

# HSYG: Understanding the Calendar

Winter 2016-2017

Unity Presbyterian Church

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## **Regular Youth Group:**

Regular Youth Group begins with dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm (see below for details). We will meet from 6:45-8:00 pm in the Youth Room. Youth Group is a combination of time to share, looking at scripture, games and activities, and studying topics that help bridge the gap between scripture and everyday life. While sometimes our topics are the same as that of middle schoolers, our high school students are expected to go deeper and ask different questions. Students can be dropped off or park by Fellowship Hall at 6:00, and be picked up near the Youth Wing.

## **Dinner:**

All year long, **dinner will be served from 6:00-6:45 pm** in Fellowship Hall. During **Sunday Night Live**, the cost for dinner is \$6 per person, and reservations should be made in advance on the church website or by calling the church office (walk-ins will still be admitted). During **Regular Youth Group**, the cost for dinner is by donation (suggested donation is \$3-5 per person). Dinner is provided by parents and church members, and the money is used to reimburse families or to supplement our meal fund if they choose not to be reimbursed.

## **Sunday Night Live (SNL):**

For 5 weeks in the fall and 5 weeks in the spring, Unity Presbyterian Church hosts Sunday Night Live during which bible studies, children's choirs, and youth group all occur between 5:00 and 6:00 pm, and all parties participate in the SNL dinner from 6:00-6:45 pm. Parents are invited to consider one of our adult classes which occur at the same time as MSYG. Adults and students should pre-register for dinner on the church website [www.unityfortmill.org](http://www.unityfortmill.org) by Wednesday before the meal; it is \$6 per meal. If you forget to register, walk-ins will be accepted at the Youth Registration table.

## **Caroling:**

Our Middle and High School students will be split into small groups, and they will visit shut-ins via car or walk to share some time of caroling and visitation with them on Sunday, December 4 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No dinner will be provided on this day. All students must have a 2016-2017 Youth Ministries Registration Form on file to participate.

## **Christmas Joy Service:**

The Christmas Joy Service occurs on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm. The service includes music from our children's choirs and readings and carols from our youth. The offering that is collected benefits the national Christmas Joy Offering for our denomination. Youth are invited to sign up to help read or usher for the service. The deadline to sign up to help is Sunday, December 4.

### **Christmas Party**

The High School Youth will be having a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18. Please bring a gift of something no longer wanted in your home wrapped up for our Horrible White Elephant Exchange. We will serve pizza in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-6:45 pm.

### **Mission Day:**

We will be having a Mission Day on Sunday, January 15. The times and locations will be announced closer to the date, but will include projects that benefit local and regional missions.

### **Tailgate Party:**

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, we will have a party in Fellowship Hall to get ready for the big game. There will be Tailgating snacks, lawn games, a trivia game, and lots of competition and prizes. Come dressed in the gear of your favorite team and bring a favorite snack to share!

### **Pasta Night:**

Pasta Night serves as one of our largest fundraisers for High School Youth. We will host the dinner on Saturday, February 11. Students are asked to come Friday, February 10 for set-up and food preparations, and Saturday, February 11 from 4:00-9:00 pm to help with serving, cleaning, hosting, and sharing faith stories. The proceeds from this event go toward the High School Youth Group Work Camp.

### **Bible Studies:**

We will hold two Bible Studies for High School Youth in two series. The first series will be in December on the first three Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner. We will be reading stories about Jesus' birth and discussing the meaning of Christmas as we grow older. The second series will be in February on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner. We will be reading about and discussing what the Bible has to say about Sexuality and Ethical Decision Making.