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Newsletter Notes



Are you seeking motivation in your life? Do you feel like you're lacking spirit? Are you having a rough time connecting with your child? Try adding music to your daily list of priorities. Listening and dancing to, singing with, or discussing music can all be quite therapeutic in our crazy world. Music can speak to us when we are having trouble hearing all else.

Have you noticed the Cool Lyrics Corner on the back of the newsletter? Each month a contemporary Christian song has been highlighted. Its purpose is to share some awesome songs you may not be aware of. They are really uplifting and inspirational without being preachy. These are songs you and your children will enjoy listening to together. For those who are new to the Christian music genre, you may want to check out the radio station 88.1 Way FM. The DJ's are entertaining without being crude, and the music is enjoyable for all. Sometimes you'll even hear familiar songs that you didn't know were a part of the Christian category.

Music moves the soul. It is a great way to bring the generations together, and it opens up opportunities for awesome discussions with your kids. If you haven't checked out Christian music, I encourage you to try it and you'll be amazed at how cool it really is! Check out the songs suggested each month, and connect with your kids. It's a win-win situation!

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Tweens Twilight Egg Hunt ROCKED!

An amazing time was had by all who attended our 1st Annual Twilight Egg Hunt!

We had a record 24 kids attend the TWEENS event! From the egg toss, bunny hop, egg & spoon race, to the actual egg hunt, there was laughter and cheering heard all around. Thanks to all who participated.

This is sure to become a yearly tradition!

Save the Date!

- 4/1 Maundy Thursday
- 4/2 Good Friday
- 4/4 Easter Sunday
- 4/10 JDRF Walk
- 4/11 Friendship Sunday

Happy Easter! Rejoice! He has Risen!



Children's Easter Party

Thanks to everyone who donated items and/or their time for our Children's Easter Party. What a great success it was! The children had a wonderful time running, bouncing, decorating, and visiting. I bet they slept well that night!

We want to give a special thank you to the UMM for their help with setting up and running the bounce house. Thanks so much to Peytyn Tobin and the youth for all of their hard work at the party. They arrived early and stayed late to make sure every child would have a great time. Not sure who had more fun...the children or the youth? Finally, an "egg-stra" special thanks to Mr. Norv for boiling all 180 eggs we had on hand for dyeing. You truly are one-of-a-kind!



A great time was had by all, and we look forward to doing it again next year! Hope to see you there!

Sunday School This 'n That



Friendship Sunday is Coming!

Save the date on April 11th and be sure to bring a friend to Sunday school. While friends are welcome any week, we have set aside the sixth week of each quarter specifically to encourage our kids to practice outreach. Remember, whenever a friend is brought to Sunday school, double attendance points are awarded. So what are you waiting for? Get on the phone and make some calls... Friendship Sunday will be here before you know it!

Our Sunday School Teachers are the BEST!



With May quickly approaching, so too is Teacher Appreciation Week. TAW is May 3-7. We will be recognizing our teachers on Sunday, May 9 for all of their hard work, love, and dedication to our children. We have 18 teachers and teacher assistants who volunteer every month. I encourage you and your child to take a moment to write a thank you note to let him/her know just how much you appreciate all that they do. They are volunteers, so they are very giving of their time, but often they also give of

their money to purchase items for the kids. They would certainly appreciate a note of encouragement to let them know their hard work is valued.

Thank you for the honor of allowing us to help mold your child into a child of God. It is by far a most rewarding responsibility, and we don't take it lightly!

Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir is going on hiatus for the remainder of the school year. It will resume again in the fall. Thanks to all who joined their voices together. We look forward to hearing you again next school year!

Promotions!

The following Sunday school students are hereby promoted from the rank of Enlistee to **Private**. Congratulations to each of you!

Cody C.
Morgan H.
Evan S.



We are also pleased to announce the children promoted to **Sergeant**! Awesome!

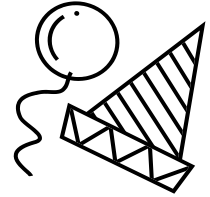
Savannah H. Sydney H.

**We're in the Lord's Army,
yes sir!**

Happy Birthday!

April

Devon
Connor
Taylor P.
Alex



Cool Lyrics Corner

Don't let your lights go down
Don't let your fire burn out
'Cause somewhere, somebody
needs a reason to believe
Why don't you rise up now?
Don't be afraid to stand out
That's how the lost get found
The lost get found ...

So when you get the chance
Are you gonna take it?
There's a really big world at your
fingertips
And you know you have the chance
to change it



-Britt Nicole
The Lost Get Found

Tween Time!

Calling all Tween Team members! Also known as "T-squared," we will be participating in the Ft. Lauderdale JDRF Walk for the Cure on Saturday, April 10th. Check-in for the event begins at 7:30 am, and the walk starts at 9:00 am. This year it is located in Lauderhill at Central Broward Regional Park. Due to this, we will be meeting at the church prior to the event so we may all ride together on the church bus. Please arrive at the church no later than 6:45 am so we may have plenty of time to get ourselves signed in. After the walk, we will stay to participate in the family fun activities including bounce houses, ice cream, and live music. Tweens are asked to wear their shirts. If you have not paid your \$2.00, you can give it to Ms. Kim. Also, due to the nature of this event and how crowded it may be, a parent will need to accompany their child to ensure we have proper supervision. We want to keep our kids safe!

While this is a fun event, it is also a missions activity as well. There is no registration fee to participate in the walk, but we are asking that each participant raise a minimum of \$10 to be donated the day of the walk. This money will be used toward research to find a cure for juvenile diabetes. So many children are affected by this disease which changes the lives of the child and his/her family drastically. It could happen to any of our children. We want to raise awareness as well as monies so that one day no child will have to suffer. For more information on the walk or JDRF, please check out their website at www.JDRF.org. **Please rsvp to this event by Thursday April 8** so we know how many children to expect. RSVP to Kim.Vadnais@NewHorizonUMC.com. We hope to see you at this fun, worthwhile event!

