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# Youth Room

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Every year, usually some time in February, Youth Leaders as well as Pastor Emily can be found immediately after the 10:30 service eating lunch in 303, with papers and calendars strewn about the table. There is laughter as well as serious conversation that goes on for about two hours. This meeting is referred to, among Youth Leaders, as... "The Big One". The Big One is so named for the time it takes on Sunday, as well as content this important meeting covers. In short, The Big One is about...well...everything! Every youth group, every outing, every retreat, every thing that has to do with Youth in the coming year is put to paper months before that year ever starts! Why, you may ask? Because Youth Group is important. Not only to Pastor Emily or the Leaders, Youth Group is important for Youth. Youth Group is more than just an occasional bowling trip or a movie night. Every year is carefully planned out with lessons that revolve around a central theme. Time and effort goes into making a year long experience that will help each Youth grow closer to God, closer to their friends, and have a great time doing it!

Now all we need is you!

Time is short, the weekend is fleeting, homework can pile up. We get it. But the good news is that Youth Group doesn't exist to be a thorn in your side. It is our hope that by Sunday Night the homework is done, the projects can be put on pause, and you can join Pastor Emily and the Youth Leaders for two hours of hang out time. It's time to be with friends you might not see during the week. It's time to catch up on current events. Youth Group is the place where your voice can be heard, where conversations can be had without fear of rejection.

The schedule is set. The Leaders are ready. Pastor Emily is excited. We hope you'll make time for us every Sunday from 5:00-7:00PM. Everyone is welcome.



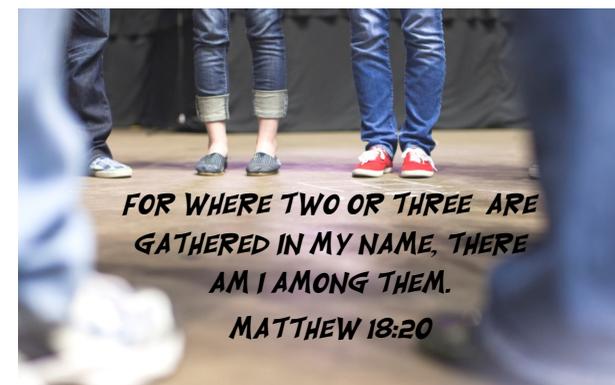
**PLUG**  
INTO UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 3  
Labor Day (Church offices closed)
- September 9  
Rally Day
- September 16  
Congregational Meeting
- September 23  
Bowling (RSVP Due 2pm)
- October 27  
Trunk or Treat



birthday  
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- October 9  
Sutanya Thomas (15)
- October 19  
Camden Dreasher (16)



## UPCOMING DATES

September 2nd-Labor Day, no youth group.



September 9th is Rally Day, a special time in the church when we celebrate Christian Education! On August 26th, we spent time in Youth Group working on a presentation for Rally Day, now all we need is you! Be sure to stop by the table, answer questions about Youth Group and you, the Youth Disciples.

On September 23rd we will have our annual Youth Disciples Bowling Night! We will meet at the Aloma Bowl at 5:30PM. Dinner and soda will be provided. The cost will be \$9 per youth, which covers the cost of shoes and two games. Financial assistance is available. Pick up will be about 7:00PM at the arena (please have grace for the unpredictability of the timing of sporting events). Please RSVP by 2:00pm on September 23rd so that we have an idea of how many youth we can expect.



All hands on deck! On September 31st and October 21st we will be preparing for our annual Global Market Fundraiser. The money we make from these fundraisers goes toward our Summer Youth Conferences, both Montreat and The Great Escape, please make every effort to be available to help us with these endeavors!

Trunk or Treat will take place this year on Saturday October 27th. Youth are encouraged to attend this event as assistance is needed with candy, crafts, and even Trunks! If you or your parents wish to create a Trunk, please contact the church office for further details.



## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE



Though it seems summer has only just ended, it is time once more to look toward it! In the summer of 2019 our High School Youth will have the opportunity once more to attend the Montreat Youth Conference. This year we will attend the conference from July 28th-August 3rd. The conference total, per person, is about \$800. The church is asking that families pay \$400. This includes the cost of the conference, transportation, room & board, and Wednesday afternoon

activities. If you are a High Schooler who would like to attend the Montreat Youth Conference, please turn in the RSVP slip, found in the church office, as well as a \$250 non-refundable deposit, to hold your place, by October 1st.

## THE GREAT ESCAPE REFLECTIONS

July 28th-August 1st our Middle School Youth had the joy of attending The Great Escape Middle School Conference at Southwinds in Ocklawaha. We laughed, we cried, we screamed, we worshiped God. Below you will find some reflections from those who attended. Any youth who will be Middle Schoolers in the summer of 2020 should be sure to save a spot on their calendar for The Great Escape 2020!

"I love going on trips like these because it's not only fun, it is also very educating and you have a lot of opportunities to learn about God in a new and exciting way. It also helps us to grow as Christians. I also really liked the people and enjoyed making new friends." ~Sutanya Thomas, 14

"I enjoyed being able to make friends in a location as exciting and devoted as Southwinds. It was great to spend quiet time beholding God's creation and to listen to ministers supporting the idea of listening to God more than anything else." ~Anonymous

"The trip to the Great Escape was great. The worship brought me closer to God and taught me that you need to give yourself to the Lord to have the most fulfilling life. I also enjoyed meeting new people that share the same faith." ~Ivan Smith, 14

"I loved the worship ceremonies! I love trips like these because you feel more attached to God. I love making new friends and expressing myself. I'm so excited to go back in 2020!" ~Ali Frazier, 12

## 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 at the link below and help us keep our youth fed!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa4ac2fa7fa7-meals1>

- ⇒ A congregational meeting will be held on September 16th, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. As members of the congregation please make every effort to be there.
- ⇒ On occasion, Youth are called upon to serve on various committees within the church as a designated Youth delegate. Thank you Robbie Dreasher for serving as our Youth delegate on the 2018 nominating committee. If you have any interest in serving in this capacity in the future please contact Emily Wasser for more information.