



# family newsletter

The Youth Ministry of  
Christ United Methodist Church  
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In the spring time flowers bloom and the grass finally starts to grow again. The nights get warmer and days get longer the closer we get to summer. But other things start to happen as well. Students start to make plans for next year, decisions like college choices and high schools start to seem not so far away. Tests get bigger and harder, while the complexity of life seems to grow as well.

Spring is a time when things can seem to grow larger and more important and we need some perspective. If your family is in need of some perspective I want you to know that Christ Church is here for you. For worship services. For Holy Week. For prayer. For support. For office hours. For coffee and conversation. For all the wonderful opportunities listed below.

Please read through this email as there are some big announcements like  
The last small group of the school year tonight  
A meet the author event tonight with my wife!  
Registration for the Junior/Senior retreat a few weeks out!  
and still spots on our summer trips!

I hope you take the time this spring as a family to set hopes and dreams for this summer. To set goals as individuals and families of how God will be a part of your lives. Know that I'm praying for you and here to stand beside you in all that life can throw your way.

Blessings,  
Rush

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Planning ahead - No Youth Sunday School or Youth Group on March 30th and April 6th for Spring Break. Please mark your schedules. We will be back in full swing the week after! Enjoy the much earned break!

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"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Romans 13:11

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## *this week at awakening*

Sunday School - Sunday - Youth Room

9:45-10:45am: Middle and High School Students

**no Sunday School till April 13th**

Youth Group - Sunday - Youth Room

4:00-5:00pm: Middle School - Snack Provided

5:00-5:30pm: Open House - All middle and high

5:30-7:00pm: High School - Bring Bag Dinner if you want

**no Youth Group till April 13th**



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### Small Groups - Wednesday - Youth Room

5:30-6:30pm - Dinner - Ascension Hall

6:30-7:00pm - Open House - Youth Room. all MS and HS students welcome

7:00-8:00pm - Small Groups - All students welcome

**Tonight is the last small group of the school year!**

Have your entire family join us at our 7:00 pm Wellspring Worship Service right after high school youth on Sunday nights. Hope to see you there!

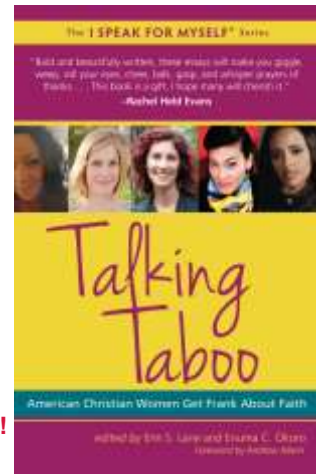
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### *Meet the author*

What are you holding back? Come celebrate Women's History Month with Erin Lane, co-editor of **Talking Taboo**, a new collection of essays from 40 American Christian Women Under 40 who speak about the unspeakable experiences of faith. Erin will be available to chat in Ascension Hall (800 Market St., main church building) from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., and then she will host a discussion from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in room 4 of 105 Market Street. She'll be reading briefly from her essay ("Married without Children") and facilitating a conversation on how we can stop holding back and start speaking up in the church. Books will be available for purchase. Invite a friend!

Learn more about Erin and **Talking Taboo** [here](#).

**Need another reason to come? She's my wife and super awesome!  
All youth, parents, friends and anyone else welcome!**



### *jr/sr retreat*

**Register today!**

Each spring our Juniors and Seniors take a retreat to talk about the future, to pray, to worship and .... relax from all the stress mounting up! Join us this spring for our annual trip!

April 11th - 12th  
Ocean Isle Beach!  
\$75

Just send a check and a health form to Rush asap to secure your spot for this awesome adventure! Shoot him an email with any questions you may have as well.



### *Summer Trips*

**Registration NOW OPEN**

High School Mission Trip - [ASP](#) - June 15-21

**wait list has started**

Wilderness Trail Hiking Trip - [Wilderness Trail](#) - July 7-14

**HS Spots Remaining = Wait list has started**

**MS Spots Remaining = 3**

\*7th graders through graduates

Middle School Mission Trip - [YouthWorks](#) - July 27-August 1

**Spots Remaining = 4**

Interested in leading a trip with us this summer? Shoot Rush an email to start the conversation



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\* **Even if the trips fill up**, get your forms in to join the wait list, we almost always have tons of movement on and off these trips!

Need the forms? Click [HERE](#)

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## *small groups*

### **Last night of small groups for the school year!**

we need places to connect. We need places to remind us of who we are...and remind us that we are not alone in this life! Our students and adults have come up with four amazing small groups that we now offer on Wednesdays...come check em out!



### Awesome new small groups this semester

Girls - MS only

Sing a New Song - Christian Music - MS & HS

The Good Book - A study about the bible - MS & HS

Any Questions - Tough honest Questions - HS only

Family Meal - 5:30 - Ascension Hall (free for students!)

Open House - 6:30 - Youth Room

Small Groups - 7-8 - Youth Room

Special Archery demonstration coming up on March 18th for all youth/families. In ascension hall! Gonna be awesome.

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## *Sunday School - Reading Hour*

This year we are tackling an amazing journey to read the bible in a year and we will be using the Sunday School hour as a reading hour and personal chat time to find out more about what is going on in your own head! It's going to be filled with creativity, space, silence and reflection. It wont be for everyone...but I'm excited for this new shift!

**no Sunday School till April 13th**



## *Bible in a year*

It's never too late to join our Bible reading plan. Don't worry about what we've done so far! Just start today and go from there guilt free!

### [Bible Reading plan](#)

Our Youth ministry has had a lot of students join our quest to read the bible in a year! Join us with the link above!



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