

## **Guiding Topics and Verses**

### **I. Faith as a Journey**

*Exodus 40:36*

#### **A. A Loving and Forgiving God**

*Acts 10:43*

*Psalms 103:8-12*

#### **B. The Life of Jesus**

*Hebrews 2:17*

*Jeremiah 29:13*

#### **C. The Holy Spirit**

*Galatians 5:22*

#### **D. Understanding Grace**

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

#### **E. Practicing Faith**

*Hebrews 11:1*

##### **1. Reading the Bible**

*Romans 10:17*

- a. The Bible as a non-literal reference

*Timothy 3:16-17*

- b. Parables

*Matthew 13:13*

- c. Study of the Gospels, Psalms, Proverbs, Beatitudes

*John 5:39*

- d. Biblical Scholarship

*Proverbs 16:16*

##### **2. Prayer**

*Ephesians 6:18*

##### **3. Questioning/Doubt**

*1 Thessalonians 5:19-21*

*Proverbs 18:17*

### **II. Living in Christ**

*Romans 12:2*

#### **A. Forgiveness**

*Ephesians 4:32*

#### **B. Hope and Coping**

*Jeremiah 29:11*

#### **C. Service**

*Peter 4:10*

*Philippians 2:3-4*

#### **D. Acceptance/Respect**

*Luke 6:37*

### **II. Living in Christ (cont.)**

#### **E. Witness**

*Matthew 5:16*

#### **F. Social Justice**

*Proverbs 31:8-9*

*Micah 6:8*

#### **G. Friendship/Support**

*Galatians 6:1-2*

#### **H. Stewardship**

*Genesis 2:15*

#### **I. Faith and Relationships**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

#### **J. Faith and Sexuality**

*Corinthians 13:4-7*

*Timothy 2:22*

*Song of Songs 8:6-7*

*1 Thessalonians 4:3-12*

### **III. Faith Community**

*Romans 12:4-5*

#### **A. United Methodism/What We Believe**

*Preamble to the Book of Discipline\**

*1 Corinthians 2:13*

#### **B. Fellowship and Membership**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

#### **C. Finding a Faith Community/Belonging**

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

#### **D. Servant Leadership**

*John 13:12-15*

**\*Preamble to the Book of Discipline**

*We, the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in God our Creator and Father, in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard.*

*We acknowledge our complete dependence upon God in birth, in life, in death, and in life eternal. Secure in God's love, we affirm the goodness of life and confess our many sins against God's will for us as we find it in Jesus Christ. We have not always been faithful stewards of all that has been committed to us by God the Creator. We have been reluctant followers of Jesus Christ in his mission to bring all persons into a community of love. Though called by the Holy Spirit to become new creatures in Christ, we have resisted the further call to become the people of God in our dealings with each other and the earth on which we live.*

*We affirm our unity in Jesus Christ while acknowledging differences in applying our faith in different cultural contexts as we live out the gospel. We stand united in declaring our faith that God's grace is available to all, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Grateful for God's forgiving love, in which we live and by which we are judged, and affirming our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual, we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the gospel, not alone to the ends of earth, but also to the depths of our common life and work.*

**Walnut Hills  
Intentional Youth Ministry Guide**



**Relationships**

Inspire  
Service  
Experiences

**Theme Verse:**

**Isaiah 60:1 (NLV)**

“Rise up and shine, for your light has come. The shining greatness of the Lord has risen upon you.”

**Mission Statement:**

A place to call home, where all youth are welcome, to have fun and grow in faith, through experiences that stir a passion to serve others on life's journey.