



400 S Lakemont Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32792

Youth Room

January/February 2020

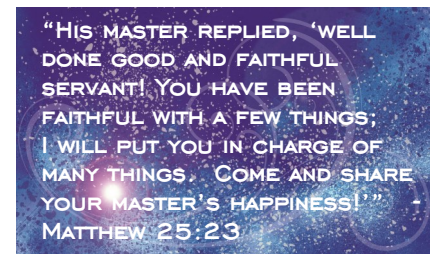
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Thank you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The holidays can be a crazy time at the church. Staff rely a lot on volunteering to get everything that has to be done completed. As a Youth Leader, going into this time can be double the stress because I know just how hard so many of you are working too! "Can they come?" I ask myself. "Are they too busy? Are they working on finals or mid-terms? Are they out of town?!" Often times it feels like I'm waiting to hear from you on pins and needles, dreading the e-mail or text that says "sorry, I can't."


But wow! You, oh dear youth, have made my Christmas special! You came out in droves! When asked for help I was always happy to find it was right there! When the call went out for Living Nativity you showed up for one of the best Living Nativity years we've ever had! You came to the photo scavenger hunt and stayed to enjoy dinner with one another. You completed assignments, changed your work shifts, and were willing to do things you've never done before all because it was what was asked of you! WOW! Each year I offer a thank you for your services. This year I am ever so humbled by how out of your way you went! You have the thanks, not only of me but of youth leaders and elders and committee chairs alike! Every time I turned around I was delighted to hear someone talk about how wonderful it was to have you and how blessed we were for you!



So thank you, Youth Disciples! Thank you for your time. Thank you for your talents! Thank you for putting on Living Nativity shows and being actors and actresses during Christmas Eve! Thank you for inviting me to band concerts and chorus gigs at Disney and Christmas concerts too! Thank you for making this Christmas and this year a special one! It couldn't have happened without you!



I will see you at youth group on January 5th and until then have a Happy New Year!!!!



Important Dates

January 20—Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 2—Souper Bowl of Caring
 February 12—Presidents' Day Lock-In Deadline
 February 14-15—Presidents' Day Lock-In
 February 17—Church Office Closed for Presidents' Day

Birthdays

January 2-Carol Reece
 January 18-Debbie Workman
 January 19-Matthew MacDonald (13)
 January 19-Nicholas MacDonald (13)
 February 5-Ivan Smith (16)
 February 23-Chris Baldwin (15)

UPCOMING DATES

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES!

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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday, February 2 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 14 at 5:00 PM. Pickup will be Saturday, February 15 at 10:30 AM. There will be no Youth Group on Sunday, February 16. Be sure to sign up! Permission forms for this event will be available at the Church Office, please return them by Sunday, February 9!



ESCAPE ROOM

On March 1st we are planning on doing an escape room. Permission forms will be available in mid-February and need to be turned in on February 23rd so that we can get an accurate count and reserve the room. This will be only an hour long Youth Group with no dinner served.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class Reminders! Don't forget! Your report on a Gospel is due on January 19! Instructions were included in your introduction packet! E-mail Emily Wasser if you have any questions!



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: A Great Escape Christmas! 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 Friday, July 24 to Tuesday, July 28. Total cost for this trip is \$440, but the church only asks you to cover \$200 of it! 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 27th so that you don't miss this exciting opportunity.

GLOBAL MARKET—THANK YOU!

Global Market totals! Thank you one and all for your dedication this year to creating wonderful crafts at the Global Market and selling them on the morning of! We sold out! At Global Market this year we made a total of \$233, all of which goes into our Montreat fund to help us afford a van for 2021! Well done!

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-spring>



FOR YOUTH LEADERS!



ANNUAL PLANNING

Can you believe it is that time already?! Time to start planning the 2020-2021 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.