

# Youth Room

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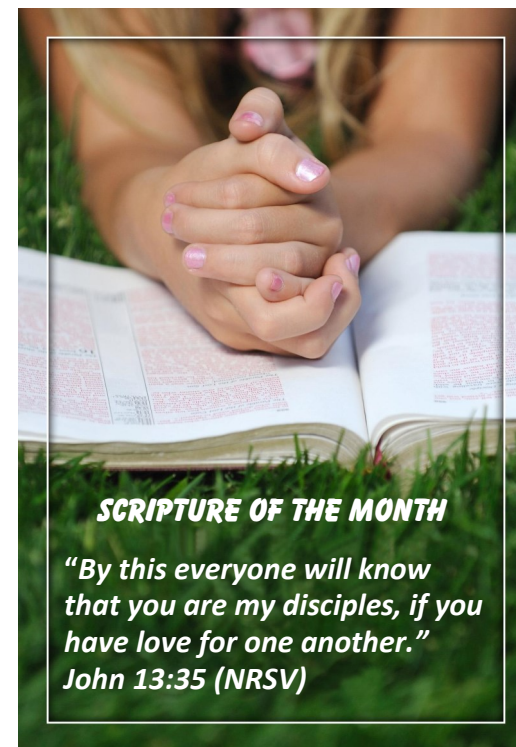
These were no doubt some of the first questions on your mind when you first opened up the first ever edition of:

## Youth Room

The new year is a time for New Year's Resolutions and a time to try new things. What you hold in your hands now is one of those new things we are trying for Youth Group this year! The Youth Room is a little experiment Yours Truly (Pastor Emily) has put together so that I can better communicate with you, The Youth Disciples! The rest of the church has The Covenanter, but this newsletter is a publication just for you... and your parents too! It is meant to be short and sweet, easy to read and understand. Instead of

having your articles lost in the countless pages of the covenanter, all you have to do now to find the important stuff, is go right to The Youth Room!

The plan is for you to receive six issues every year. Inside each issue you will find all the news that is fit to print! All upcoming Youth activities and dates for sign-ups, earnings from any fundraisers, reminders, reflections, birthdays, and more! If nothing else you can hang the back page on your fridge to remind you of the upcoming dates, though I do hope you will read some of the articles as well. And if you'd ever like to submit an article for The Youth Room it is as simple as sending me an e-mail! So sit back, one and all, and enjoy your very first edition of (drum roll please): The Youth Room!



### SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
 John 13:35 (NRSV)



**UP next!**

JANUARY 26TH - HOMELESS COALITION SERVICE

JANUARY 28TH - SOUTHWINDS DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 4TH - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 11TH - YOUTH LOCK-IN DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 16TH-17TH - YOUTH LOCK-IN



JANUARY 2ND - CAROL REECE

JANUARY 18TH - DEBBIE WORKMAN

JANUARY 20TH - MEG BALDWIN

FEBRUARY 5TH - IVAN SMITH (14)

FEBRUARY 23RD - CHRIS BALDWIN (13)

## COMING UP NEXT!

### YOUTH GROUP RESUMES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7!

#### HOMELESS COALITION SERVICE

On Friday, January 26 we will gather in the Youth Room at 4:00 for a quick pizza dinner before we head over to the kitchen for last minute food preparation and to help load the bus before we go. Serving at the Coalition has become a fun tradition within the Youth, but there are only so many slots available for us to go on. Please RSVP for this event by Wednesday, January 17. Pick up will be at 8:00PM in the church parking lot, but of course parents are welcome to join in on this event as well!



#### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday, February 4 we will be continuing our tradition at Winter Park Presbyterian Church of participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. After the 10:30 service we will need youth to help count cans as well as load them up and store them in the proper bins for pick up later in the week! There will be no Youth Group that February evening.

#### YOUTH LOCK-IN

Finally, as a reward for the hard work and service put in January through February, over Presidents Day Weekend we will be having our Lock-In. The Lock-in is a fun opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship. The Lock-in begins Friday, February 16 at 5:00PM. Pickup will be Saturday, February 17 at 10:30AM. There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, February 18. Permission forms for this event will be available at the Church Office, please return them by Sunday, February 11!



## THE GREAT ESCAPE



Calling all Middle Schoolers! The summer is on its way and that means it's time to start signing up for the Middle School Youth Conference: The Great Escape! The Great Escape is hosted by Southwinds in Ocklawaha and every other summer our Middle Schoolers attend this wonderful conference. We will spend time together in worship, recreation, and free time. Among the many activities included in this event are swimming,

mountain biking, and high ropes obstacles! We will be participating this year from Saturday, July 28 to Wednesday, August 1. If you will be a completed 6th-8th grader this summer, please have your parents fill out the permission form and submit a \$100 non-refundable deposit by January 28th so that you don't miss this exciting opportunity.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

#### YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

This year we will be working on a brand new fundraiser opportunity on Sunday February 25. We will be holding a Youth Rummage Sale. We will be encouraging other church members as well as your families to donate old items that are no longer needed to this sale. We will take care of pricing and selling everything ourselves. They get clean closets and all the proceeds will go directly to our Youth Summer Programs.



#### GLOBAL MARKET TOTALS



Congratulations! This year at Global Market you helped to raise \$500 for our summer Youth Programs! This helps to offset our cost for The Great Escape this summer.

Why Bother?

Year after year when Global Market comes up I am asked why we must do fundraisers and if it makes any difference at all. It most certainly does! Did you know that the price you pay for Summer youth trips is often only half, or even less than half the actual cost?

The Church chips in to make sure that everyone who wants to go on these trips is able to go. The amount of fundraising that we do throughout the year helps reduce the cost that you pay for trips like The Great Escape and the Montreat Youth Conference. So it's very important when fundraisers come around that we all put in 100% effort to raise what we can!



**January 1 - Happy New Year  
Church Office Closed**

**January 14 - WPPC Ringers resume**

**January 16 - Spring TNT Begins**

**January 26 - Homeless Coalition**

**February 23 - Homeless Coalition**

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Looking for an easy way to volunteer? Try the WPPC Ringers! This beginners handbell group rehearses every Sunday morning, immediately following Church for 30 minutes. If you would like to learn more about the WPPC Ringers please contact Dana Irwin at [nanadana@earthlink.net](mailto:nanadana@earthlink.net) for more information.