sing as a group. How cool is that? More information to come!

Drama

Janet Stafford is looking for a team to start a drama ministry at FUMC. Kids, youth and adults are invited to be part. Our main focus to start will be skits for the Sunday school (once every 3-4 weeks) and the Christmas pageant. First meeting is Sunday, Sept. 19 after worship. Please come to the youth room!



TWIST

Young people in grades 4-6 are welcome to be part of TWIST (Tweens with Intense Spirit Together). Look forward to service projects and activities throughout the year. The fall quarter's activities will be:

Sept 11th – TWIST KICK OFF: Full day trip to the Good Shepherd UMC in Northfield NJ. UMCOR Flood Bucket Drop Off, assistance with packing and sorting, pizza lunch hosted by Good Shepherd and then 1/2 day at the Atlantic City Aquarium. **Please RSVP!**

Oct 2nd, 6:30 PM - Caramel Apple Prep.

Oct 3rd, Street Fair, ornament and apple sales. 15% of the ornaments profit will go towards TWIST. 35% to the FUMC and 50% towards purchase/shipping.

Oct 17th - Immediately after services. Pizza lunch. TWIST meeting to introduce ornament seasonal sales and incentives, plus Fall/Winter food drive.

Nov 7th - Meeting immediately after service

Nov 21st - Bridgewater Sports Arena Outing (Ice Skating and Laser Tag).

Dec 5th - Meeting immediately after service.

Dec 24th - Assist with Luminaries.