

Hello,

You are receiving this email from a family member or friend because they thought your child might be interested in our youth basketball & cheerleading program from boys and girls in K – 6th grade.

At Dayton UMC, our goal is to provide the best sports experience for every child, including learning about Jesus. Upward Sports is a first-class sports experience that emphasizes healthy competition, sportsmanship, skills building and fun versus the "win-at-all-costs" mentality found in many children sports leagues. Winning is about so much more than the final score!

We are now entering our 6th season and God has truly blessed our program with great families and great volunteers. Each year we continue to grow as God continues to challenge us with more and more kids. Last season we had 291 kids, over 100 volunteers and had to expand games to Dayton Elementary Gym.

Below is an email that one mom (who does not attend our church) sent out to many of her friends encouraging them to consider the Upward program. This sparked the idea for us to have others share with their family and friends as well.

We would love to have you on our team!

I usually don't forward emails...but I thought I would this one! (Probably because you have a son or daughter who might be interested in basketball or cheerleading!)

If you aren't familiar with Upward Basketball/Cheerleading at Dayton United Methodist Church please allow me to share a little...it is a fantastic program for boys and girls from kindergarten to 6th grade...they are especially looking to grow their girls' program! You don't have to be a member of the church to participate and many of us are not (us included). The program is run well by caring and generous people. There is a huge awards day at the end of the season where each of the participants receives a gift (it's been backpacks/an over-the-door basketball hoop/last year a regulation-size basketball) and I can't believe how the program has grown and how many kids are playing. As part of the registration fee the kids actually get entire basketball uniforms...reversible sleeveless shirt and shorts...the real thing! Each year the colors change.

All three of my kids have participated during the past 3 or 4 years; the kids usually practice once a week and have a game on Saturday at the church or at Dayton Elementary (it's grown so much they can't get all the games in at the church gym!). Upward is a faith-based program and teaches good sportsmanship along with the fundamentals of basketball and/or cheerleading. (The cheerleading is fun, too...but I'm pushing the basketball program for the girls!) Some kids already have a lot of skill...others are playing for the first time. No matter what age. For the 6th graders this is also good because of the lack of sports at the middle school level.

Last year Wynne participated in Little Mavs AND Upward even though the timeline's coincided. I wanted her to do something affiliated with McCutcheon, but she loves Upward so much we had to do both!

If you have any questions please let me know...or visit the webpage! Please share this with anyone else you might know who is interested!

Have a great day,

Cathy Swick

See How You Can Join On The Next Page

Last year was *Simply... AWESOME* and this year is going to be even better!

Registration

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, November 11	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	DUMC Gym
Saturday, November 12	9:00 am – 11:30 am	DUMC Gym

Register Online
(starts – Sunday October 23)

[<more details click here>](#)

CALENDAR	<u>Practices (week of)</u>	<u>Games (Saturday)</u>	<u>Awards Celebration</u>
	1. Dec 11	<i>none</i>	
	2. Dec 18	<i>none</i>	
	3. Jan 8	1. Jan 14	
	4. Jan 15	2. Jan 21	
	5. Jan 22	3. Jan 28	
	6. Jan 29	4. Feb 4	
	7. Feb 5	5. Feb 11	
	8. Feb 12	6. Feb 18	
	9. Feb 19	7. Feb 25	
10. Feb 26	8. Mar 3	Mar 11 @ 2:00 PM	

*** Basketball GIRLS ***

As always, we will try very hard to have girl only leagues, but we need more girl basketball players. While we don't want to take away from the cheer, we are encouraging families with girl basketball players to make an effort to tell others and encourage growth in our girl leagues.

Any questions, comments or feedback? We love to hear your feedback and how we can make Upward even better! Please use our [Contact Us](#) link here or on the web page.

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