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Children's Ministry Edition



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Generation Next

*Tell it to your children,
and let your children tell it
to their children,
and their children to the next generation.*
Joel 1:3



Children and youth are an important part of our church. They are not just the future, they are very much the present. We are blessed with wonderful families and a lot of children, but currently not much space. We have awesome preschool rooms, perfect for our little ones, but way too small for our elementary children, let alone our Zone 56ers and youth.

That's why we are doing our Generation Next capital campaign for a children's and youth building. We need a large space for our children to be able to run and play in - a place we can hold our birthday party for Jesus, our Purim celebration, Children's Seder and other special events. This room could be used for Sunday School openings and special services as well as a dinner space for Zone 56 and the youth. We need classrooms suitable for Kindergarten - 4th grade rotation Sunday School - a drama room with a stage, a games room big enough to play games in, rooms for puppets, art, science, movie, etc. and real on site storage! Zone 56 needs a place large enough to meet together, yet be divided into boys and girls for small group discussions. Nathan and I envision an outdoor pavilion which would be used by not only on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, but by VBS, our preschool and for other church activities.

In Sunday School and Zone 56 our children have received boxes to collect their contributions to the new building. They are to bring their boxes back on **Sunday, April 25th** which is Commitment Sunday. We are not asking the children to solicit money, but rather to contribute something of their own so they will know that they personally helped make our children's and youth building possible. Thank you for your help and support in making this dream a reality.

Blessings,
Ms. Liz
Director of Children's Ministries

Swing Time:

*Stop the Clock on Duchenne
Muscular Dystrophy*

**Sunday, May 23
6:30—8:30 pm**

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, currently a fatal genetic disorder, affects two boys in our Children's Ministry.



Come dine and dance with us as we enjoy the swinging sounds of the award-

winning Argyle High School Jazz Band, and get ready for an exciting raffle and auction, all benefitting Duchenne awareness and education. Research for this degenerative disease costs \$85 per minute. Our goal is to raise enough money for 5 days of research, which is critically needed to halt this devastating disease.

Tickets go on sale April 25.

Adults—\$25
Seniors and Students—\$20
Family Ticket - \$60
(two adults and unlimited children age 12 and under)

Please contact Lauren Anders for more information at lauren@argyleumc.org.

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Kids
 We're on a mission!

Wednesday, April 7
6-7 pm

MP Agents will be helping Haiti this month! The kids will make "busy bags" filled with fun activities and a big dose of love for children in Haitian orphanages. While assembling the bags, children will spend time learning about the orphanages and challenges kids in Haiti face. All kids in grades 1-4 are invited to join MP Kids change the world! For more information contact Beth Ward at 940-725-0291 or cbem@verizon.net.

What's Happening at AUMC



Zone 56 Sunday

Zone 56 students will help lead the 11:15 am worship service **Sunday, April 25**, and celebrate after with a family picnic and lots of fun games. Zone 56 is a ministry for 5th and 6th graders that meets Sunday mornings at 10 am and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm. Parents, please contact Liz Edwards at 940-464-1333 or liz@argyleumc.org to sign up as a Zone 56 helper. **Get in the ZONE!**



Mark Your Calendars!!

Important dates for VBS 2010:

Planning Meetings:

Thursday, April 29—7pm

Monday, June 7—7pm

Trainings:

Thursday, June 10—7pm

Sunday, June 13—12:30 pm

Summer Camp



The Methodist Church offers several great summer camps for kids completing grades 3-5. The camps are at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center. Camps offered

this year are: **July 17-21; July 22-26; July 27-31, and August 9-13.** There is a children's music camp **June 8-12** and a special needs camp for children ages 9-14, **June 8-12.** Visit www.bridgeportcamp.com.

VBS 2010
Galactic Blast
A Cosmic Adventure
Praising God!



Be prepared to blast off **June 21-25** for our out-of- this-world 2010 Vacation Bible School! Through

daily missions, our space cadets will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun is all about helping our cadets connect with our awesome God. Mark your calendars as we count down to this important ministry for our church and community!

Take one small step for VBS and one giant leap for our children's ministry by joining us in planning or giving your time in June. Contact lauren@argyleumc.org for more info!

April Sunday School Rotation Schedule

	K	1st and 2nd	3rd	4th
April 11	Movie	Bible Story	Drama	Computer
April 18	Bible Story	Movie	Computer	Drama
April 25	Drama	Computer	Movie	Bible Story

Teachers: Older 2's and 3's Rm. 103, Kelly Perritt, Kelly Hawkins & Carly Hawk. Pre-K , Rm 104, Cyne Hindman & Jennifer West. Rotation shepherds: Kindergarten, Kristy Johnston; 1st grade, Dona & Bill Perkins; 2nd grade, Jo Ellen Bergstrom; 3rd grade, Kathy Wright & Tammra Allison; 4th grade, Tracey Portz & Chris Funck. Movie: Darren & Stacie Schnabel, David & Jennifer Bullock, Steve & Shannan Christo, Roger & Sue Santone; Computer, Steve & Mary Betzhold, George & Kelly Dunham, Drama, Harold & Dana Ratcliff, Jeff Bergstrom; Story, Mark Robison, Sandy & Kevin Gilster. Cooking, Jennifer Lillis & Cheryl Lavelle; Zone 56, Portable 6, Tom & Pam Keenan, Julie Sheridan, portable 6.



What's Playing at the Movies

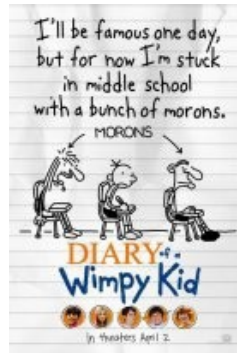
Movie: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Genre: Live-action/animated comedy

Rating: PG (for some rude humor and language)

Synopsis: This film is based on the first book of Jeff Kinney's popular "novel-in-cartoon" fiction series. It features the adventures of Greg, an awkward kid trying to survive middle school. Greg faces teasing from bullies and embarrassment from his friends and parents. One character calls middle school an "intellectual wasteland."

Discussion Questions: For you, what are the funnest and toughest parts of school, and why? Where do you fit in as part of your school's social scene? What makes you feel either wimpy or strong? Read aloud Ephesians 6:10. How does God give you strength to face each day?



What Music Is Releasing

Artist: Pocket Full of Rocks

Album: *More Than Noise*

Artist Info: This band has been creating praise music together for 16 years. They got their start by leading worship at their Texas church and got their big break when Michael W. Smith used their song "Let It Rain" on his 2001 album.

Summary: *More Than Noise* has a more aggressive sound than the band's previous two albums. "Alive," the first single, is already climbing the Christian radio charts. In it, the band sings: "Every day I find your mercy new. And every moment that I spend with you, I am over-whelmed by grace I can't keep to myself."

Discussion Questions: How does having a relationship with God make you feel? What's the most amazing part of being a Christian? Read aloud 1 Corinthians 9:16. Why is it hard to keep God's good news to yourself? How often do you share your faith with others, and why?



What Games Are Out

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>The Daring Game for Girls</i>	To earn gear, players face challenges ranging from freeze tag and jump rope to spy games and cave exploring.	E; Wii, Nintendo DS
<i>Touchmaster 3</i>	Twenty new games include card games, puzzles, word games, and strategy contests. Involves some poker-related strategy.	E; Nintendo DS
<i>Supreme Commander 2</i>	In this real-time war-strategy game, players customize armies and machines for battle. Contains cartoon violence.	E10; Xbox 360, PC

RATINGS: EC=Early Childhood, E=Everyone (ages 6+),E10+(ages 10+),T=Teen(ages 13+)



What's happening right now that may affect your children and family:

- New "social mapping" apps such as Loopt, four-square, and Gowalla track users' movements and alert them to others' whereabouts. Safety experts warn that these apps aren't for kids.
- More kid-friendly electronic devices are on toy shelves, including digital scrapbooking kits, e-reading devices, and toddler-themed remote control items.



Quick Stats

- 30% of preteens say they often worry about their family's financial difficulties. (USA Today)
- Parents who are devoted to volunteerism and attend weekly worship with their children are correlated with having teens who are 40% less likely to be sexually active compared to the national average.

(Institute of Marriage & Family Canada)

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service 7:00 PM	Family Easter Service and Egg Hunt 7:00 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday Services 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM No SS or CC			MP Kids 6:00—7:00 PM Zone 56 6:30—8:00 PM			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SS 10:00 AM CC 11:15 AM Trip & Sarah Bruce			Reunion Dinner 7:00 PM UNT Gateway Center Childcare provided at the church by RSVP for ages infant-6th grade.			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SS 10:00 AM CC 11:15 AM Mike & Alyson Livingston	-		KM2 5:00—5:45 PM Portable #2 Zone 56 6:30—8:00 PM Portable #6			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
SS 10:00 AM CC 11:15 AM Kip and Jana McAlister Zone56 Sunday and Family Picnic 11:15am Commitment Sunday, Donation Boxes Due.			KM2 5:00—5:45 PM Portable #2 Zone 56 6:30—8:00 PM Portable #6	VBS Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Portable #3		

SS= Sunday School

CC= Children's Church: Children's Ministry after the children's sermon for children 4 years to 2nd grade

KM2: Music ministry for 1st thru 4th graders

Zone 56: Ministry for 5th and 6th graders