

# News From The Pump – Filling Station Youth Ministry

## *Fall Edition*



Alma First Church of God (200 W Superior St. Alma, MI 48801)  
For all current 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

### **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome – Game Night @ Kreider House**

**Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Who: All incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents ☺

Where: 637 N Pine River St, Ithaca (Ben and Teri's new address)

When: Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm

What: A time to welcome our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, their families, and play some fun games together.

### **Youth Kick-Off – Bonfire Night @ Bartniks**

**Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Who: All incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

What: Reconnect and Meet New Friends, with a Bonfire and Yard Games.

Our Autumn Food Options - Hotdogs and Smores, Cider and Donuts

When: 5:30-8:30pm\*

Where: 424 Gale Court, Ithaca (The Bartniks House)

Bring: Just yourself (and friends) - be sure to dress for being outside!

\*Parents/Rides: Parents, feel free to bring your students to and from Bartniks

Night ends at **8:30pm** (one hour longer than normal time). Please make sure your ride picks you up at the Bartnik's house. If you need a ride to and from the event, or park at the Filling Station, there will be a church van shuttle leaving the Filling Station Parking Lot at 5:15pm sharp and returning at 8:45pm.

### **Sunday Nights @ the Filling Station begins Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>!**

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.

### **Sunday Morning Christian Education – Begins Sept. 10th**

Students will meet every Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15am at the Filling Station for Christian Education.

**NEW FOR 2017:** Our fall class will be intergenerational, so parents are also invited!

Join us for coffee at His Place prior to class at 8:45am each week.

Sunday Morning Teachers:

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Alan Quackenbush, Laura Karr

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Will Luetkemeier

Adults and Parents – Ben Kreider

## Butter Braids Fundraiser

**Fundraiser: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Delivery on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Want to begin saving for youth events? Each student has a youth account that can help pay for winter retreats, youth trips, and even IYC Indy! Fundraiser begins Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. All forms will be due Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> with delivery scheduled on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (Time – TBA).

## International Youth Convention (IYC)

**INFORMATION MEETING – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

For all incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in 2018: If you are interested in our youth convention and mission experience to Indianapolis, IN next summer (2018), please plan on attending this 15 minute informational meeting. We will discuss the vision of this trip, important dates, ways you can raise support, and answer any questions that you may have. Please **meet in the West Room of the Church Sanctuary following the 10:30am Worship Service.**

## Student Leadership

**Ongoing (Contact Pastor Ben!)**

Want to get involved in using discovering your gifts and using them to make a difference? Here are some opportunities to get you started!

### **MSLI – Michigan Student Leadership Institute (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) Lansing, MI**

Join students from around the state of Michigan for a full weekend of discipleship training and fun. Discover your spiritual gifts as well as how to live for Jesus in every arena of your life.

**Serve** - Want to get more involved doing something you love on Sunday mornings or evenings? Whether it's greeting, writing notes, music, skits, tech booth, or welcoming new students, let your small group leader know and look for sign-ups this fall.

## Medical Form for Youth Events/Trips\*

### **MUST HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN RETREATS AND EVENTS IN 2017-2018**

\*New forms required each calendar year. 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 2017-August 2018. 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 – <http://almacog.org/connect/student-ministries>

## Staying Connected – Resources for Parents

Email the church at [firstcog@gmail.com](mailto: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.)

**Want up-to-date youth info and news?** Here are some options:

Join the Filling Station Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/27558984218/>

Email Pastor Ben at: [fillingstation@almacog.org](mailto:fillingstation@almacog.org) OR

Call Pastor Ben at the church: 989-463-3730

## Parents: Snacks for Students

A huge way we bless students each year is by signing up to provide snacks for Sunday nights.

**Our goal:** To have enough volunteers so that each family would provides snacks only once per semester.

Please contact **Ginger Greenwood (989-763-3825)** if you are interested in participating or fill out and return the enclosed card and return to the church office. Thank you for loving our students!

## WANTED: Pool Table

Do you or someone you know have a pool table or other table games they would like to donate to the Filling Station? Our beloved pool table is in very poor condition and we are hoping to replace it this year for our students. Please let Pastor Ben know if you are aware of any available items. Thank you!