

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH GROUP COVENANT

As a member of youth group, I acknowledge my need for meaningful relationships with other youth my age. I agree that this ministry exists to help me deepen my relationship with God, other Christians, and all the people that God has put in my life. I commit to:

**BEING RESPECTFUL** – I will help to create an environment for my fellow youth group members and leaders by listening carefully to what they have to say. I will respect myself, others, and church property.

**PARTICIPATE** – I will actively participate in Youth Group activities.

**BEING FLEXIBLE** – I understand that my expectations of youth group may be different from what I experience. If I do not feel comfortable with what I am asked to do, I will share my concerns with a youth leader.

**SACRIFICE** – I will not use cell phones, Ipod's or other electronic devices during youth group activities. If any of these things are seen during youth group, they will be taken away until the end of the youth group activity.

**HAVING FUN!**

I have read the Worship Team Covenant and commit to being respectful, participate, being flexible, sacrificing and having fun!

**Youth Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Middle School SURGE Youth Group

### Fall 2011 Calendar

#### September

- 11<sup>th</sup>:** 1st Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)
- 17<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Adventure to Westview (Offsite)
- 18<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)
- 20<sup>th</sup>:** 1st Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 25<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)
- 27<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)

#### October

- 1<sup>st</sup>:** Mission Day River Clean Up (Offsite)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
1<sup>st</sup> Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 4<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 9<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 11<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 16<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 18<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 25<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 30<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)

#### November

- 1<sup>st</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 6<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 8<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Conference Retreat  
(Eagle Eyrie)
- 13<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)
- 15<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 19<sup>th</sup>:** Mission Day Leaf Raking (Offsite)
- 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 29<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)

#### December

- 4<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 6<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)
- 13<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Group 6:30 (WC 130)
- 17<sup>th</sup>:** Mission Day Christmas Caroling (Offsite)
- 18<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Morning Live 9:30 & 11 (HP 105)  
Confirmation Class 9:30 & 11 (HP 118)

HP= Hampton Park Campus

WC= Woodlake Campus

#### Important Spring Dates

**February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** 30 Hour Famine Mission Event

**March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation Weekend

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Youth-led Worship Service

#### If you have any questions, contact:

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## Middle School Youth Group



**Woodlake United Methodist Church**

Loving God, Knowing God,  
Living Our Faith  
as Disciples of Jesus Christ

## Note from the Youth Director:

We are excited to introduce our **SURGE** Middle School Youth Group this year. **SURGE** stands for **Serve Unite Reach Grow Expand**. The entire year will be focused around the quote "It's not about me". We are going to learn how to "clothe ourselves with humility." (1 Peter 5:5) Like last year, Youth Group will be structured around the church's purpose statement:

*Loving God, Knowing God, Living Our Faith  
as Disciples of Christ.*

Our monthly **SURGE** Youth Group Schedule will be structured as follows:



### 1st Tuesday:

Youth Worship

2nd Tuesday: Small Groups

3rd Tuesday: Mission Project

4th Tuesday: Youth Fellowship and Games

**SERVE:** To kick off **SURGE** Youth Group, we will dive into missions. Each week we will learn about being a servant and having a servant's heart.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:4)*

**UNITE:** We will continue to be in mission together while we learn how two are better than one. Each week will develop a sense of unity through group activities, discussions and team building.

*"How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)*

**REACH:** As we learn to serve others we will reach to God and ask God for guidance. Through this time we will learn about prayer and fasting.

*"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you." (James 1:5)*

**GROW:** Once we begin to be in conversation with God we will start to develop a relationship with God. During this time we will grow closer to Him and in our faith.

*"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." (James 4:8)*

**EXPAND:** Finally we will discover how to become a contagious community. In the final months of youth group we will take what we have learned out into the world.

*"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)*

## Other Youth Group Events:

### LOVING GOD

**YOUTH SERVICE:** Every spring, youth are given an opportunity to lead worship for the entire congregation. They have the opportunity to sing, preach, read scripture, usher, greet, pray, play an instrument, and participate in a skit during the service.

### KNOWING GOD

**SUNDAY MORNING LIVE:** Every Sunday morning youth have an opportunity to come together to study the Bible through discussion and activities.

**CONFIRMATION:** The purpose of confirmation is to take responsibility for living as a member of the body of Christ and for fulfilling God's purposes. We will meet weekly on Sunday mornings. See the Confirmation brochure for more information.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE RETREAT:** Youth will be challenged to grow as disciples of Christ through powerful worship, Bible study, and small groups all while building new friendships with youth from all over Virginia.

### LIVING OUR FAITH

**MISSION EVENTS:** Starting in October, we will provide monthly mission opportunities which will include Operation Christmas Child, visiting nursing homes and shut-ins, the 30 Hour Famine, river clean up, and other activities where youth can reach out to the community.



**GIRLS SMALL GROUP:** Each week 6th-12th grade girls will get together for a devotion and hangout time. They will do crafts, watch movies, go on field trips, etc...

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY:** On Super Bowl Sunday we have a Middle School Party at the home of one of our youth. Youth will bring refreshments, play games, and watch the "big game" together. This is a great opportunity for youth to get to know one another and have a good time.

**MISSION TRIPS:** In October we will be announcing our 2012 summer mission trips. Stay tuned for more information.

## 2011-2012 Youth Enrollment Form 6th-8th Grade

Please fill this form out completely. We must have all information on file in case of an emergency. Mail or drop off this form to the Woodlake campus. This form can include information for all youth in one family enrolled in our **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade** youth program.

### PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mom: \_\_\_\_\_

Dad: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (Mom): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (Dad): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Will be used to receive Youth Group Info.)*

### Alternate Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ *(As of Sept. 1)*

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Will be used to receive Youth Group Info.)*

Cell Phone (Youth): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or conditions we should be aware of?  
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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Will be used to receive Youth Group Info.)*

Cell Phone (Youth): \_\_\_\_\_

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