



Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

New Hampshire Conference - United Church of Christ

September 2014

"A Teenager's Prayer"

Each day brings new
beginnings
Decisions I must make
I am the only one to choose
The road that I will take

I can choose to take
the road of life
That leads to great success
Or travel down the
darkened road
That leads to great distress

Please open up my eyes, dear
Lord
That I might clearly see
Help me stand for
what is right
Bring out the best in me

Help, Lord, to just say "no"
When temptation
comes my way
That I might keep
my body clean
And fit for life each day

When my teenage years
are over
I know that I will see
That life is lived its very best
With you walking next to me.

Author: J. Morse

Source:
<http://www.scrapbook.com/poems/doc/7635.html>

Faith Formation at Home

Visit the
Vibrant Faith @ Home
website for more
suggestions on how to
engage your teens in faith
activities at home.

Doodle Prayers & The Cost of Fitting In

and I continue to
recommend this
activity to promote
prayerful discussion
around teen driver safety
and responsibility.

Youth Group

Are you thinking about starting up a new Youth Group at your church? Or just looking for some ideas to expand your programming. Below are a few recommended resources to support you in your ministry.

FREE On-line Resources

The Source for Youth Ministry

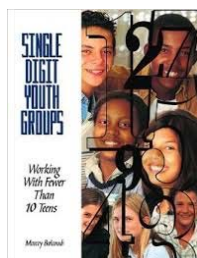
Jonathan McKee is a youth worker, speaker, author, trainer and the president of the nonprofit organization, The Source for Youth Ministry (www.TheSource4YM.com on the Web). His website offers free resources for youth workers including curriculum, activities, and ideas, as well as articles about youth culture, teenage attitudes, and trends.

EGADideas

If you work with youth, visit <http://www.egadideas.com/> for youth group games, fundraisers, sermons, illustrations, activities, resources and ideas. Each one has been tried and tested by those currently working in student ministry so you can be assured that you will only find quality, timeless, free ideas that you and your students will enjoy.

Tried-and-True / Recommended Reading

Single-Digit Youth Groups: Working with Fewer than 10 Teens Single-Digit Youth Groups: More Activities Plus Mission Ideas

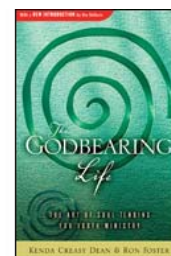


Small churches and churches with small numbers of youth will be delighted that someone has finally written just for them! Marcey Balcomb helps them discover the joys and power of a single-digit youth group and provides the practical help they need.

[Learn More >>](#)

The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry

In this book the authors, [Kenda Creasy Dean](#) and Ron Foster, offer a lively spiritual primer and practical guide for those who pastor young people. They rechart a course for youth ministry through the classical spiritual disciplines of the church. [The book](#) identifies families, congregations, and mentor relationships as the "holy ground" where young people are most likely to say "Yes!" to God.



Devotionals for Youth

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Resource Center

Visit the
[NH Conference Website](#)

Still need some ideas for
curricula for this fall?

Check out these files for
an overview of what is
available:

[Adult](#)
[Youth](#)
[Children](#)
[Multi-Age](#)

If you are using a
resource that is not
mentioned here and
would like to share that
information, please email
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"The Guide"

[Called To Educational
and Formational
Ministries: A Guide for
Local Churches,
Educators, and Youth
Workers](#)

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The Association of United
Church Educators (AUCE)
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AUCE: A membership
organization, of and
for lay and ordained, paid
and volunteer educators
and youth workers, which
provides advocacy and
support for church



OMG Devotionals for Teens and Young Adults

These devotionals may not be what you're expecting. They're not lectures. They're not mini-sermons.

They're meant to help you live your life better by connecting you with God- no matter what's on your mind or going on in your life. They can even help you pray.

[Click Here](#) to order this resource or better yet **Meet the Authors!**

Meet the authors of the UCC's Stillspeaking Daily Devotional

Stillspeaking

Quinn Caldwell
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Mary Luti
John Edgerton
Emily Heath
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writer's

Group

Monday, September 29, 2014
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Wilson Chapel
Andover Newton Theological School
210 Herrick Rd., Newton Centre, MA 02459

For more information,
call 617-964-1100 or visit www.ants.edu

Reading and Conversation
with reception
to follow

[Learn More About this Event >>](#)

Training Opportunities

Saturday, November 15, 2014

10:00 am -3:00 pm

Keynote, Worship, Workshops and Lunch with Ivy Beckwith
West Hartford, CT

CAUCE (Connecticut Association of United Church Educators) invites you to join them at the First Church of Christ Congregational in West Hartford, CT to meet with Ivy Beckwith, Team Leader, UCC Faith Formation Ministry.

Employment Opportunities

Director of Christian Education - Exeter

The Congregational Church in Exeter NH, UCC seeks a Director of Christian Education to support, develop, coordinate, and oversee educational programs to spiritually engage the children, youth, and adults of the congregation.

For more information, contact [Lisa Ann McConnell](#), Search Committee Chair or visit the church website:
<http://congregationexeter.org/job-opportunities/>

education and educators
in the United Church of
Christ.

East Parish Congregational Church - East Derry Director of Christian Education

The congregation is looking for someone to oversee the Christian Education program, which includes church school classes for nursery through 12th grade students, and to reach out to young adults and help them find a niche. A detailed job description is posted on the [UCC Ministry Opportunities website](#).

The [Classified/Help Wanted Section](#) of the NHCUC website also publishes employment opportunities throughout the Conference.

Save the Date:

NEAUCE 44th Annual Conference "From Broken Hearts to Burning Hearts"
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette, author of [Real Good Church](#)
Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod, MA
May 5-7, 2015

National Youth Event (NYE) 2016 - BELIEVE
Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort
July 26-29, 2016

[Learn More >>](#)



Believe! United Church of
Christ National Youth Event
(NYE) 2016

The Word of God

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12 (NRSV)

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