



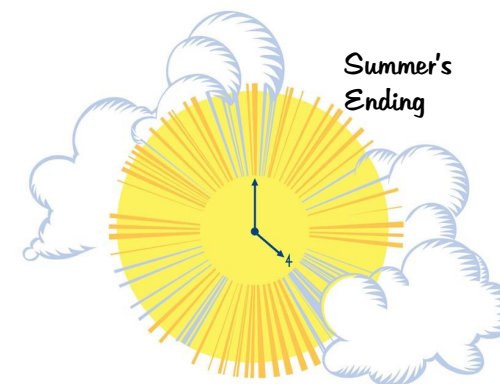
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Youth Room

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The summer has passed. And what wonderful memories we made together! This summer was full of fun. Our time together at *Hope Helps* and *Give Kids the World* made a lasting impact. The time that you donated to *Vacation Bible School* so that the program would run smooth was not overlooked. And perhaps most memorable of all for the High Schoolers was our time at Montreat. I was so proud of you all! From climbing to new heights high in the trees, to making a new friend from the Netherlands, to opening yourselves up to new experiences and ways of worship...you impressed me and the Youth Leaders every step of the way.



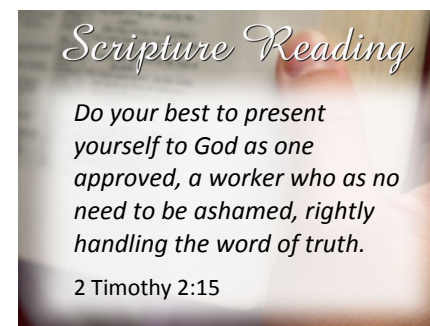
But as I write this to you, I am aware that summer has come to a close. Everyone is back in school, there is a tropical storm on it's way, confirmation class has started, and after Labor Day Weekend, so will Sunday School. And you know...I couldn't be more excited!

When the Youth Leaders and I met in February to plan out this year, I knew we had something special. Now that I've completed the first *Youth Room* of the 2019-2020 season I know we have something special! Bowling, a trip to a Shabbat Service, the Winter Park Boat Tour, Youth Group...and that's all just within these first two months!

In the pages ahead you will find memories of the summer in photos and in reflections, but you'll also find a lot of really valuable information on opportunities for the Fall. I hope that you'll read

along with your calendar (or your cell phone) beside you and begin to make room for all these great events. I hope you'll save us a spot every Sunday to come together as a youth group for fellowship and fun (and food)! And I hope that you'll invite your friends along so that we can share in the experiences together!

It's going to be a great year!





September 2-Labor Day, Church Offices Closed

September 8-1st Day of Sunday School

September 15-Bowling Night (RSVP by 2pm)

September 25-RSVP due for Youth Trip to Congregation Ohev Shalom

September 27-Youth Trip to Congregation Ohev Shalom

October 6-Winter Park Boat Tour Trip

October 26-Trunk or Treat



October 2
Abby Lee (17)

October 9
Sutanya Thomas (16)

October 19
Camden Dreasher (17)

UPCOMING DATES

There will be no Youth Group on September 1st due to Labor Day Weekend. Travel safe everyone!

September 8th will be Rally Day here at the church! Though this event is in the process of being revamped, Rally Day is still an important event. It is on September 8th that we will be welcoming back the return of the Youth Sunday School Class. This class will be led by Pat Morgan! In addition, at the 10:30 service we will be holding Teacher Commissioning, which commissions not only Sunday School Teachers but also your Youth Leaders. Please be sure to come out on this day and support your leaders. They dedicate so much of their time to youth, it is an honor to get to tell them how important they are to us!

On September 15th 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 \$10 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 15th so we have an idea of how many youth we can expect.

On Sunday, October 6, the Youth will have the opportunity to try something new! The Winter Park Boat Tour is a popular attraction along Park Ave. On October 6th, Alan Woods, husband of Phyllis Woods and long time Boat Tour Guide, is inviting Youth onto his boat to give us a personal boat tour! Following the tour we will travel to Panera for dinner and pick-up afterward. Spots are limited so please sign up by September 29th!

All hands on deck! On October 13th we will be preparing for our annual Global Market Fundraiser led by Phyllis Woods. 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!

There will be no Youth Group on October 20th! Enjoy your break!



It's time once more for T-shirts! Youth Disciples have their own T-shirts! We use them for group outings, mission mornings, and this time around, we use them to have fun. This year we will be ordering white youth disciples T-shirts. Why white? Because we

intend to put our own spin on them this year at a tie-dye party! Using the order form available in October, please order your T-shirts by November 3rd and lookout for information in the next Youth Room about our tie-dye party!



Trunk or Treat will take place this year on Saturday, October 26. 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.

CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM

On Friday Night, September 27 the Confirmation Class will be making a special trip to Congregation Ohev Shalom in Maitland...and we're inviting you! As Confirmation Class seeks to bring confirmands closer to God and the scriptures that draw us closer to him, it is important that we have an opportunity to acknowledge our Jewish brothers and sisters. We will do this by attending a Shabbat service, a service that is the Jewish equivalent to our Sunday Morning services. Following the service, Rabbi David Kay will host for us a special Q&A session, to answer any questions we might have about the service, the Jewish Faith, and anything else you can come up with.

Because the Shabbat service was not offered in previous Confirmation Classes, we are inviting all previous confirmands and their families to participate with us. We anticipate meeting at the church between 6:30 and 6:45PM before we head over as a group for the 7:30PM Shabbat service and we should return no later than 9:00PM. Please RSVP for this event by September 21st.

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-fall>

CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDERS



Your first church report is due on November 10th. This church visit can be either to another PC(USA) or a church of another denomination. Please pay attention to Sundays we do not have class so that you can attend on a Sunday that does not interfere with Confirmation Class. Please contact your sponsors to make plans soon.

There will be no confirmation class on September 1st or October 20th.



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