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# Eden UMC Youth Group 2016/2017 WELCOME BACK!

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## DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:



September 18<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Back Meeting  
**GET FIRED UP!** (There will be s'mores!)

November 18-19<sup>th</sup> - Fall Gathering!!! Theme: "God is."  
(7-12<sup>th</sup> grades only, 6th grade with family chaperone)

March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup> - UpWord '17  
(7-12<sup>th</sup> grades only, 6th grade with family chaperone)

## Meetings

EVERY OTHER Sunday, starting September 18th

6-7pm Eden UMC Basement

- ◆ Devotions, Planning, Games, Food!
- ◆ Bring a Friend!

## Umm... What's a Gathering?... What's UpWord?...

Youth "Gatherings" are incredible events organized by youth from all over upper New York State who serve on CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministry). This is a "By Youth, For Youth" kind of group supported by adults. UpWord is a larger "gathering", as it draws attendance from all of upper NYS, and there are two locations for Fall Gathering. These are a time away where hundreds of United Methodist youth can get together for a packed schedule of activities, music, games, amazing worship, and testimonies. They are usually held at a large hotel or church. Erynn Motak, Garret Gross, and Chris Benson from our church have all served on CCYM and helped to organize them.

The kids come back tired, but ON FIRE.  
Lives have been changed at these events!

*"Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you....For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,*

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## WE NEED OFFICERS!

Back in the spring the group was excited about having youth group officers to help lead. We need to discern (pray and discuss to decide) who those will be! Here's what each position might look like, so you can think about them before our first meeting.

Which one fits YOU?!?

**TWO Co-Presidents** - A team to help guide meetings, activities, and set a great example for the group. They can split up and divide tasks however works best, but at least one should attend Church Council meetings every two months.

**Secretary** - Help record ideas/plans, meet and collect contact info for new youth, help advertise events

**Treasurer** - Monitor money and expenses, guide talks on fundraising

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*Parents!*

### What can You Do???

There is ALWAYS a need for chaperones and drivers.

You're welcome to attend meetings or activities ANYTIME, but special events do require special help. Let us know if you're able to lend a hand with anything that comes up.

It really is a blessing to see what these kids can do!

## 2016 Serving Possibilities!

It's what we're here to do, so here are some ideas to think about...

Help with Laity Sunday - October 30<sup>th</sup>

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Collected By November 6<sup>th</sup>

Caroling with Churches in Action - December 4<sup>th</sup>

Create our own volunteer/work day! - Location TBD

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