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**ELEVATE**  
STUDENT MINISTRIES

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS**  
*2017-2018*



To all Elevate students, parents and volunteers—

Life is such an adventure and I am so excited to go on that adventure with your family. It is not an easy thing, being a teenager. In some ways, it is even more difficult to raise a teenager.

But I think that is why God made us to be in community: to make the difficult (and exciting!) periods of our life sweeter and maybe even easier. When we each find a relationship with Christ that lasts a lifetime, we find the tools we need to overcome anything—and I believe we do that best together.

So that is why Elevate exists: to help students start a relationship with Jesus Christ that lasts a lifetime. We do this through our Sunday programming and weekly life groups. We do this by helping students find and tell their faith story in their own way. We do this through service opportunities that take them out of their comfort zones.

And we are only able to do any of these things because of parents and volunteers like you. When volunteers do something audacious like provide dinner, host an event or even lead a weekly small group they do Kingdom work. This is a work that will have eternal results.

So even though our programming and worship and games may be great, it's up to you: our parents, volunteers, and students to make Elevate the greatest place it can be. So let's make 2017-18 the best school year yet- filled with transformation stories and great work for the sake of Jesus Christ.

I love you and am here for you, every step of the way.

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Director of Student Ministry

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### Refund Policy

We get it—sometimes things come up and your student can't join us on a trip you've signed up for. Because of this and because we want to serve you better, here is our policy for any paid event through Elevate:

- 15 business days before day of event—you can get a full refund of anything you have paid (excluding deposits that are explicitly "non-refundable")
- 14-6 business days before the event—a 50% refund OR 100% refund if you can find a replacement for your student's spot.
- Within 5 business days of the event—100% refund if and only if you are able to find a replacement for your student.

In order to serve you best, we must adhere to this policy. We are also your church, so if there is a family emergency (sickness or death) we will accommodate the best we can.

### Phone Policy

We live in a technologically immersive society. In order to give your students the best opportunities to connect with God and one another, we want to help them retreat away from the normality in their day-to-day lives. That is why we have this policy when it comes to cell phones on overnight trips:

- At the beginning of every trip, all cell phones will be collected by an adult. These cell phones will be kept in a locked box.
- Every day students will be given an hour to contact their parents (okay, to check Snapchat for 55 minutes and maybe 5 minutes to text parents)
- If there is any emergency, parents will have the contact information to get a hold of an adult chaperone that will immediately connect the parent and student. All students will be within contact of adult chaperones at all times.

### Bathing Suit Policy

- Please wear modest attire:
  - Appropriate top coverage (no strapless or revealing tops)
  - Full coverage bottoms (no "cheekies", thongs, or speedos)
- Any Students with inappropriate suits will be asked to change.

### Sunday Nights

Our Sunday nights are a ton of fun. We are able to create a space of fun and safety every week and that is made possible by our great adult volunteers and these guidelines:

- When you check in to an Elevate event, you need to stay at that event until we dismiss you. If your parent or guardian comes to get you, you must tell Michael or Andrea before you leave. This includes leaving to walk on Park Ave.
- You must remain in the building Elevate is being held in. For your safety, at least one adult and one other student must accompany all students throughout the evening.
- Our adult volunteers are here to make sure you have a great time and remain safe. They also freely dedicate their time and talents to this ministry. Please make sure to listen to direction you receive from both volunteers and your student ministry staff. And just a note: mutual respect is a beautiful thing!
- The kitchen is always off limits for students—and this is just to keep you safe! The playground is also off limits for students — the equipment is not strong enough to hold any person over 50 pounds.

### 2017-2018 Special Events

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#### South Street Mission Trip

We will take one large trip to South Street over the summer this year. Students will participate in various learning/service activities in the afternoons. The trip takes place in Downtown Orlando at South Street Ministry and is open to 7-12 graders.

#### Warren Willis Camp

Each year our church sends students grades 4-12 to Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, FL. Students participate in service projects, worship, small group Bible studies and various fun activities.

### **Stay at Home Work Camp at HEART**

HEART (Hunger Education and Resource Training Institute) is an immersive third world country simulation in Lake Wales, Florida. Stay at Home Work Camp is a program that gives students a chance to make a tangible difference in the lives of a needy family in Central Florida while having a ton of fun. When you put those two things together, you get an exciting new adventure for Elevate. This year, the trip will be led by volunteers.

### **Kenya**

For the last four years, Elevate has supported the Panua organization, helping to transform the lives of Kenyan youth. This summer, we are going to go to Kenya and see what that support has done and how we can continue support the organization in the future. This trip is limited to 14 people, and students will need to fill out an application to attend. Each student will need to have an adult chaperone, so preference will be given to students that have parents who can attend. Please join us on this adventure!

### **Costa Rica**

Our student ministry has the opportunity to serve in Costa Rica this summer. With the help of Kent Akins and our Missions team, we will be providing water to communities that do not have access to clean drinking water. This trip will be led by volunteers and open to rising 9-12th graders.

### **HS Retreat**

Our high school students go on a mysterious adventure together. Our parents will know where we are going, but the itinerary will be a surprise for our students. We might go swimming, we might see movie together, we might wrestle a shark, or we might just sit around and play RISK for 4 days straight. Don't anticipate- participate through this awesome way to take a break and center yourself on Christ while engaging with your friends!

### **MS Retreat**

It is important for our middle school students to spend time together in fellowship and community! Join us for our MS Retreat this October.

### **EKO (Elevate Kick-Off)**

EKO is a three night event held at First United Methodist Church – Winter Park. We meet for dinner, fun activities, and worship. Past years have included scavenger hunts, blow-up carnivals, field days, and competitions.

### **Encounter**

Encounter is our largest retreat for Student Ministry. Each year, we travel to Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, FL for a weekend of rejuvenation! Students have the opportunity to learn more about faith, engage in high ropes course activities, participate in small groups, and experience large group games.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. During confirmation class, confirmands learn about the meaning of Christian faith, the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church, and an explanation of the membership vows they will be professing.

### **Sunday Night Elevate**

Are you looking for a community and opportunity to worship and learn more about your relationship with God? If so, you should join Student Ministry on Sunday evenings in the MFLC- Gym from 5:45-8:15pm. The evening includes dinner (\$5), student-led worship, a short message, small group reflection time, and a large group game. We hope you consider joining us on Sunday evenings!

### **Life Groups**

Here at Elevate, we think the biggest life change happens in community. That's the purpose of Life Groups—to do life together. High school life groups meet every Tuesday. High school students can join these groups at any time during the year—the more the merrier!

### **Connect Groups**

We are now launching Connect Groups, which are small groups for 6-12 people meeting in homes weekly to support each other and grow in faith. We will offer a variety of options or you can start one in your home. Connect groups meet weekly in homes for play, study and FOOD.

### **Sen-Meet**

Sometimes Seniors need a break from life. Sen-meet gives Seniors an opportunity for growth through an uplifting community with Young Adults and fellow Seniors. We meet twice a month for food, fellowship, conversation, camaraderie, and games.



## 2017-2018 Music Ministry

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### **Impact Singers, Sunday – 5:00-6:00pm**

The Impact Singers is the primary Youth Worship Choir of the Music Ministry. They rehearse weekly and sing in worship as well as special events. Each summer the Singers go on a Music Mission tour. Our mission tours have included service in New York City, New Orleans, Boston, Salem, Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Nashville, Orlando, Tallahassee, Baton Rouge, and Chicago to name a few. This past year our mission tour was throughout Florida. Our trips include musical performances, cultural and educational sightseeing, and mission service projects, which is funded mainly through a spring Dinner Theatre and Pecan fundraiser. A minimum required attendance must be maintained to participate. Rehearsals are in the Choir Suite.

### **Church Orchestra, Monthly**

Do you play an Orchestral Instrument? Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Strings? As a part of this instrumental ministry, you will lead in worship through offering special musical selections, accompanying choirs. We do ask that you have a medium to advanced level of playing experience to participate in this ensemble. See Michael Roberts for details. Rehearsals to be announced.

### **Elevate Praise Team, Sunday – 4:30-5:30pm**

Every week Elevate meets our Elevate Praise Team leads us in worship. This team exists first and foremost to help students with all levels of ability to learn how to lead worship. This isn't a band for superstars, but a team of equals who are learning and growing together. Clint Vaughan leads the team in practice every Sunday from 4:30-5:30pm. To be a part of the team, please contact Andrea Levreault at [andreal@fumcwp.org](mailto:andreal@fumcwp.org).



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am <b>No Elevate</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Worship- 9:30 am <b>Ministry Fair</b> HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Struggle Bus - 5:45 pm	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	9 <b>Columbus Day</b>	10 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	11	12	13 Middle School Retreat	14 Middle School Retreat
15 Middle School Retreat Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	16	17 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	23	24 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Halloween Party- 5:45 pm	30	31 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	1	2	3	4

# November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	6	7 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	8	9	10 Veterans Day (observed)	11 Veterans Day
12 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	13	14 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 Senior Adult Luncheon 11:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am No Elevate	27	28 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	29	30	1	2

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am	Confirmation Registration Opens	HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
Elevate- 5:45 pm						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
Caroling – 5:45 pm						
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am						
Christmas Party- 5:45 pm						
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Wee Gathering-11 am <b>No Elevate</b>	Christmas Day					
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am <b>No Elevate</b>						

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 High School Retreat	5 High School Retreat	6 High School Retreat
7 High School Retreat Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	8	9 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	10	11	12	13
14 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Service Day	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	17	18	19	20
21 Worship- 9:30 am Confirmation- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	22	23 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28 Worship- 9:30 am Confirmation- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	29	30 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	31	1	2	3
Worship- 9:30 am Confirmation- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				

# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm	<b>Presidents' Day</b>	HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm			<b>Encounter</b>	<b>Encounter</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Encounter</b> <b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> <b>No Confirmation</b> <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> <b>No Elevate</b>		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				Parking Lot Fundraiser
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Worship- 9:30 am</b> Confirmation- 9:30 am <b>HAY -10:30 am</b> Elevate- 5:45 pm		HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm				

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter	2	3 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	4	5	6 Confirmation Retreat	7 Confirmation Retreat
<b>No Elevate</b>						
8 Confirmation Retreat Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	9	10 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	11	12 Confirmation Rehearsal -6:30 pm	13	14
15 Confirmation Sunday Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	16	17 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	18	19	20	21
22 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	23	24 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	30	1 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	2	3	4	5
Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm						



# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	2	3	4	5
6 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	7	8 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	9	10	11	12
13 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am <b>No Elevate</b>	14	15 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	16	17	18	19
20 <b>Senior Sunday</b> Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Senior Night- 5:45 pm	21	22 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	23	24	25	26
27 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am <b>No Elevate</b>	28 <b>Memorial Day</b>	29 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	30	31	1	2

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Choir Tour
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Choir Tour Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Kick-Off	Choir Tour	Choir Tour	Choir Tour	Choir Tour	Kenya	Kenya
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Kenya Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya	Kenya
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Kenya Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Costa Rica Summer Elevate	Kenya Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Costa Rica
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Warren Willis Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	Warren Willis	Warren Willis	Warren Willis	Warren Willis	Warren Willis	

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7
8 South Street Mission Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	9 South Street Mission	10 South Street Mission	11 South Street Mission	12 South Street Mission	13 South Street Mission	14 South Street Mission
15 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	16 Vacation Bible School	17 Vacation Bible School	18 Vacation Bible School	19 Vacation Bible School	20 Vacation Bible School	21
22 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Summer Elevate	30 EKO SET-UP	31 EKO SET-UP	1	2	3	4

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 EKO SET-UP	31 EKO SET-UP	1 EKO SET-UP	2 EKO SET-UP	3 EKO	4 EKO
5 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am EKO	6 Serve/High School Lock-in	7 Serve/High School Lock-in	8	9	10	11
12 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	13	14 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	20	21 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 Worship- 9:30 am HAY -10:30 am Elevate- 5:45 pm	27	28 HS Guys Life Group- 6:00pm HS Girls Life Group- 6:30pm	29	30	31	1

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