



FROM THE

YOUTH LEADER

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AT HLUMC

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Youth Fellowship (Y.F.) and Sunday School will resume on September 11th (Rally Day)

Wednesday — Eric's Day Off

Thursday, 6:00 PM — **AltarNation Practice*****
(will return to 7 PM starting in September)

"Youth matter to us!"

www.youth.hlumc.com

New Church Picture Directory

Please submit military personnel pictures and church activity pictures to Eric for our new directory by August 7th. Once the directory is finalized, Karen Sessions will be printing out a new poster for our church.

It's not to late to go to

Summer Camp at Lake Louise

www.lakelouisecommunity.org

Check out these camps and more!

"Middle School" July 31-August 6

"Elementary Bears" August 7-13

Scholarships are available, and a \$50 rebate applies to every new camper and the person who invites them! Other camps are also available throughout the summer. Just ask!

Habitat Benefit Game

August 9th will be the Habitat for Humanity Championship Game. Hopefully, HLUMC will be playing, but even if not, please come out and support a good cause! (Location TBA.)

Youth Fellowship Recycles



newspapers, pop cans, ink and copier cartridges, laptops, PDA's and cell phones!

**Don't throw it away!
Your "junk" is our "treasure"!**

Dear friends,

I can sympathize with Abraham a lot right now. It must have been difficult for him to leave a good life in Ur and travel to an unknown land. He had his wife and God's promise...that was it. I find myself in a similar situation as God calls me to explore ministry outside of Houghton Lake. It's scary and exciting at

the same time.

I will make one promise to this church, one that I have tried to make from the beginning: as long as God allows me to be here, I will give my fullest to the youth ministry at HLUMC. When the time comes for my family and I to move (certainly sometime this fall), I know I will be leaving the ministry in good hands, with traditions in place and opportunities for the church to grow and change.

I remember someone saying once, "You can't hold on too tightly to anything. Ultimately, everything we have, including our very lives, belongs to God." I truly covet your prayers right now, especially for my family, as we explore what God has to offer for us.

I wonder what Abraham's wife, Sarah, thought, when he said, "God told us to move." Granted, most people were nomadic at the time, but I could imagine there was adventure and apprehension on Sarah's face at the first announcement. Maybe, after a long, childless life, she was ready for the change, or maybe she was sad to leave her family and acquaintances behind. My wife and I have both been in that position before, whether it was leaving our country, our homes, or our jobs. But one thing I have learned; God is faithful. You just don't know how faithful until you test him. Or rather, let him test you.

Thank you for all your love and patience with me. It will become even more important to our youth and our church as the next few months unfold. With great...

*Love,
Eric*

Y.F. Calendar

July 31-August 6
Middle School Camp at Lake Louise

Boyer Falls, MI

August 14

Midland Loons Baseball Game and Faith Night Concert

2:00 PM in Midland, MI

The tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance. The seats are on the lawn in near the outfield, where blankets and chairs can be set up. We will leave HLUMC at noon. Permission slips are on the web and the youth board. See Eric to RSVP.

August 22-26

Family Camp at Lake Louise

The Falkers will be attending.

September 3-5

Mackinaw Bridge Walk Retreat

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF SIX PEOPLE TO CONFIRM. We will be staying at Lake Louise on Saturday and Sunday night, and walking the bridge early on Monday morning. The cost is \$20 per person. Permission slips are on the web and posted on the youth board. See Eric to RSVP.

September 11

Rally Day

Youth Fellowship resumes!