



Selwyn Youth



2014-2015

Youth Visioning Team

In late spring, a Youth Visioning Team was formed in an effort to define and build upon a vision for the Selwyn youth program in the coming years. The team included twelve adults in the congregation, each of whom were asked to be a part of the group for very specific reasons. Not all were former or current parents of youth. To date, the group has met twice, and has had very meaningful and productive conversations about where we want our youth program to be in a year or two and how we need to get there. The team will meet twice more and will continue to study the book, "Raising Teens in an Almost Christian World: A Parent's Guide" by Rev. Dietrich Kirk, based on the work of Kenda Creasy Dean.

2014 Youth Visioning Team:

Ashley Armistead, Stevee Baskerville, Mai Lis Bahr, David Caldwell, Susan Flynn, Kat Hoskins, Christy Horne, Andrew McLellan, Lisa McLennan, Stephen Patton, Joy Vickers, Vicki Walker

Fall 2014 Youth Leaders

Thank you to our incredible youth advisors, Matt and Stevee Baskerville and James Hart! We are so grateful for your continued commitment to the Selwyn Youth!

We have created a team of Youth Shepherds who will support the program in different ways throughout the year. We are really excited to have these individuals engaging with our youth and plan to continue to grow this team throughout the year: Ashley Armistead, Mai Lis Bahr, Andrew McLellan, Kurt and Christy Parbst, and Mallory Trogden.

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New Youth Program Logo!

Based on the goals established by the Youth Visioning Team, a new logo has been created for the Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church youth program. This logo does not replace the Selwyn Sardines logo above, as this logo is specific to youth group. Rather, the new logo represents the program as a whole and represents the four key components which will be built into all Christian education, fellowship and mission activities of the youth.



Selwyn Youth Dinners Are Back!

We have really missed having dinners as part of our Sunday evening youth programming. In the fall, whenever possible, we have scheduled one. Parents, in your packet you will find a menu and schedule or volunteers. Erin will purchase the food each week- you just have to show up and prepare it! We will rotate through our parent list until all have served so you will likely only be cooking once a year. If you are unable to cook on your assigned night, please find someone to take your place and email Erin with the change.

Looking Ahead!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are some dates to have on your calendar for spring and summer, 2015!

- Youth Sunday (also Confirmation Sunday and Senior Recognition Sunday)- Sunday, May 10th, 2015
- Mission trip through Appalachia Service Project (ASP) (youth 14 years and older)- June 14th-20th, 2015
- NEW THIS YEAR- Massanetta Springs Middle School Youth Conference- likely July 9th-12th
- Montreat Senior High Youth Conference (rising 9th through graduated senior)- July 12-18th, 2015

2014-2015 Confirmation Class

The following youth have selected mentors and will participate in confirmation this year- please encourage them in their journey and keep them, their families and their mentors in your prayers!

James Barkley
Alex Burgin
Walker Burgin
Izzy Cann
Franklin Caldwell
Noah Carroll
Alex Dewey
Evie Harris
Grace Haruta
Hampton Horne
Will Hoskins
Ann Royal McLennan
Rachel Walker

Monthly High School Bible Study

This fall, we will introduce two Bible studies – one for high school boys and one for high school girls. The former will be moderated by members of Selwyn's Men's Group and the latter by Erin Mills, Steeve Baskerville and Eliza Cann, with help from members of the Youth Shepherd team.

For now, these groups will meet once a month, on a weeknight. We hope this will be a wonderful experience for our high school youth and hope all will participate as they are able.

Youth Representatives

The youth have two representatives, one on the Session and one in the Presbytery. Any youth who have questions are concerned are invited to come to Erin and/or either or both of these youth. Thank you to both of you!

- Youth Elder- Craig Williams
- Youth Representative on the Presbytery Youth Council- Charlie Phillips

Communication

Erin will email all parents each week with information, any changes to the schedule (should be minimal), etc. These changes do not always make it on the master calendar so please be sure you are checking your email regularly.

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge!

Thank you to all of the youth who participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge at Fellowship Pointe. Thanks to your efforts, Lori Raible doubled her donation!



Online Forms & Youth Fee

This year, all forms will be available and can be completed online. Links will be sent via email. The one exception is the general permission form, which must be signed on a hard copy and put in Erin's box. This form is in your packet. Please have all forms completed and submitted by the end of September, if possible.

Each family is asked to pay \$75 per youth to cover the cost of food and extras for youth events throughout the year. This fee will also include the cost of a t-shirt for each youth. Please make your check payable to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church and return it to Erin by the end of September. Please note that financial assistance is available – if this fee will be a hardship for your family, please do not hesitate to contact Erin.