



SALEM UMC YOUTH

Nov—Dec 2011

To all parents, caregivers + youth grades 7-12

♪ Teen Choir ♪

Teen choir under the direction of Jeanette Smolinski meets every Thurs from 6:30-7:15. Members sing special music in worship at least once a month. A desire to sing contemporary Christian music is all that is required!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

In the winter, from January to May, Pastor Sally will lead a confirmation (or membership class.) Through confirmation you become a full member of the church. The classes teach you about God & life in the church.

If you have never been baptized this is a good time to make your profession of faith.

To profess your faith in God is to acknowledge that without God you cannot live to your full potential. But by God's grace, made possible through Jesus as your Lord + Savior, you can do all things!

You are receiving this newsletter because your child has been part of a youth program here or your family holds membership at Salem or Bethany United Methodist Church. Here's what's going on for young people grades 7-12:

Praze Craze (see below) is meeting weekly. We need & welcome caring adults to share supervision—two adults makes a safer program for youth & leaders!

Teen choir is making an impact—at our church retreat & in worship!

Youth Rally anyone? See below—there is still time to sign up!

Plans for Sunday Study time following worship *soon*—we have one teacher committed & are seeking a second who is willing to rotate teaching weeks.

Confirmation classes are coming, as well as plans for a mission trip.

Call me at 410-430-0248 or email: sdolch@comcast.net - Peace to all, Pastor Sally

† PRAZE CRAZE †

Every Thursday night from 7-8:30PM we have Praze Craze, our youth group meeting. There is a time of fellowship with Bible study + life based activities *including games, movies + discussions, plus snacks + music. This group is open to anyone from 7th –12th grade!*



< FAREWELL TO DAVID CHEW >

While his tenure was brief, David made a positive impact on the youth attending Praze Craze.

The demands of his full time work have made it impossible for him to continue as youth pastor at Salem, so the search is underway once again.

He will attend Praze Craze meetings through December, so stop by and wish him well.

SUNDAY STUDY FOR YOUTH 7th - 12th grades

The class will take place at 10:30AM following worship + incorporate contemporary ideas to teach Bible themes. Taylor Morrison has agreed to rotate teaching with another volunteer!

We have two major events each year: Youth Rally + a mission trip.

The Rally will take place in Ocean City during the weekend of January 6-8.

Registration is underway + **\$72 deposits are due by Dec 1 to Pastor Sally.** Registration forms are on the bulletin board or can be emailed. Call 410-957-0991. Health forms will be given to all who register. Adult chaperones will be needed for this trip!

The mission trip location is yet to be determined. If you have attended a trip in the past, your input is welcome for the planning of the trip. Twelve went to Johnstown NY last summer & the life changing memories are still fresh! Come learn more!

SERVICE & FUNDRAISING ARE IMPORTANT PARTS OF OUR YOUTH EXPERIENCE.

Our first service project will be a canned food drive for Christmas.

The work is fun when we do it together!

Fundraising requires lots of creativity + planning. Last year we held two large yard sales + raised about \$1000. We need your ideas + your willing hearts + hands to be a success!