



What's up, youth!!!!

Hi, it's Emily Wasser. Pastor Emily...remember me? Good 'ole Reverend Wasser. I carry a flip phone, have really long blonde hair, and have been known to force you to sing your pre-meal prayers.

It's been a long time since we last chatted. In fact, you might have noticed that there was no July/August edition of the *Youth Room*. That was a decision I agonized over for several weeks before realizing there was nothing going on at Church. I had no news to share with you, no upcoming dates to brief you on, and therefore putting out a *Youth Room* would be far more sad than it would be joyful or informative. But here we are in September! And now things have changed!

A few weeks ago youth leaders and I got together for a *Zoom* meeting and discussed what Youth Group might look like this year. One overwhelming trend emerged from this meeting...your leaders want to see you. If we can find a way to do things safely, to take things slow, and play the year "by ear" as we're calling it, then we wanted to be able to provide for you a place that we can come together, check in, and have fellowship.

Leaders have decided to do "in person" Youth Group on alternating weeks with one hour "Zoom check-ins" to fill in the gaps. This means that one week youth will meet in person, the next we will gather online, the next week we'll meet in person, the next week will meet online, and so on, and so forth.

"In person" Youth Group is something we thought very seriously about. I spoke with several parents and medical professionals over the summer and then consulted with the Youth Leaders to find out what everyone was comfortable with so we could meet again. This is why, for the time being, Youth Group is going to be held outdoors. Because of this we will likely be doing a lot of events and activities, maybe even a few field trips so that we can hang together while staying outdoors. (If we are on church property and it rains, our plan is to use Fellowship Hall or meet under the driveway.)

In addition to staying outdoors, the youth leaders and I ask that you read the new COVID-19 requirements for Youth Group on the next page and come prepared for them to be in place at the first Youth Group gathering on September 13.

Finally, please know that this is our tentative plan. We want to be safe here at Youth Group, we don't want anyone to have to worry about being sick or getting sick. Therefore, Youth Leaders and myself will be watching numbers and monitoring the situation. If at any time we feel it is not safe to meet in person, then we will return to a virtual style Youth Group for everyone's safety.

We are very excited at the possibility of seeing everyone again! We have missed you these past months and are ready to get back to it if you are! Hope to see you 9/13, I'll be the one with the flip phone!

The grass withers,
the flower fades, but
the word of our God
will stand forever.
-Isaiah 40:8



July 4 Alison Frazier (15)
July 9 Catherine Fields (18)
July 9 Jennifer Fields (18)
July 18 Melissa Storey
August 3 Emily Kent (18)
August 9 Nathan Angov (14)
August 23 Stella Angov (12)
October 2 Abby Lee (18)
October 5 Riley Derrick (12)
October 9 Sutanya Thomas (17)
October 18 Maggie Harmeson (12)
October 19 Camden Dreasher (18)

Youth Group Dates

Hello Youth, as we continue to play things by ear and “watch the numbers” we’re planning Youth Group a bit more “by ear” this year than in past years. The following is a list of activities you can schedule on your calendar. Please make note of RSVP dates and the times for events. Also, be sure to read the new COVID-19 requirements for Youth Group and show up prepared!

- ◆ Sunday, September 13—We will be having a Return Cookout at WPPC from 5-7pm, with socially distanced games, cooperation activities, and fellowship time as we get to know our new members and see our friends again! Please RSVP for this event with Emily Wasser by September 10th so we can make sure we have enough food to go around.
- ◆ Sunday, September 20—*Zoom* check-in, grab some dinner then have a *Zoom* meal with us! Stop by and chat with some of your favorite youth leaders and play some online games with us from 5-6pm.
- ◆ Sunday, September 27—Mini Golf Outing! We’ll be heading back to our old favorite Congo River to play a round of Mini Golf from 5:30-7pm. Please RSVP for this event by September 26. Dinner will NOT be provided on this night.
- ◆ Sunday, October 4—*Zoom* check-in, 5-6pm.
- ◆ Sunday, October 11—The Orlando Corn Maze Adventure has arrived! Last year Griffin Seel, along with Ali and Scotty Frazier, won the youth a trip to the Orlando Corn Maze! This year it’s happening! We will meet at the Corn Maze from 3:30-6pm. Please RSVP for this event by September 20th so tickets can be purchased.
- ◆ Sunday, October 18—*Zoom* Check-in, 5-6pm.
- ◆ Sunday, October 25—TBD

Should numbers take a turn for the worst and an “in person” Youth Group event or activity needs to be cancelled, we will be sure to give 48 hours notice.

Information Updates



Have you moved in the last year? Gotten a new cell phone number? Changed your e-mail address? Have your first e-mail address? Spontaneously developed an allergy to cinnamon? Then it’s time to let us know!

Please make sure the information we have for you is updated: name, birthday, cell phone, e-mail, school, and allergies. Each youth should be sure their info is up to date at the start of every school year. Parents should also make sure that their names, phone number, address, and e-mail are also up to date. This can all be done through a simple e-mail to EmilyW@winppc.org!

Welcome 6th Graders



Welcome to the *Youth Disciples* Spencer Bartholomew, Riley Derrick, Avery Erb, Maggie Harmeson, Graham Niemi, Ryleigh Ranson, David Yost! In the weeks and months to come you will begin to receive a lot of information about what it means to be a *Youth Disciple* of Winter Park Presbyterian Church. It is our hope that you will enjoy this new stage in your life and join us for our many activities for years to come! For starters, here are just a few things you should know!

This is the *Youth Room*! You will receive it every other month until you graduate High School or move! Inside you will find all the important dates for upcoming youth events as well as important information you need to know.

The *Youth Disciples* also use the Remind App to keep in touch and for reminders on things like RSVP’s and permission slip dates. To become part of the Remind Group simply text @addb36 to 81010 and you’ll be added!

For more information please send an e-mail to Emilyw@winppc.org. Welcome!

COVID-19 Requirements for Youth Group



Please note, due to the effects of COVID-19, we are asking that everyone attending any “in person” events for youth group please observe the following etiquette to protect themselves and those around them.

- Masks are to be worn at all times except when eating and drinking. If you do not have a mask then one will be provided for you.
- Please use sanitizer and wash hands often. We will have sanitizer on site for any who doesn’t have their own.
- Please keep hands to yourself as we try to give others their space.
- If you or any member of your family test positive for COVID-19 after coming to Youth Group, please notify the Church immediately .

We have come up with some great ways to have fun, socialize, and learn this year without having to be too close together! Though Youth Group may look a bit different this year, we promise that the fun will remain! All precautions are done with the healthy and safety of everyone in mind because caring for each other is the greatest task God has given us! Help us to fulfill this awesome calling we all have by following these restrictions.

Quarantine Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Quarantine Contest Winners!!!!

For winning the *Zoom* Check-in Spring 2020 Contest, Robbie Dreasher wins a gift card for \$50 to the store of his choice!

For correctly identifying the Biblical Characters in the last issue of the Youth Room, Griffin Seel wins a \$10 gift card to Chick-fil-A!