

September 2009

SDUMC YOUTH NEWS

WHERE THE WORD BECOMES ACTION

Fall
Kick Off
Sunday,
August 30,
2009



Ready, Set, Go... Already?

I can hardly believe the summer has flown by so fast. A brand new school year is upon all of you; excitement, anxiety, and perhaps sadness are at the forefront of your thoughts.

I invite you to take this time to reflect on all of the joys and experiences of the summer. Remember the lessons learned, the exciting emotions and the peace experienced through rest.

A new school year is a fresh start, a new opportunity to reclaim who you are in every aspect of your life. Remember that in every act and each word spoken that you are representatives of God's love in this world.

Good Luck!

Love and Encouragement,



Rebecca



A FAREWELL FROM ONE OF OUR LOVED ONES....

The following is a special article from Amanda Andreen

Sardines. Car trips. Programming. Youth dinners. Fall Retreats. Winter Retreats. Spring Days Out. Lock-ins. Singing. Microwaving Peeps. Radical Man. Youth Sundays. Pancake Breakfasts. Punk rock version of Seek Ye First. Summer Camp. This list of things I love and will remember about youth group is endless. For the past 5 years, I have loved being a counselor with our youth group, and I can't believe this fall will mark 6 years! It has been a pleasure watching so many of you grow up, grow together, and grow in your faith. That said however, Sept. 20 will be my last Sunday with the youth group as a counselor. I will be leaving this ministry to begin working with another one.

Many of you are probably wondering why I am leaving. It was not an easy decision to make, or one that I made lightly. However, just as you all are growing up into wonderful young people, I am growing older too and am being called in my faith to work more closely with the Conference Council on Young Adults. I have become passionate about giving the young adults a voice and helping strengthen what small voice we have in the Conference right now. The young adults, and the upcoming youth are the next generation of the church, and it is up to us to make sure it continues to thrive. After getting more connected with other young adults and leaders in the conference during Annual Conference and other events, it is clear to me where I am needed most.

The youth group is in great hands with Rebecca here, and Barry, and all of your other dedicated and wonderful parents who volunteer, drive, and cook for us. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and commitment to the group. I was also so excited to hear about all of you who are taking the lead with new positions in the re-vamped Youth Council. I think there are great things ahead for the youth group with Rebecca guiding you and with Rev. Mark and Rev. Martha on your side! Thank you for an incredible 5+ years and I look forward to seeing you around church and town, and seeing what comes from this new faith journey we all have ahead of us!

Please join me on Sunday Sept. 20, for the all youth dinner (my last UMYF) to celebrate the time we've shared together at UMYF these past years, and celebrate new things to come!

Blessings and hugs!!

Amanda



UPCOMING EVENTS

RUBIO'S FUNDRAISER SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13, 11-5PM
ENCINITAS RUBIOS

ALL YOUTH DINNER AND
FAREWELL TO AMANDA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
6:15-8:15PM
FOUNDER'S HALL

DISTRICT MAGIC MOUNTAIN
SEPTEMBER 18-19
(MORE INFO TO THE RIGHT)

FALL RETREAT
NOVEMBER 6-8
\$20 AND PERMISSION SLIP TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT

District Magic Mountain

Friday, September 18-19 4pm-9am

Meet here at our church at 4pm, Dinner, load the busses and head to the park. The park is open only to churches and closes at 12am. Pick up from our church at 9am Saturday morning.

\$55 fee includes transportation,
dinner, breakfast and park entrance
(checks made to FUMCSD)

**DEADLINE is September 7th--
Rebecca must have your check and
permission slip to sign up!!**

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 UMYF 6:15-8:15	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 UMYF 6:15-8:15	14	15	16	17	18 District Magic Mountain	19 District Magic Mountain
20 All Youth Dinner 6:15-8:15	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 UMYF 6:15-8:15	28	29	30			