



December 2011

Hey SuperFLY! Here is your calendar for January – June 2012. I've done my very best to listen to your feedback and requests this fall and worked to create a calendar that I think will do a better job of meeting your needs. Please look it over closely so that you are aware of changes and have a chance to get signed up for events in time! It is extremely helpful to me if you sign up for things so that those planning for you have a chance to plan effectively.

Enclosed you'll find lots of information about schedules and events. **Stay up to date on everything** – get reminders and find out immediately about changes – by visiting our website <http://nhumcsuperfly.org> regularly, and “liking” our Facebook page “I AM SuperFLY...NHUMC Youth”. **To subscribe to updates via email**, visit our website. On the left-hand side, you'll find a “Subscribe via email” option. Enter your email address and press the “Subscribe” button. You'll receive an email to confirm your choice. Then, every time I update the blog with announcements, changes, updates, or news, you'll receive an email!

Some of our events tell you that you can sign up online. To do this, visit <http://nhumcsuperfly.org> and in the left hand sidebar, click on “Sign Up for Events”. On the events page, scroll through the posts to find the event you want to sign up for, and simply leave a comment on that post telling me that you are coming! Don't worry if you submit your comment and don't see it right away – I have to approve it before it will appear on the public blog.

Finally, I hope that you will take time to say thank you to the many dedicated volunteers and staff who make all of our options possible. They each care about you and work hard to offer you Christ in many, many ways. I give thanks for them daily and I know that God has placed them here for such a time as this – to be a part of YOUR lives and your faith. We have all been blessed richly by their presence.

I look forward to meeting Christ in each of you in the coming months!

Love,

Rachael

**PLEASE pay special attention to our CHANGED WEDNESDAY NIGHT schedule, which begins on January 4 and runs through May 9:**

- 4:30 – 5:15pm**            **Youth Group Games with Brian – meet in the Cement Room – all ages**
- 5:00 – 5:40pm**            **miniFLY with Brent and Erin – meet in Room 124 – grades 4-5**
- 5:30 – 6:30pm**            **Scary, Gross, and Weird with Deb and Denny – meet in Room 125 – grades 6-7**  
**Confirmation 1 with Tracy and Phil – meet in Room 226 – grade 8**  
**Confirmation 2 with PD and Bergie – meet in Room 217 – grade 9**  
**15:24 Bible/Book Study with Rachael – meet in Cement Room – ages 15 -24+**
- 6:05pm**                    **Joy Choir with Shirley and Janel – meet in Choir Room – grades 2-5**
- 7:00 – 7:45pm**            **Lightshiners Choir with Ellen, Janel, and Cat – meet in LS Room – grades 6-12**

Some special activities will happen each month on weekends as well. **PLEASE make sure to sign up for the following events IN ADVANCE:**

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| Confirmation FMSC on 1/14          | Sign up with Tracy ( <a href="mailto:tracydungan@yahoo.com">tracydungan@yahoo.com</a> ) by January 8  |
| Buck Hill Tubing on 1/15           | Sign up online or on Rachael's office door by January 11  |
| Lightshiners Lock-In on 1/20       | Sign up online, in choir, or on Rachael's door by January 18  |
| **UMYS Retreat 2/3-5               | <b>Sign up with form and payment DUE JANUARY 4</b>  |
| TEC Retreat 2/24-26                | Sign up with enclosed form and payment DUE January 18   |
| Confirmation Retreat 3/2-3         | Sign up with Tracy ( <a href="mailto:tracydungan@yahoo.com">tracydungan@yahoo.com</a> )   |
| Worship at the Well 4/15           | Sign up online or on Rachael's door by April 8  |
| SGW Murder Mystery on 5/16         | Sign up online or on Rachael's door by May 13   |
| Cookout at Deb's on 5/23           | Sign up online or on Rachael's door by May 20   |
| Beach Road Trip on 6/13            | Sign up online or on Rachael's door by June 10  |
| Reading to Preschoolers on 6/20    | Sign up online or on Rachael's door by June 17  |
| <b>NORTHERN PINES CAMP 6/23-29</b> | <b>Sign up with enclosed form and deposit a.s.a.p.</b><br><b>Or register online at <a href="http://www.campminnesota.org">www.campminnesota.org</a></b> |

**\*\*UMYs – United Methodist Youth Retreat for grades 9-12:**

UMYs will be held this year at the Doubletree Hotel in Saint Louis Park, February 3-5. The cost for UMYs is \$140/person. If at least SIX of you WANT to go to UMYs, can AFFORD to go to UMYs, and are able to register by JANUARY 4, then we will go. Think it over, talk to your parents and each other, and let me know.

**\*\*Other events on the calendar don't require a sign up. If you miss a deadline, contact me!\*\***

Need some more information about the upcoming events on our calendar? Here you go!

**All Church Game Night | Saturday January 7 | 5:30pm | All Ages**

Bring yourself, a friend, your family, a potluck dish to share, and a favorite board or card game to play. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm, followed by games in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome!

**miniFLY and SuperFLY Buck Hill Tubing | Sunday January 15 | 12:00 – 4:00pm | All Ages**

Who doesn't love snow tubing? Stick around after church to carpool to Buck Hill! Bring \$16 for a two-hour tubing pass, your snow jacket and boots, and a friend! Also, bring money to eat in the Buck Hill cafeteria or grab some hot chocolate when you need a break. Friends, siblings, and parents are welcome. Please sign up online or on Rachael's office door by January 7, so that we can plan transportation.

**Lightshiners Choir Lock In | Friday January 20 | 9:00pm | Lightshiners and friends**

We're keeping the theme for this Lock-In top secret...will you be able to figure it out? We'll spend the night at church with music, games, decorating in the Lightshiners Room, and lots of food! In the morning we'll have a good breakfast before heading out to Wesley UMC to help serve and sing for the homeless and hungry. Sign up for this awesome event by January 18<sup>th</sup> online or on Rachael's office door!

**Sweethearts' Dinner 2012 | Saturday February 11 | All Ages**

Help us put on this amazing event for our church family – save the date now! There will be many jobs including decorating, entertainment, cooking and serving. We'll need you to help make it a great success! Watch the website in January for more details.

**Ash Wednesday Youth Worship at NHUMC | 6:30am | All Ages**

The tradition of youth worshipping together on Ash Wednesday before school continues this year at NHUMC, where we will host several Bloomington churches and youth from around the suburbs. Would you like to help with the service? Let me know!

**TEC Retreat at NHUMC | February 24-26 | Grades 9-12**

Details are still in the works for this retreat, but you won't want to miss it. Teens Encounter Christ is a life-changing retreat experience that you will remember and talk about for your entire life. Chat with NHUMC young adults Ellen Schaffran, David Schaffran, and Eric Ryan about their TEC weekends. To sign up, for now, complete the enclosed form. As more information is available we'll get it to you! Cost to NHUMC youth will be \$30 to be paid in February.

**CAMP SUNDAY | Sunday March 4 | 5:30pm | All Ages**

This is one of our most popular nights of the year at church! Come for singing camp songs, a free meal, giveaways and camp scholarships! Make sure that you get registered for a summer camping experience in 2012!

**All Church Game Night | Saturday March 17 | 5:30pm | All Ages**

Bring yourself, a friend, your family, a potluck dish to share, and a favorite board or card game to play. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm, followed by games in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome!

**NHUMC Easter Party | Saturday April 24 | 1:00pm**

Have a blast volunteering to help with treats, crafts, or games at our children's Easter party! It's great fun for all ages!

**Worship at the Well | Sunday April 15 | 4:30 – 7:30pm | All Ages**

Join our group as we travel to Roseville to a unique worship service with music from the band Boiling Point (from UMYs and JUMYs). We'll worship and eat and then return home together. Adults are welcome to come along! Sign up online or Rachael's door!

**NOTE that after our regular Midweek activities end, we'll continue having youth group events on many Wednesdays leading up to camp! More information about summer events will come to you in the spring, but for now, save the dates and get excited!**