

The Shepherd's Kids and Young Adult News

NBRC's Children and Teen Newsletter

September 2008

A new school year is upon us with all of the excitement that brings! I encourage you to check out all of the different activities we have available on Sunday mornings and throughout the week for youth. We only have a brief time to shape these young lives, and a positive faith experience can go a long way. Please contact me if you have any questions or would be willing to help on Sunday mornings or with our youth groups.

Grace and Peace of Christ,

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CHILDREN AND WORSHIP (3yr-2nd Gr.)

"In the beginning..." During the month of September, many of our young children will be reintroduced to the creation story. Wonder with them about this great God who made us, and all that surrounds us.

CHILDREN AT THE TABLE

Do you think your child is ready to participate in communion, but you want to make sure he/she has more understanding about it? Children can come, with a parent, to this brief teaching with Pastor Mark in the Upper Lounge following 2nd service on Sunday, September 28. The session should take no more than 1 hour.

Children and Worship and Church School for youth and adults begin Sunday, September 7. Youth 6th grade and younger begin worship at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary and will be excused following the Youth Message. All others go directly to their classes. Be on the lookout for registration forms for all youth activities.

TEACHER MEETING SEPT 4, 7-8 p.m.!

CHURCH SCHOOL (3rd Gr. - High School)



3rd & 4th Grade

These youth will be learning about Jesus, the Storyteller, from the parables in the gospel of Luke chapters 14 & 15.



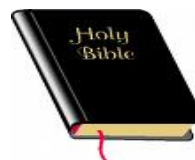
5th Grade

Picking up where they left off as younger children, these youth will hear of God's creation in Genesis 1 but will read on up to Genesis 11 exploring our story that is God's story.

6th Grade

"What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own." This common question and answer from the Reformed Church catechism will be explored in a new way as these youth discover anew God's love.

7th-12th Grades



Ask these students what they're learning!!

ADULT ED HAPPENINGS

September 7
September 14
September 21
September 28

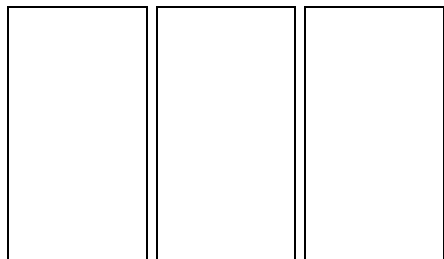
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YOUNG PIONEERS

All 3rd and 4th graders are encouraged to join Sue McGeown and others in Fellowship Hall at church **every other Tuesday 4:30-5:30 pm**. Sue will be looking for parents to sign up to help.

First meeting: September 23

Ice Cream Sundaes and Introductions



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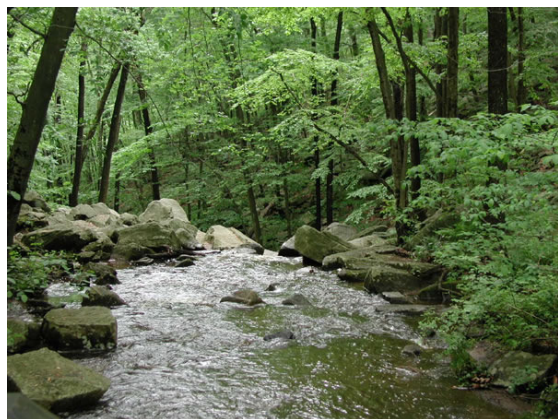
All 5th and 6th graders are invited to this special youth group just for YOU! We meet twice a month and our leaders are Kathy Ajamian, Steve Coy, Kathy Herrmann, and Donna Taggart. Parents will be asked to sign up to help.

9/14/08: Kick-off party

We will meet in Fellowship Hall for our kick-off party! We will play "Get to Know YOU!" games, AND we will be making Ice Cream Sundaes! The leaders will supply the food. Please bring a friend!!
7:00pm to 8:30pm

9/28/08: Hackelbarney Park!

Meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am, bring a packed lunch, and wear comfortable shoes. We will carpool to the park and return back to the church approximately 2:30pm for parent pick-up. Bring a friend!



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Stay tuned to the bulletin for updates...

We will likely still be meeting Sunday nights upstairs at the church from 7 - 8:30 pm.

- September 14 Youth Group
- September 21 Youth Group
- September 28 Youth Group



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Leaders are Cathy Callahan, Anna Schwarz, Judy Schwarz, and Art Sutton. Meet in the basement at church Sundays 7- 8:30 pm unless indicated.

- September 7 Rally Day!!
- September 14 11:30 - 3:30 p.m. Come to the beach and hang out at Spruce Run. Meet at church & bring money for lunch.
- September 21 Hangout/volleyball/frisbee
- September 28 Food Scavenger Hunt

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to go deeper in your faith? Talk to Anna Schwarz or Pastor Mark about this new, exciting possibility!

SURVEYORS

Surveyors, our confirmation class, will be undergoing a slight face-lift over the next couple of years. Are you a 9th-12th grader sorting through what you believe about church? Accompanied by one of your parents, come to an informational meeting Tuesday, September 23 from 7-8 p.m. in the church sanctuary.