



A few weeks ago, my cousin and I were driving up Route 1. We were coming from a big day of shopping at Sam's Club! (I know, it's sad that we considered that an adventure) We were driving up Rt 1, in North East Philadelphia. We were stopped at a light, when we saw a woman standing on the curb. Her hair looked like it hadn't been brushed or washed in days, she wore a shirt with holes all over, and old sneakers. She held a sign that said "Very Hungry. Please help me feed my family"

A few cars were giving her money as she walked by. My cousin started to open her wallet when I stopped her. I told her that I heard from some people that this woman, who was on Rt1 everyday for years, actually had a nice home a few blocks away. I also heard she had a nice car and a pool outside! I told my cousin to save her money for someone that needs it. (there would be plenty more opportunities to give money to people in need)

Then my cousin, who doesn't believe in God, said something that hurt a lot, but made me think. She said "I would think a Christian and a youth minister wouldn't listen to the gossip of other people. I would think someone who claims to Love the Lord would not judge this lady, but treat her with respect and help her out."

We were silent in the car after that. What could I say? I thought about my attitude towards this woman and worse, the bad example I set for my cousin.

Doesn't God tell me to love others so they can know God's love?
Didn't this woman need someone to care for her?
If Jesus was here, wouldn't he have helped her?

Maybe you and I don't come across homeless people everyday. But we are surrounded by people all day, everyday. And there are people watching us, to see how Christians live out their faith.

I made a bad decision that day, to not help out a woman in need. Imagine. . . I could have helped a family and been an example of God's love for everyone.

This month, I challenge you to keep a list of people you come across in one day (don't forget your family). Write down their names. Each day, read 1 John 4:7-12. And answer this question. . . Did I love this person the way that God tells me to?

I am going to join you in this challenge this month and post my experience with this challenge on my blog. I invite you to go to neesie576.blogspot.com and share your experiences too!

It is important to remember, we will never love people perfectly, the way God does. But imagine what an impact you and I would make, if we loved and served just two people each day!

Working towards that goal,
Denise



Have questions? Need someone to talk to? See Denise or any youth leader. Or, email yumcyouth@yahoo.com

Need to sign up for an event? You can go to the youth website www.yardleyyumcyouth.com and click on sign up, OR you can go to the 'SIG NUP' board outside of the youth room and sign up there!

Parent Teen Dinner

Sun, Oct 11 6-7:30 pm

Come hang out with your friends (and make some new ones!), youth workers and parents! We'll have a pot luck dinner, play family games and then split into separate discussion groups (youth, parents). Please bring a main course, salad, or side dish to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Please sign up!



FRIENDS LOCK IN!

A Lock-in for you and your friends!

Fri, Oct 9, 7:00 pm-Sat Oct 10th

Back by popular demand! Invite your friends to this fun night! We will meet at the church and then go bowling.

Afterwards, we will return to the church for games, relaxed worship, movies and of course Christians & Romans! Cost \$15.

Guys bring: a drink (soda, juice, etc.), Girls bring: a snack (cookies, chips, etc.) Everyone needs a permission slip, cash, sleeping bag, pillow, **SOCKS FOR BOWLING**, games, etc. **Didn't sign up? Email denise@yardleychurch.org asap.**



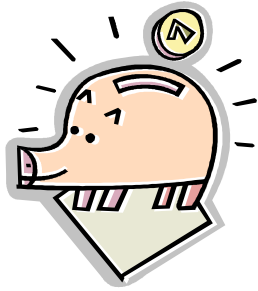
Revolve Tour is for Teen Girls! Fri, Nov 6-Sat Nov 7

We'll travel to Philly to see award-winning bands & speakers with REAL, RELEVANT Messages. The 2009 event from The Revolve Tour, 4Real combines amazing music, relevant real-life stories, drama, excitement and fun for a one-of-a-kind inspirational weekend for teen girls. We will meet at YUMC at 4:30 pm on Friday night. Please bring a bagged dinner for that night. We'll have a sleepover Friday night and then back down to the Revolve Tour on Saturday morning. We will return to Yardley Saturday at 5 pm. Cost is \$45 for tickets (this is a \$25 savings over the usual ticket price!) plus money for lunch on Sat. **Sign up by October 18th** for this special opportunity!

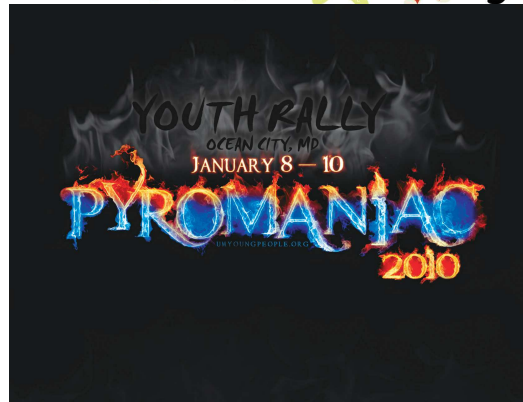


Cussin Pig

Have you seen a plastic pig with dot stickers all over him? He lives in the Youth Room, but he has been known to wander around the church or go on trips with the youth ministry. His name is "Cussin Pig". No, he doesn't go around the church cursing. But he does love to take your money when YOU curse! We have a rule in the youth ministry, that you aren't allowed to curse. The cussin pig charges 25 cents for curses (the normal ones and also shut-up and put downs). He charges 50 cents for using the Lord's name in vain. That cute little pig is a reminder for all of us to be accountable for our speech. Don't let him gobble up your spare change!



Youth Discipleship meets each Wed, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come at 5:30 pm for youth choir, youth band or games in the youth room depending on your interests. At 6:20 pm we meet in the youth room and go together to the Sanctuary for worship. Then at 7 pm we split into age divided groups for pizza, discussion and activities. Bring \$3 for pizza.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY, Jan 8-10, 2010 Ocean City MD

Join over 4,000 youth and adult leaders in Ocean City, MD for one blazin' weekend! Listen to relevant, transforming music and messages from bands and guest speakers who are on fire for Jesus. Don't be afraid to stand too close to this inferno of worship, fellowship and fun! Experience Pyromaniac," take it back home, and spread the "fire" to your world. Can you take the heat? The trip will cost \$130 if you register and pay your deposit of \$55 by Oct. 29. After that day, the cost of the tickets go up, therefore, the trip will cost \$145. **How do you get the hottest ticket for 2010? Sign up and put your check for \$55 in the black box outside of the office door no later than 10/29/09!**




Scenes from last year's Middle School Youth Rally! Join us in 2010!





yardley united methodist church youth ministries calendar

OCTOBER 09

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10 am Sunday School 12:15 am Shareholder's Brunch	5	6	7 5:30 pm Youth Discipleship	8	9 7 pm Friends Lock in 	10
11 10 am SS 12:15 pm Mission Trip Mtg 6 pm Parent Teen Dinner	12	13	14 5:30 pm Youth Discipleship	15	16 7 pm Band Night 	17
18 10 am Sunday School 11 am Student Table	19	20	21 5:30 pm Youth Discipleship	22	23	24
25 10 am Sunday School	26	27	28 5:30 pm Youth Discipleship	29	30	31

For your calendar:
 Revolve Tour Nov 6-7
 Girls, sign up by Oct. 18!



Please have your parents fill out a new permission slip for 2009-20010 activities....fill it out once and you're done!

Yardley UMC Youth Ministry Permission Slip

I hereby give my child, _____, permission to participate in the activities of Yardley United Methodist Church's youth ministries.

I release Yardley UMC, its staff and sponsors, from responsibility and liability for an injury or illness that my child may sustain during this activity. In the event of an emergency, I hereby authorize an adult leader of this activity, as agent for me, to consent to an x-ray examination; medical, dental or surgical diagnosis; treatment; and hospital care advised and supervised by a physician, surgeon or dentist (as appropriate) licensed to practice under the laws of the state where the services are rendered, either at a doctor's office or in a hospital. I expect to be contacted as soon as possible.

By signing this form, I also give permission to waive the right to any type of compensation, for my child to be photographed or video Taped at this event. Pictures/videos may be used for promotional or educational purposes.

General Information (please print clearly)

Child's Name _____ DOB _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Cell # _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Allergies? _____ Allergy Meds _____
Contact Lenses? _____ Last Tetanus _____
Existing Condition? _____ Meds _____
Physical Limitations? _____ Allergy Meds _____
Family Physician & # _____
Address _____
Insurance Comp. _____ Policy # _____
Name on Insurance _____

Child's name (pls print) _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

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**Need to sign up for something?
Need more information?
Need to contact a youth leader?**

Here's how!

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