

SMPC Youth Calendar 2018-2019

our Pillars of SMPC Youth Program

Mission/Worship = M	Fellowship/Large Group = LG	Small Group = SG	Family = F
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Month	Date	Time	Activity	Pillar
August	25	Sat. 8:00 – 10:00 pm	Pool Party	
	26	11:15 – 1:00pm	Confirmation Luncheon (mentors, parents, 8th graders)	
September	9	11:15-12N	Families of Youth Meeting	
	9	5:00pm MS 6:30pm HS	Fall Kick-Off: Old School Game Night	
	14-16	Fri – Sun	HS Lake Junaluska Retreat	
	16	Sun	MS Small Group Dinners (evite)	
	21-22	Fri – Sat	MS Bethelwoods Retreat	
	23	Sun	HS Small Group Dinners (evite)	
	30	Sun 5-6:30pm	Big Youth Group: Serve God, Serve Neighbor	
October	7	Sun	Dinner and a Movie (<i>sign up required</i>)	
	13	Saturday	CROP walk (Churchwide Event) **Saturday**	
	14	Sun 5-6:30pm	Operation Sandwich: Small Group Breakouts	
	20	Saturday	Aw, Shucks! (<i>sign up required</i>)	
	28	Sun 5-7pm	Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Gail-Frawley O’Dea Consent and Boundaries: How to Teach Consent to Your Child	
	4	Sunday morning	Worship at CN Jenkin + Youth Group with CN Jenkins	

			<i>(sign up required)</i>	
November	11	Fri – Sun; Sun	Confirmation Retreat / Small Group Dinners(evite)	
	18	Sun 5-6:30	BYG: Bonfire	
	25	--	Thanksgiving	
	30	Fri	Middle School LockOUT (<i>sign up required</i>)	
December	1	Saturday	High School LockOUT (<i>sign up required</i>)	
	9	Sun	Caroling, Cookies, and White Elephant	
	16	--	Family Christmas Devotional – check your email!	
	24	--	<i>Merry Christmas!! – No Youth Group</i>	
	31	--	<i>Merry Christmas!! – No Youth Group</i>	
January	6	Sun	Youth Group Gathering! Ice Skating (<i>sign up required</i>)	
	13	Sun 5-6:30pm	Big Youth Group: Mission Project	
	20	--	Family Devotional – check your email! MLK, Jr Holiday	
	27	Sun 5-7pm	Family Trivia Night	
February	3	Sun after each service	Souper Bowl of Caring *Sunday morning*	
	10	Sun 2-4pm	Youth Group with CN Jenkins (at SMPC)	
	17	Sun	Small Group Dinner: Loaves and Fishes Project (evite)	
	24	Sun 5-6pm	Youth Sunday Practice	
March Mission Madness	3	Sun 5-6pm	Youth Sunday Practice	
	9	2-4pm	Youth Sunday Dress Rehearsal	
	10	All Services	YOUTH SUNDAY!	

	17	Sun 5:00 – 6:30pm	Big Youth Group	
	24	Sun 2-5pm	Youth Group Scavenger Hunt: Charlotte-wide!	
	30	Saturday 8am-1pm	Youth Mission Day, with CN Jenkins youth <i>(sign up required)</i>	
April	7	Sun	Small Group Dinners (evite)	
	14	--	Palm Sunday Family Devotional – see email!	
	21	--	Easter Sunday	
	28	Sun	To Be Determined! – See Weekly!	
May	5	11:15 – 1pm	Confirmation Luncheon with Session (8 th Graders Only)	
	6	Sun 5-6:30	Summer Kickoff: Krazy Kickball Game!	
	19	Sun 10:10AM Service	Confirmation Sunday	
June	2	9:00 – 10:00	Senior Day Senior Recognition Breakfast (Hosted by Sophomores+Juniors)	

Youth Ministry in the Summer:

- Be on the lookout for opportunities to host a middle or high school small group on Tuesday nights during the summer – they're a lot of fun, and you'll get everything you need for a devotional and a Bible study!
- Our high school and middle school summer camp registrations open in October 2018 and close in January 2019, and a \$100 non-refundable deposit reserves your spot!
 - Massanetta (for middle school) in Harrisonburg, VA: June 20-23rd
 - Montreat (for high school) in Montreat, NC: July 14-20th
 - *For both camps, we do rely on our parents to chaperone. We must have a 1 to 6 ratio of adult to youth, and they must match in gender.*

***If a time is unlisted in the calendar, be sure to CHECK YOUR WEEKLY as that month approaches.**

****If an event has a *sign up required*, please note future weekly and email information about deadlines. Usually, this means there is limited space, and we have to arrange for transportation, communicate with other organizations, etc. Thank you!**

SMPC Youth Vocabulary!

Big Youth Group - All youth, all ages gather at SMPC in Mecklenburg Hall for student planned and student led music, games, worship, before breaking out into small groups for food, devotional, and activities!

Small Group Dinner - We ask families to “host” each grade in “small group” formats for dinner—in their homes, at restaurants, wherever! About week out, you receive an invite for a chance to hang out with friends in the same grade!

CN Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church – This is one of SMPC’s partner churches, and we partner with them periodically church wide *and* with youth specific events!

Trivia: Adults in Youth Ministry!

DID YOU KNOW...

Students who remain active in the church past 16 years of age are statistically *more likely* to be able to name at least FIVE adults who consistently invested in their faith journey?

DID YOU KNOW...

The *most successful* youth ministries have a ratio of ONE adult involved in the youth ministry to every FIVE students involved?

In Exodus 3, God comes before Moses in the form of a burning bush to invite Moses into what feels like an impossible journey. **If you’ve been looking for a burning bush moment, here it is!** In Christ’s resurrection, God has come before all of us, calling us into building up God’s kingdom. Youth ministry is one of those avenues that we are doing that! Youth are unique, with unique gifts, and they are called into kingdom work.

AND SO ARE YOU. As an adult, you are gifted and called by God into kingdom work — God invites you and I into the sacred space of sharing our gifts! Would you consider that perhaps one of those sacred spaces for you might be the wonderful world of youth ministry?

Parents/Guardians, we literally cannot do youth ministry without your presence and partnership. Please make *sure* to join us at least once this year! **YOU** help us keep our youth SAFE, and you foster relationships that will leave a long-lasting impact on their faith as youth *and* as adults.