

FUMC Rockwall Movie Consent Form

First United Methodist Church of Rockwall and the Student Ministries of FUMC Rockwall strive to provide an atmosphere where youth can grow in faith and then learn how to relate that faith into real world situations. Unfortunately our world is not always a G-audience friendly place.

As a part of faith formation, this summer we are using movies as way of engaging Scripture through our Movie Bible Studies. We have a time of movie watching and then give an opportunity for group discussion. We are also creating a special opportunity for similar watching and discussion for Senior High youth only. This includes the 9th grade through post-high school. Through this inclusion we hope to have real-life discussions on many important aspects of our common Christian journeys as well as our specific insights into the movie and our faith. Because of this the range of movie from which we will be watching will be expanded, and some weeks will include rated-R movies. We felt it silly to try to engage in real-life problems with older youth confronting anything beyond G-ratings.

While we respect and appreciate the MPAA system of movie rating, we feel like some of what is rated-R is appropriate for discussion within the faith community in order to prompt critical thinking and growth. Of course FUMC Rockwall does not seek to view strong language, violence, nudity, or drug abuse for its own sake. These are definitely in contradiction with authentic Christian lifestyles that our church seeks to inspire. Yet we hope to tap into the overarching Gospel message for our lives revealed through carefully selected movies.

Through it all we hope to help students develop a biblical filter that shines the light of Jesus' truth on what they watch or listen to and encourage them to live their faith authentically at school, home, and church by engaging the Holy Spirit's discernment in their lives. If there are any specific questions about the content, purpose, or direction of a movie and its consequent discuss, please feel free to contact Rev. Paul Maletic, Minister with Youth, at 972-771-5500 x22 or pmaletic@fumcrockwall.com.

I give permission for _____ to watch
(student's name)

(name of movie)

at FUMC Rockwall as a part of their Movie Bible Study. I understand this movie's R-rating and am aware of the adult issues that will surface upon relevant biblical discussion of the film.

Parent/Guardian

Date