

Hi Families!

I hope that you are enjoying this last bit of summertime. It always goes by so fast! The good news is that there are LOTS of exciting things happening at UMC Webster this fall to look forward to. I wanted to give you a brief overview of our new fall programming - I'm sure you'll find something for everyone!

**Curriculum Night:** We kick-off this fall with an informational gathering on **Wednesday, September 13th**. Stop in the Fellowship Center at 6pm for our family dinner. Once you've filled your plate, head on over to the youth room for a presentation on our Children's, Youth, and Family programs. Don't worry - it will be brief; you will have time to register your kids and still make it to our Christian Academy.

**Christian Academy:** Classes will be offered each Wednesday evening beginning on September 13th. We will begin our evening together with a family style meal at 6pm in the Fellowship Center followed by a variety of classes; some taught by our own Pastors and laypersons, while others will be taught by seminary professors. Childcare and Children's activities are also provided. This will truly be a time of mid-week family rejuvenation!

**Children's Sunday School:** We will be offering classes during both our 9am Traditional and 10:30am Contemporary services this year beginning on **September 10th**. Children will gather in our lower level in the Story Telling Room for their Bible Lesson and Worship. Our greeter will direct you and help get your children signed-in. Then, they will head to their classes with their teachers. We are excited to offer classes this year for our Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-3rd graders, and 4th and 5th graders. Registration has begun and you may pick up a registration packet outside of our sanctuary. I have also attached one to this email. Completed Registrations may be turned into the front office, or given to Pastor Wendy.

**Youth (SALT) Sunday School:** Our teens will gather in the Youth Room at 9am for Sunday School. A light Sunday breakfast will be served. This year, we are taking an in depth look at who Jesus is historically, and how He impacts our lives today. I am so excited to take this journey with our 6th-12th graders!

**Switch Youth Group:** Our 6th -12th grade youth group will meet on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Center from 7-8:30pm. Teens wishing to participate in our youth band (Blank Canvas) or on our Tech and Sound team should plan to arrive at 5:30. This year there will be a strong emphasis on Discipleship as we study "The Simple Truth" of Jesus by learning what it means to trust God, lead a Jesus-Centered life, and lean on scripture for guidance. We are excited to expand our small group ministry by welcoming Pastor Dan Corretore and Angela Boehme as D-Group (Discipleship Group) leaders!

**Club 4:12:** Being a "tween-ager" is tough! Adolescence is looming on the horizon, peer relationships are becoming increasingly important, and a strong desire to understand and define a unique identity emerges. So, we've created a special place for our 4th and 5th grade students to have fun with their friends and "Grapple" with the tough questions they're beginning to explore. Beginning October 1st, Club 4:12 will be held on the first Sunday of each month from 4:12-5:30 in the Fellowship Center. It's just for 4th and 5th graders and their friends! Led by Pastor Wendy and members of our Switch Youth Group.

**Family Events:** Stay tuned for regularly scheduled family events, guest speakers, retreats, and workshops. Parenting isn't easy, but we were never designed to do it alone! At UMC Webster, you have a community of support to walk alongside you.

**Stay Connected!**: There are lots of ways to stay connected with our children, youth, and family programs and events. Here are a list of resources:

UMC Webster website: [www.umcwebster.org](http://www.umcwebster.org)

Switch Youth Group website: [www.switchyouthgroup.com](http://www.switchyouthgroup.com)

Switch Youth Group app: SmartChurch: Switch Youth Group, UMC Webster

Parenting Christian Kids newsletter: Monthly electronic newsletter for parents; includes a monthly calendar of Children's, Youth, and Family activities. To subscribe, contact Pastor Wendy at [pastorwendy@umcwebster.org](mailto:pastorwendy@umcwebster.org)

Tower Notes newsletter: UMC Webster's bi-monthly newsletter. To subscribe, contact Faith Jones at [fjones@umcwebster.org](mailto:fjones@umcwebster.org)

And don't forget to follow **UMC Webster**, **Switch Youth Group**, and **UMC Webster Kids Ed** on Facebook, Instagram, and twitter!

**Fall Programs Begin:**

Children and Adult Sunday Classes: Sunday, September 10th at 9am and 10:30am

Youth (SALT) Sunday School Class: Sunday, September 10th at 9am

Family Dinner: Wednesday, September 13th at 6pm in the Fellowship Center

Christian Academy: Wed. September 13th at 6:45

Switch Youth Group: Wed. September 13th at 7pm (Tech/Sound/Band arrive at 5:30; Dinner at 6; Prayer Huddle at 6:45)

Club 4:12: Sunday, October 1st at 4:12pm in the Fellowship Center.