

# Covenant Student Ministries 2018-2019

Welcome to CSM

Bringing students and adult leaders into covenant with God who become disciples of Jesus Christ and serve in love.



## Sunday Morning Small Groups

**9:45**

6-8 Grade Room 204

9-12 Grade Room 203

**11:00**

6-12 Grade Room 6 (downstairs)

## Sunday Night Ministry

Middle School 5 p.m.

Snack Supper 6 p.m. (\$5)

Senior High 6:30-7:45

## Major Events

Sep	<b>23</b>	Block Party		
Oct	<b>28</b>	Trunk or Treat		
Nov	<b>10</b>	Holiday Market		
Dec	<b>9</b>	HS Progressive Dinner,	<b>16</b>	MS Progressive Dinner
Jan	<b>16</b>	Confirmation Begins		
Feb	<b>1-3</b>	Winter Retreat		
Mar	<b>29-31</b>	Confirmation Retreat		
Apr	<b>13</b>	Family Fun Day		
May	<b>5</b>	Confirmation Sunday		
Jun	<b>2</b>	Graduate Sunday,	<b>23-29</b>	Middle School Mission
Jul	<b>7-13</b>	High School Mission,	<b>25-28</b>	Faith Friends Camp
Sep	<b>8-9</b>	End of Summer HS Retreat		

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## Daily Devotions

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# EVENT REGISTRATION

Event Registration is all online now!

All of our CSM events, such as missions and retreats will be registered online. Here's the process:

1. For each event, a link will be emailed, posted on the website, or sent via Remind that will take you to a registration form created on Wufoo (like survey monkey). The form is basic (name, address, email and telephone) but necessary because it allows us to update contact info that might change and our staff accountant uses it to generate an invoice for each participant.
2. At the bottom of each wufoo registration form, there will be a link that will take you to a third party website with the church's logo. There you'll be instructed to create a username and password for all registration payments. The site will not accept credit cards, but will accept debit card payments. If you prefer, you can write a check and place it in the black payment box outside Kirk's office.
3. There is also a fillable .pdf form that is a medical release/permission/code of conduct for all events off the church property. It is required for all events. Once that form has been submitted, it will be kept on file for a year. At the beginning of next year (where applicable), it will be emailed back to you so that you can make any necessary revisions. This will save us from having to complete a new form each year. It will also allow us to keep all the forms in one location for easy access.
4. Covenant Student Ministry is the first group in the church to use electronic payment for registrations (but we've been looking into it for years). Because we are the first, we ask some grace as we work some of the bugs out of the system. The Senior High Fall retreat was the first event that used it and for the most part it went smoothly. Soon, this will be used in other ministry areas of the church as well.



## **Sunday Night Snack Suppers**

Each Sunday night that we meet upstairs, we provide a snack supper for all. The cost is \$5. The food comes from local restaurants on a rotating basis. We ask parents to take turns helping by 1) Signing up with another parent for 2 Sundays. 2) Going to the restaurant and picking up the meal. 3) Providing a dessert and drinks for the meal. 4) Serving and cleaning up the kitchen after the meal.

Sign ups are done through Sign-up genius and a link will be sent this week.

Here are the dates:

September	16
October	7, 14, 21
November	4, 11, 18
December	2
January	6, 13, 27
February	10, 17
March	3, 10, 17, 24
April	7, 14
May	5, 19

### **Progressive Dinners in December**

We are also looking for families to team together to host the Progressive dinners. There is a main course and a dessert.

The HS dinner is December 9, and the MS dinner is December 16

Please let Pastor Kirk know if you can do this .

## COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES RETREATS AND MISSIONS 2018-19

Greetings friends,

This is an addition to the yearly calendar that was approved in May. For the calendar, other events may be added as opportunities arise. Budgets and a cost for each major event have not yet been completed, but will be so by the end of September.

This list was prepared to offer important events that provide opportunities for service and spiritual growth. Because of the large number of students represented in our church's ministry, there are many events planned. The intention is for each family to decide what is best for them and their child's spiritual growth. For planning purposes next summer, I recommend that each HS student participate in the Faith Friends Camp, and that all students participate in the summer mission for their age group, and at least one retreat. If the cost of these events is prohibitive for your family, please contact me. Every participant must complete a medical release/covenant of conduct (online) form and provide a copy of insurance card.

To pay for events, CSM has established a Fundraising Scholarship for those that participate in the various fundraisers to offset the cost of events. Please note that there are 3 important criteria that must be met:

\*Applicants must be an active participant of Covenant Church United Methodist.

\*Application is due by December 15 of each year

\*Applicants must have participated in at least 2 fundraisers during the current year.

Thanks, Pastor Kirk

### **RETREATS**

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL**

Winter Retreat – A winter retreat is offered to each of the age groups for fun and spiritual growth. The dates are February 1-3.

Wilderness Trail Summer Hike (Date TBD; 45 miles) – Open to all students who completed 6-12 grades. Wilderness Trail is a hiking ministry based in Konnarock, VA. Hikes allow groups to work together and for individuals to be challenged to accomplish a goal as part of a team. Each hiker needs a lightweight sleeping bag and boots. All other major gear is provided.

### **COVENANT STUDENT MISSIONS**

Faith Friends Camp- FF is a camp originated with Covenant and offered to elementary aged children who otherwise would not be able to attend camp. Counselors are HS and college students. There is no charge to serve on staff. I recommend every HS student participate in this life-changing camp. FF is July 25-28

Middle School Mission– (June 23-29) Open to all students that have completed 6-8 grades. Tekoa Foothills is a United Methodist Camp located SW of Hickory, NC. We will be working on home repair for local residents.

Senior High Mission – (July 7-13) Open to all students that have completed 9-12 grades. Group Missions organizes week long missions and we will be working in construction to help put PR back together as best we can.

**Note: Summer Missions are an outgrowth of being a part of the body of Christ. It is expected that mission participants will also participate in a small group of CSM.**

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## **CSM CALENDAR 2018-19**

Aug 22 Small Group Leader Meeting  
Aug 26 Promotion Sunday (August 27 GCS first day of school)

Sep 8-9 HS end of summer retreat

Sep 9 Sunday Night Youth Group (First youth group of the year!)  
(Group to Plan the activity)  
MS parents meet under the picnic shelter at 5.  
HS parents meet under the picnic shelter at 6:30.

Sep 16 SALT - Sunday Night Youth Group

Sep 19 Small Group Leader Meeting

Sep 23 BLOCK PARTY

**Sep 30 Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Oct 7 Sunday Night Youth Group

Oct 14 Sunday Night Youth Group

Oct 21 Sunday Night Youth Group

Oct 28 Trunk or Treat (No Youth Group)

**Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Nov 4 SALT - Sunday Night Youth Group

Nov 10 Holiday Market

Nov 11 Sunday Night Youth Group

Nov 14 Small Group Leader Meeting

Nov 18 Sunday Night Youth Group

Nov 25 Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner (No Youth Group)

Dec 2 Sunday Night Youth Group

Dec 9 MS Progressive Dinner

**HS Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Dec 16 HS Progressive Dinner (Need Host Family)

**MS Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Dec 23 No Youth Group

Dec 30 No Youth Group

Jan 6 SALT - Sunday Night Youth Group

Jan 13 Confirmation Begins - Sunday Night Youth Group

Jan 16 Small Group Leader Meeting

**Jan 20 Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Jan 27 Sunday Night Youth Group

Feb 1-3 MS/HS Winter Retreat

Feb 3 **Superbowl Sunday** (No Sunday Night Youth Group)

Feb 10 Sunday Night Youth Group

Feb 9 or 16? Valentine's Parents Night Out

Feb 17 Sunday Night Youth Group

**Feb 24 Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Mar 3 Sunday Night Youth Group  
Mar 10 SALT - Sunday Night Youth Group  
Mar 17 Sunday Night Youth Group  
Mar 20 Small Group Leader Meeting  
Mar 24 Sunday Night Youth Group  
Mar 29-31 Confirmation Retreat  
**Mar 31 Small Group Night (groups choose activity)**

Apr 5-7 Confirmation Retreat  
Apr 7 Sunday Night Youth Group  
Apr 13 Family Fun Day  
Apr 14 Sunday Night Youth Group  
Apr 21 Easter  
**Apr 28 Small Group Night (Groups choose activity)**

May 5 Confirmation Sunday - Sunday Night Youth Group  
May 12 Mother's Day (No Sunday Night Youth Group)  
May 15 Small Group Leader Meeting  
May 19 End of Year Activity

Jun 2 Graduate Sunday  
Jun 23-29 MS Summer Mission – Tekoa Foothills Workcamp – Casar, NC  
July 7-13 HS Summer Mission – Group Mission Camp – Cayey, Puerto Rico  
Jul 25-28 Faith Friends Camp

Sep 8-9 HS End of Summer Retreat – Cost TBD

# (This is a sample to show what the scholarship application will look like)

COVENANT STUDENT MINISTRIES  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR MISSION AND RETREAT FEES 2019  
APPLICATION FORM

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NAME: (first, last) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

ZIP

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

LISTED BELOW ARE THE EVENTS FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. CIRCLE THE EVENTS FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING AND INDICATE THE AMOUNT REQUESTED.

<u>2019 EVENTS</u>	<u>COST OF EVENT</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Middle School Mission	\$TBD	\$ _____
SR HI Summer Mission	\$TBD	\$ _____
Winter Retreat	\$TBD	\$ _____
Summer Backpacking	\$TBD	\$ _____
SR HI Summer Retreat	\$TBD	\$ _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Each person who participates in the 2 fundraisers we sponsor is eligible to apply for funds to be used for retreats and missions.

To complete this form, each family will enter an exact amount (be specific) they think will be needed for their child to participate (if a family has more than one child, a separate form is needed for each applicant).

Everyone who applies will receive something. The amount each person receives is dependent how much is requested overall, and the funds on hand for dispersal.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY  
DECEMBER 20**

CSM SCHOLARSHIP FOR MISSION AND RETREAT FEES 2018  
APPLICATION FORM (Please do not include your name on this page)

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DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF COVENANT CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF COVENANT CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_

LIST WAYS, (OTHER THAN FUNDRAISERS), THAT YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF COVENANT CHURCH.

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PLEASE LIST ALL FUNDRAISERS THAT YOU (OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY) HAVE HELPED WITH IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS. PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ROLE IN EACH (minimum of 2 required).

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PERSONAL NOTES FROM THE APPLICANT DESCRIBING WHAT THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE FROM PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS IS ENCOURAGED.

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**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY**  
**DECEMBER 20**

**CSM SCHOLARSHIP FOR RETREATS AND MISSIONS 2018**  
**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 20**

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

- \*Applicant must be an active participant of Covenant Church United Methodist.
- \* The application must be completed by the student alone.
- \*The award committee strives to show no bias in awarding amounts to applicants. The applications will be evaluated anonymously.
- \* Personal notes from applicants describing need and benefit from participating in retreats and missions are encouraged.
- \* Application is due by December 20 of each year.
- \*Applicants must participate in at least 2 fundraisers during the current year.
- \*Parents (or family members) can work in the place of a participant when necessary.
- \*Special fundraisers may be held to benefit one particular event, (for example, Senior High Summer Mission) and used to reduce the cost of the retreat or mission, which benefits all participants.
- \* All funds available for distribution will be collected from January 1 through December 31.
- \* Scholarships are awarded by third Sunday of January of the following year.
- \*The amount to be available for distribution will be determined by the Student-Adult Leadership Team at its first scheduled meeting for the calendar year.
- \*The value of the Covenant Student Ministries Scholarship fund will vary depending on the amount available in the fund each year. An attempt will be made to make the scholarship amount equal to the need of each applicant. A financial contribution to all eligible applicants is the goal of the scholarship fund. The number of applicants will affect the amount of each award. Scholarship awards apply only to youth mission trips and retreats. No awards will be made payable directly to the recipient.
- \*These awards will be confidential and will not be shared publically.