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Youth Room

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“Where do I fit in?” This is one of the questions people most often ask when they consider joining a church. When looking at a large group of people it is natural to wonder where you belong in the midst of it. It is, of course, my hope and prayer that to this many of you would answer that you fit in with the Youth Disciples. But did you know there is so much more open to you?

Church Leadership is often something that people consider to be the pastors job, but in the Presbyterian faith, we believe in a system where we all work together to be leaders. Those who run the church are Elders, elected by the people, chosen by the nominating committee. Those who help the church are Deacons, also elected by the people, and chosen by the same committee. Even pastors are hired by the Church, and chosen by the people on a special committee called the Pastor Nominating Committee.

In 2018 we were thrilled to see Robbie Dreasher rise to the occasion by participating on the Nominating Committee, and this year, we are excited to see Jennifer Fields take the same leap as she serves on the Pastor Nominating Committee! These are wonderful and amazing accomplishments, not just for Robbie and for Jennifer, but also for all the Youth Disciples as it gives a voice of representation at the table. These positions are important, but did you know they are not the only positions available.

The church has many committees, each responsible for certain areas in the life of the church and who would be thrilled to have Youth help on them. Serving on a committee not only helps the church, but it can also be beneficial for you as well. It can help you learn: how to run a meeting, event planning, organization, business, and other leadership skills that can only be acquired, not taught. (FYI: these are the skills that colleges LOVE to see on an application.)

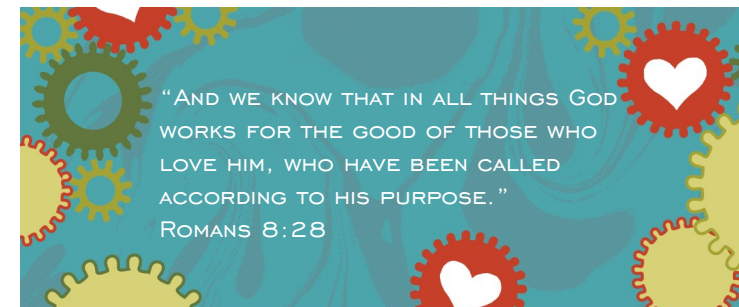
If you are asking yourself “where do I fit in here” and if you think you might be interested in serving on a church committee, please let one of your youth leaders know. We would love to connect you and help you learn where exactly you fit in!

Important Dates

- January 21-Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 3-Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 13-Presidents’ Day Lock-In Deadline
- February 15-16-Presidents’ Day Lock-In
- February 18—Church Office Closed for Presidents’ Day

Birthdays

- January 2-Carol Reece
- January 18-Debbie Workman
- January 19-Matthew MacDonald (12)
- January 19-Nicholas MacDonald (12)
- January 20-Meg Baldwin
- February 5-Ivan Smith (15)
- February 22-Julia Robinson (14)
- February 23-Chris Baldwin (14)



UPCOMING DATES

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES!

Youth Group resumes on January 6th!
Come out and join us for the new year from 5:00-7:00 PM!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 3 we will be continuing our tradition at Winter Park Presbyterian Church of participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. After the 10:30 AM 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

President's Day Lock-In returns! For the past few years, The Youth Disciples have had a tradition of getting together during President's Day Weekend for a Lock-In and we're pleased to announce that we're back! The Lock-in is a fun opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship. We also invite our rising 6th graders (current 5th graders) to come and get their first taste of what it's like to be a Youth Disciple. The Lock-In begins Friday, February 15 at 5:00 PM. Pickup will be Saturday, February 16 at 10:30 AM. There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, February 17. Our theme this year will be *Fill the Soul and the Body*. To get a "taste" of it, be sure to sign up! Permission forms for this event will be available at the Church Office, please return them by Sunday, February 10!



Thank you one and all! Youth Disciples, these holidays would not be possible here at the church without your wonderful assistance. Thank you so much for making all our holiday activities at the church a success! For all of you who volunteered during Living Nativity, for ushers and liturgists at Christmas Eve, for making luminaries, for helping with Journey to Christmas, thank you one and all!



Interested in joining a committee? We have eight here at the church. Choose from Christian Education, Community Life, Budget and Finance, Personnel, Membership and Evangelism, Property, Compassion, and History. Talk with Pastor Emily about finding the best fit for you!

STAY TUNED...

In the weeks and months ahead there will be lots of information that is going to become available about future events! Stay tuned for:



ESCAPE ROOM

On March 3rd we are planning on doing an escape room. Permission forms will be available at the President's Day Lock-In and need to be turned in on March 3rd.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth and Parents, the final payment for your spot at the Montreat Youth Conference will need to be made on March 31st. More information about transportation, packing, dates and times, will be provided at that time.



SUMMER DATES

In the next issue we will have dates of our summer Mission Mornings as well as a new theme!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE!

MEALS NEEDED



Attention parents! Youth Group is a special place, filled with very special people! People who encourage your Youth, teach your Youth, love on them, and help them feel wanted and needed in the church. But Youth Group also provides one other very important thing in the life of every Youth ...food! If you are able to donate a meal to the Youth on any Sunday, please sign up and help us keep our youth fed!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa4ac2fa7fa7-meals1>.

FOR YOUTH LEADERS!

Can you believe it is that time already?! Time to start planning the 2019-2020 Youth Group Year. The Big One, our traditional planning meeting, will need to take place one Sunday, preferably after church. This meeting usually takes about one to two hours. Please check your calendars and let me know which date works best for you for our planning day! Any youth interested in being part of the planning efforts should let Emily Wasser know immediately.

