

Awards and Recognition

Good Samaritan Award

Individual youth are nominated for this award by the local church.

Bishop's Award of Excellence

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and Camp Fire earn this award by meeting established requirements.

Adult Recognition

Adults should be recognized by being nominated for the following awards:

- *Cross and Flame Award* - given by the local church
- *Torch Award* - given by the conference
- *Silver Torch* - given for regional, national, or international service

Shepherd Church Charter Recognition

Recognize outstanding ministry within United Methodist churches.

Visit www.gcumm.org to download brochures.

P.R.A.Y.

The Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) program is an age-appropriate study series for youth.

- Jesus and Me - grades k-1
- God and Me - grades 2-3
- God and Family - grades 4-5
- God and Church - grades 6-8
- God and Life - grades 9-12

Visit www.praypub.org

What You Can Do

Celebrate Scouting Ministry Sunday on the second Sunday in February or on a Sunday that suits your congregation.

Encourage Boy Scout Eagle and Girl Scout Gold Award candidates to develop projects with the church.

Organize P.R.A.Y. program classes for children and youth members in your local church.

Become a scouting ministry specialist.

Resources

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*of children
and youth
in your
community*



Center for Scouting Ministries

Investing in the Future Today

Scouting

"Scouting and the United Methodist Men are perfect partners. Each blesses the other. Men and women in this ministry help shape our impressionable youth."

*Gil Hanke, General Secretary
General Commission on United Methodist Men*

As your men's fellowship strives to make a difference in your community, use the following programs. These are sound, proven ways to instill values of character, citizenship, and respect for others while developing a strong reverence of God, self-respect and self-reliance.



Boy Scouts of America

www.scouting.org

Chartered by Congress in 1916, the Boy Scouts of America emphasizes strong personal values, character, self-worth and usefulness, caring relationships, a desire to learn, and productive and creative use of time.

The program levels are:

- * Cub Scouts - grades k-5
- * Scouts, BSA - ages 11-17
- * Venturing - ages 13-20
- * Exploring - ages 14-20
- * Sea Scouts - ages 14-20



Girl Scouts of the USA

www.girlscouts.org



The Girl Scouts of the USA, the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world, helps girls grow strong physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

The program levels are:

- * Daisy Girl Scouts - ages 5-6
- * Brownie Girl Scouts - ages 6-8
- * Junior Girl Scouts - ages 8-11
- * Cadet Girl Scouts - ages 11-14
- * Senior Girl Scouts - ages 14-17

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

www.bbbs.org

People of Faith mentoring children of promise.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' Amachi is the only congregation-based mentoring program in the United States to offer a proven and effective model for mentoring children who have an incarcerated parent.



Camp Fire

www.campfire.org



Camp Fire supports children and youth on their journey to adulthood with inclusive, youth-development programs that develop personal life skills, social responsibility, healthy lifestyle and leadership.

Programs include:

- * Child care
- * Camping and environmental education
- * Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
- * Clubs and mentoring opportunities
- * Co-ed programs

Reasons to Not Start a Scouting Unit:

- Not enough youth in our church
- Our church is too small

Reasons to Start a Scouting Unit:

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Four Areas of Focus

UMC leaders have asked the church to focus on four areas of ministry, in a united effort to make disciples and reach the world for Christ.

Develop principled Christian leaders

- Train UM scouting leaders for the ministry of Jesus Christ
- Train and equip scouting ministry specialists to serve in every district.
- Train youth to be effective, caring leaders in church and community.

Creating new congregations and revitalizing existing ones

- Awaken men, and build men spiritually as the primary means to revive congregations.
- Train clergy and lay leaders in courses developed for effective discipleship in men

Engaging the ministry with the poor

- Train UM Men leaders to become advocates and friends of the poor, and eliminate the effects of poverty and racism.
- Support the children of incarcerated parents through Amachi.
- Support hunger relief efforts by the Society of St. Andrew.

www.endhunger.org

Combating the disease of poverty by improving health globally

- Direct UMC-sponsored scouting units in advocacy and fundraising efforts for Nothing But Nets and help eliminate malaria in our lifetime.

www.NothingButNets.net

- Expand global hunger relief through the World Methodist Council men's affiliate and Rise Against Hunger.

www.stophungernow.org

www.riseagainsthunger.org