

News From The Pump – Filling Station Youth Ministry

November/December Edition



Alma First Church of God (200 W Superior St. Alma, MI 48801)

For all current 7th-12th grade students

Sunday Nights @ the Filling Station

For 7th through 12th grade students. Worship together, connect, discuss important topics, and of course, eat, hang out and have fun! Students meet every Sunday Night during the school year from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

No Sunday Night Youth on the Following Holidays:

November 27th - Thanksgiving Weekend; December 25th - Christmas; January 1st - New Year's Day

Sunday Morning Christian Education

Students will meet every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45am at the Filling Station for Christian Education

Little Caesar's Fundraiser Nov. 17th

Orders DUE Nov. 13th ; Delivery

Want to begin saving for youth events? Each student has a youth account that can help pay for winter retreats, youth trips, and even Toronto 2017! Fundraiser is already happening so call Pastor Ben (contact info below) ASAP if you need a seller form. All forms will be due Sunday, Nov. 13th with pickup at the Filling Station on the 17th, 6:30pm-8pm.

Servant Leadership Experience - Toronto 2017 9th-15th, 2017 Deposit DUE Sunday, November 6th

July

For all incoming 9th-12th grade students in 2017 and current seniors: If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ben for a full information packet explaining the trip. **NOTE: A non-refundable deposit of \$125** (total cost \$550) is due November 6th to reserve your spot for next summer (15 spots available for students). If cost is the only barrier to joining please contact Pastor Ben for fundraising and scholarship options.

Make a Difference Day (Lunch provided)

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9am-Noon

Join us as go out in large groups to help residents with raking, gutters and more! Call or signup at His Place to volunteer to help or if you need help. We will meet at The Filling Station, across the street from His Place at 9am. Bring your rakes and yard tools if you have them!!

Community Night @ RezLife extended time)

Sunday, November 20th (note

On this night we'll be going out to Resurrection Life Church (714 S Main St, St Louis, MI 48880) for a combined night with other area youth ministries. Students are welcome to drive straight to the event with

parent permission. We'll also provide rides for students from the Filling Station: Departing @ 5:15pm and Returning by 8:45pm for pickups. Parents may pick up at RezLife at 8:30pm, but please let Pastor Ben know so all are accounted for.

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Youth Christmas Party/Dinner December 4th

Sunday,

Join us for a great night as our Mystery Dinner returns! You'll be able to read the Christmas-coded menu, but will you get the food you wanted for each course?

Christmas Caroling Place

Sunday, December 11th @ His

Dress warm and bring a friend as we spread out into Gratiot County to warm the hearts of families from our church through singing and delivering cookies. Then return and warm up with snacks and hot chocolate!

Sled Night!

Sunday,

December 18th

Look for upcoming youth announcements for details to our last Sunday night of 2016. If there is no snow, we'll have a fun plan B. Stay tuned!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Winter Retreats

One of our students' favorite events of the year is winter retreat. Be looking very soon for sign-ups on the youth bulletin board and on Sunday nights!

Jr. High Winter Retreat

January 6-8, 2017 @ Cran-Hill Ranch, Rodney, MI - Cost: \$95
Deposit Deadline (\$50): DUE Sunday, November 20th

Sr. High Winter Retreat

February 10-12, 2017 @ Warner Camp, Grand Junction, MI - Cost: \$60
Deposit Deadline (\$30): DUE Sunday, January 15th

Youth Winter Kickoff - RETURN OF THE YETI

Sunday, January 8th -

5:30-8:00pm*

"Do you have what it takes to catch the ultimate YETI? Invading Alma with some of his friends on January 8th!"

Join us as we welcome back our youth from Christmas break. All students are encouraged to invite friends and to DRESS WARM (no snowpants needed)- much of this event will be outdoors!!!

*Parents: If you would like to help out with snacks/hot chocolate on this night or other nights during the new year, please contact Ginger Greenwood (gingergreenwood79@gmail.com).

Medical Form for Youth Events/Trips

MUST HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN RETREATS AND EVENTS IN 2016-2017

Please be sure to pick up/complete the Medical Release Form for your son/daughter which will allow them to attend all youth events and trips for September 2016-August 2017. The sooner the

better as events are already underway! You can pick up a medical release form directly inside the main doors of the Filling Station to your left, or on the youth website (copy/paste) -

<http://almacog.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Medical-Release-Form1-1.pdf>

Staying Connected - Resources for Parents

Email the church at firstcog@gmail.com and ask to be added to the “Weekly E-Prompter” mailing list OR

Check out the youth website: <http://almacog.org/connect/student-ministries> (here, you can get youth news, sign-ups and downloadable forms.) Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27558984218/>

Contact Pastor Ben: fillingstation@almacog.org OR Call the Church:989-463-3730