



**Youth Ministry**  
at Houghton Lake United Methodist Church  
Vision Statement, updated October 2010

*“The Lord...is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,  
but everyone to come to repentance.” I Peter 3:9b (NIV)*

**The purpose of Youth Fellowship at HLUMC is  
to connect all youth with the life-changing grace of Jesus Christ.**

Specific Goals:

- To cultivate a joyful, safe atmosphere for Youth Fellowship that wins the trust of the youth.
- To build relationships between HLUMC laity and youth in the Houghton Lake area.
- To use biblical knowledge to allow youth to discover their God-given gifts and vocation.
- To intentionally integrate youth with the overall ministry of church, locally and globally.

Typical Activities used to accomplish our goals:

- Sunday night Youth Fellowship (YF)
- Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Youth rallies, events and concerts (such as Fields of Faith and CCYM Fall Rally)
- One winter retreat and one spring retreat or youth convention, annually
- Summer camps and scholarships
- One week-long work mission every other year
- Home visitation and volunteering in the schools (by adult youth leaders)
- Youth participation in Sunday morning worship leadership
- Other events for discipleship, fundraising, outreach, and service, as necessary

Youth Ministry Team:

A team of adults is utilized to cultivate relationships with students and model Christ to them. Under the supervision of Eric Falker (HLUMC's full-time, certified Youth Leader), the following adults meet monthly for prayer and facilitate our Sunday night YF meetings: Bill and Julie Dennison, Mike Krohn, Karen Patterson, Justin Rogers and Sue Seaford. Additionally other parents and adults assist with transportation, snacks, Sunday school, retreats, mission trips, and supervision at special events. All adults volunteering for any HLUMC youth event must first pass a background check.

Youth ministry is but one step in the process of making disciples for Christ. We are humbled and privileged to be used by God for his purposes.

The HLUMC Youth Ministry Team

Eric Falker, HLUMC Praise & Worship/Youth Leader

## 2010 Annual Report on the Youth Ministry at HLUMC

Since our last Annual Church Conference, our Youth Fellowship has successfully participated in these events: Feed My Starving Children, Winter Trails Day, Tip-Up-Town Parade, Camp Barakel Winter Retreat, Teens For Christ Concert, Easter Son-rise Service, Forgotten Man Dinner, newspaper recycling, Acquire the Fire, softball games, MORE youth rallies, Baccalaureate, Lake Louise and Kinawin summer camps, Vacation Bible School, CROP Walk, and Fields of Faith. I received my youth ministry certificate at Annual Conference and participated in a Re-Think Church training event. We have added four new people to the Youth Leader Team, and have started a new Sunday School class for young adults. God is good! We have been charged by the Ad. Council to create a new picture board for the church. We hope to have this completed by the end of the summer 2011.

Our goals for the upcoming year include:

- Develop a plan for purchasing a 12-passenger vehicle for the church.
- Have five youth for every one adult in the youth ministry. With six youth leaders, this makes our goal out to be 30 youth for every Sunday night Youth Fellowship meeting.
- Increase active membership in Sunday School.
- Re-establish JAM and FCA prayer meetings at Houghton Lake Schools.
- Send at least 12 youth to a summer camp.
- Find more ways to give our youth active leadership roles in morning worship services.
- Ensure that every youth in our ministry is prayed for.
- Successfully complete the Upper Peninsula Mission Trip (June 2011), and choose a location for the 2013 mission trip.
- Hold two discipleship weekends, one for girls, one for boys, with an eye for developing student leaders.

I ask the congregation for prayer and support to achieve these goals. The youth ministry will experience revival and God's blessing when all people, young or old, in the youth ministry or in the congregation, see themselves as an essential part of our youth ministry.

On behalf of the entire youth ministry team and YF members, I thank the congregation for the continuous outpouring of support in prayer, resources, snacks, and encouragement.

Your servant in Christ,

*Eric M. Fallick*