

2017-2018 UIM Year-at-a-Glance

Theme for the Whole UIM Year:

"Welcoming All God's Children"

Many people today feel unwelcome, even in welcoming of congregations because they have become separated from God and other Christians. Even the strongest Christians are finding themselves unprepared for the difficult responses and even opposition they face when they try to welcome people in Jesus' name. Those who attend will discover not only ways to welcome all people, but how to receive power from God to do so.

UIM Sunday School Series (Quarters):

"God Created and Loves All People"

Fall UIM SS Series 64



This Series helps to equip generations to welcome all people created by God and loved by Him. The beginning lessons are foundational. They share the childlike faith needed to welcome all people to Christ. The middle lessons share how God helps us welcome all people, not turn people away from Him, and not give up. The last lessons help strengthen faith to endure even danger to welcome people, listen to God, and be filled with thankfulness and praise to draw more and more people to Christ.

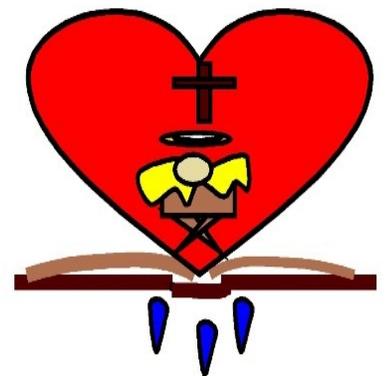
This Series is based on Ezekiel 18: 32 - "*For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live,*" and 1 Timothy 2:4 - "*[God] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" These are perfect passages to help us tell people about God's love for all people, "the knowledge of the truth," and God's sincere desire for all people to be saved. Such sharing is, after all, the purpose for which God placed us on this earth.

"A Savior Who Meets All Our Needs"

Winter UIM SS Series 65

So many people, even those who know Jesus and believe in Him do not realize all that Jesus can do for them today. Sharing how much He helps and strengthens us today can draw people to Him and, therefore, can welcome all people who are living in darkness, difficult to welcome, undeserving, have special needs, are different in culture, looks, and even in religion, etc. to Christ.

This Series is based on Philippians 4:19 - "*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*" and 1 Corinthians 10:33 - "*Just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.*" These verses can help us share how Jesus meets all of our needs and strengthens our faith to place the good of many others above our own and take time to welcome them in Jesus' name even when we don't have time, so that they may be saved.





Be Welcoming Spring UIM SS Series 66

This Series is an exercise in being welcoming through everything we say and do in our daily lives, things we never think of, things we forget to do. It is also an eye opener to the extent of things we can do, and that God's Word guides and strengthens us to do that lead and welcome others to Christ.

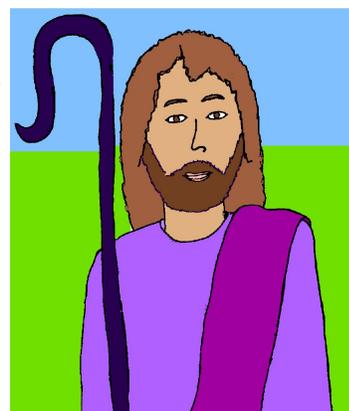
This Series is based on two verses: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God* and Matthew 5:16 - *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* They teach us that "being welcoming" is all about letting the light of Christ shine in and through us every day and making sure that everything we say and do to welcome others to Christ is done to the glory of God in heaven.

Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Lead Me"

Summer UIM SS Series 67

This Series inspires both strength of faith and action. It is practical evangelism application for all generations, but only through the faith God gives them through His Word in every lesson. If you have been through the entire year of UIM SS it can allow you to practically apply all you have learned about reaching out to welcome others to Christ. If you are offering this Series just for the summer, it gives a summary of all that the year taught and the practical application of each teaching.

This Series is based on Psalm 23:2-3: *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.* They can remind us that our prosperity of spirit and faith from God come only because Jesus is our Tender Shepherd and we are His sheep who need Him to lead us on the right path of faith and salvation before we can even begin to welcome others to Him.



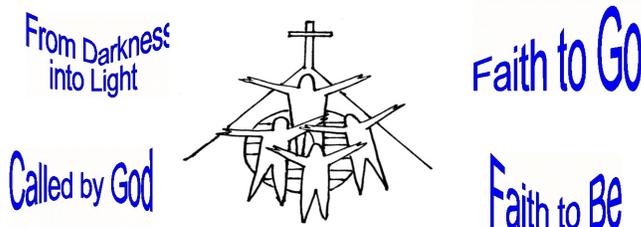
Monthly UIM Bulletin Inserts and UIM Newsletter Articles:

Inserts help congregations welcome all people by addressing issues pertinent to generations today.
Articles care for a different generation every month to help congregations welcome every generation.

UIM Vacation Bible School

Puts faith into action! Each Opening, along with a Board Activity, Litany, Object Lesson and Songs with well-known tunes that teach the lesson, hosts a visit from a different prophet to introduce the Bible passage for the day. The prophets are a little strange to hold everyone's attention. Each day, family groups move from Tent Time Instructions, to the Opening, then to Craft Shop 1, to Tent Time for activities that teach the lesson and a snack, to Craft Shop 2, and then they return to their tents for clean up and departure. Craft Shop leaders are dressed in clothing that takes everyone back to Bible times as their crafts teach Bible lessons that strengthen faith and inspire action.

Faith In Action



UIM Advent/ Christmas Worship Series:

“Bowing At The Name of Jesus!”

Creates reverence for the powerful name of Jesus, who welcomes all people to Himself. Includes Six Services: Four Sunday or Mid-week, A Christmas Program or Christmas Eve Worship, and Christmas Day Worship.



- Week 1: Comfort in the **Wonderful** Name of Jesus
The world seeks comfort, the name of Jesus offers far more than just comfort.
- Week 2: Jesus, Our **Counselor** and Friend
The world seeks counsel, some pay dearly to receive it. Christ paid dearly but offers it free.
- Week 3: A **Mighty God** Like None Other
Only our God has made heaven and earth and has not only promised, but delivered salvation for all mankind.
- Week 4: Lasting Love From Our **Everlasting Father**
In a world searching for love, our God is love and He offers love that knows no bounds and will never end.

Christmas Eve Program/Worship: Our Valiant **Prince of Peace**
Helps us put on the whole armor of God.

Christmas Day: **The Light** of Our Salvation!

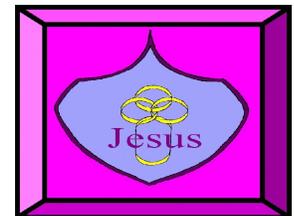
Inspires and empowers us to proclaim the name of Jesus, the Light who saves, every day in every way.

Lent /Easter UIM Worship Series:

“Jesus Christ - Our Family Name”

Welcomes all people into membership in the Family of Christ with all of its strength and blessings for now and for eternity.

Includes Eleven Services: Ash Wednesday - Five additional mid-week or Sunday- PLUS Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, and Easter Celebration.



Ash Wednesday: “**When Jesus Becomes Our Family Name**” Based on Matthew 6:1

Lent II: “**We Will Forgive**” Based on Colossians 3:13

Lent III: “**We Will Rejoice in God**” Based on Romans 5: 11

Lent IV: “**We Will Possess God’s Wisdom**” Based on 1 Corinthians 1: 21.

Lent V: “**We Will Do Good Deeds**” Based on James 2:17

Lent VI: “**We Will Be God’s People**” Based on Jeremiah 31:33b.

Palm Sunday: “**We Will Have the Attitude of Christ**” Based on Philippians 2:5

Maundy Thursday: “**We Will Participate In Word and Sacrament**” Based on Exodus 24:7-8

Good Friday: “**We Will Receive Grace to Help us**” Based on Isaiah 52:16

Easter Sunrise: “**We Will Pass On Christ’s Resurrection**” Based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Easter Celebration: “**We Will Take a Stand for Jesus**” Based on: 1 Corinthians 15:1