

MSYG: Understanding the Calendar

Winter 2016-2017

Unity Presbyterian Church

Regular Youth Group:

Regular Youth Group begins at 5:00 pm in the Youth Wing Parking Lot. We begin with 20 minutes of games (ranging from Kick-Ball to chalk, from Toilet Brush Hockey to Four-Square). We will then have a 10 minute devotion that introduces our lesson for the evening. The lessons investigate scripture in order to help youth learn and process various aspects of their lives. For example, we might look at Psalm 139 to help us understand self-image. We will then spend 15-20 minutes in small groups discussing the lesson. We come back together at 5:55 pm for the Weekly Challenge where we are encouraged to put our lesson into practice during our everyday lives this week. From 6:00-6:45 pm, we will eat dinner (please see meal instructions). Students can be dropped off near the Youth Wing Parking Lot and picked up in the Fellowship Hall Parking Lot.

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.

Fort Mill Parade Coffee Fundraiser:

Our Middle School Youth will be selling coffee, hot cocoa, and baked goods at the Fort Mill Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward Asheville Youth Mission, our summer Middle School mission trip.

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.

Babysitting and Christmas Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser

Our Middle School Youth will be holding an event for elementary aged children in Fellowship Hall with dinner and games as a chance for their parents and grandparents to go out Christmas shopping. Youth will also offer a service to all congregation members of wrapping Christmas gifts. All proceeds will benefit Asheville Youth Mission. All youth who participate in this event, must attend a Safe Place Training course offered during Youth Group at a date to be announced.

Christmas Party

The Middle 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.

Snow Tubing:

The Middle School Youth will partake in a trip to Hawk's Nest in Seven Devils, NC. The cost is \$60 per person and we will leave at 9:00 am and return by 9:00 pm. Students should bring extra money for dinner on the way home. In the event that weather does not cooperate, we will reschedule our trip for Saturday, January 28. Please indicate to Lindsay if you can only make one of these dates; refunds will be available if notice is given in a timely manner.

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!

Choir Festival Ushering

On Sunday, February 26, Unity Presbyterian Church will be host to a Choir Festival event with a special guest conductor. The concert will take place at 3:00 pm that Sunday afternoon (time may be changed before the event). The Middle School Youth are invited to pass out bulletins and help with the ushering and serving of refreshments after the event. This is a great way for us to be of service to our church. There will be no MSYG that evening.