

January 2010

West Market Youth Ministry

HORIZON

Together:

Our Mission is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth teenage disciples of Jesus Christ.



CONFIRMATION 2010 BEGINS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

PARENT MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 12:30 P.M.

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

All 8th grade students are encouraged to participate in Confirmation 2010. Confirmation is an important rite of passage in the life of teenagers. It allows our youth to explore their faith, to ask questions in a safe environment, to learn more about our faith heritage, to discover and experience a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through spiritual practices, and to be given the opportunity to "Claim the Name" of Christian for themselves. Confirmation will give students opportunities for deeper spiritual formation which will allow God, the Master Potter, to shape and form the clay of their lives. As we discover how to follow Jesus together, we will morph into the Masterpiece that God has created each of us to be.

Confirmation 2010 begins on Sunday, February 7. Please mark this date on your family calendar. Confirmation 2010 will involve

both worship attendance and classroom time. We will meet for worship together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:40 a.m. and then go upstairs to the Confirmation room (403-B) and meet from 10:50 am until 12:00 noon.

Confirmation 2010 will be led by our Youth Pastor, Jeff Peck. Confirmation will also include a retreat scheduled Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14. We will celebrate Confirmation in our worship gatherings on Sunday, May 23, 2009. Please sign up for Confirmation 2010 on our church website at www.wmsumc.org or by contacting Nancy Hamilton at nhamilton@wmsumc.org or calling her at 336-275-4587 ext. 12.

We will have an important parent meeting on Sunday, February 7 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in room 405. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. A light lunch will be served.



Help with Meals for Learning

Sunday, January 17 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. No UMYF tonight because of the holiday weekend, so come and help us pack 25,000 meals for impoverished children living in Kenya!



Starting our new Prayer Portal for 2010



Youth Christmas Party



Helping at the Christmas Store

“A New Year’s Blessing” by Joyce Rupp. Take a Step toward God in 2010!

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope and bondedness.

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wings of comfort and support.

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the New Year.

May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart. May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers.

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence.

May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth.

May the wellspring of compassion flow deep within you until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters.

May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, all is blessing.

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as your struggle to find your way in the New Year.

May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God’s way for you.

May your life this New Year be a living legacy to your God.

SUNDAY, JAN. 3	SUNDAY, JAN. 10	SUNDAY, JAN. 17	SUNDAY, JAN. 24	SUNDAY, JAN. 31
<p>UMYF “New Year’s Prayers” 5:30 - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Bring your friends tonight as we welcome the New Year together and begin a new Prayer Portal for 2010!</p>	<p>UMYF “Letters to Johan” 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Join us tonight as we write letters to Johan, the 8-year-old boy from India that we are sponsoring through Compassion International.</p>	<p>No UMYF tonight (because of MLK Holiday Weekend)</p> <p>Say a prayer for our Journey of Hope Mission Team serving God in Florida!</p>	<p>UMYF “Insight” 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bring a friend as we welcome a guest speaker to teach us about Drug & Alcohol awareness and help us make wise choices!</p>	<p>UMYF “God’s Word” 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bring a friend as we explore favorite Bible verses and how they speak to our lives today.</p>