

Council Report for Youth Ministry
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Greetings in the name of the Lord. Peter here with all the news on the youth front. YG is still very much happening, but all in very different ways. Everyday there seems to be full of new updates, and new ways to do things. Times are constantly changing, especially as we get set for the fall. Here are some things we did to finish on the summer.

This summer was all about keeping kids connected as good as possible. We had a successful YG ON THE LAWN event with around 25 kids at it, and 2 College helpers. This event was just like a YG, but we engaged in all our faith, fun and fellowship on the church lawn. Everything was safe and socially distanced. We had one YG FAITH WALK at Gifford Pinchot State Park. This event was a big success. 14 of us gathered on a Sunday morning and walked a 3 mile trail, with different faith teaching stations at them. The purpose of this socially distant hike was two-fold. First, it was once again to simply get people together for a time of fellowship. Second, it was a opportunity of exercise and study. The theme of the walk was journeying with Christ, and how we can better keep him with us during all of life's up and downs. We had several summer YG ZOOM CHATS with different groupings of YG. These are still good methods to keep kids connected, if you can't get together. We closed down the summer with a NEW 6 GRADE "GETTING TO KNOW YG" EVENT. Once again, we headed to church lawn for this intro event designed to get the incoming sixth graders comfortable with what will happen in YG. 10 kids came out, and I ran the event with two current YG Seniors. We played games, had prayers, had snack, learned some YG traditions, and much more. This event went great and it served as super introduction to the freshest members of YG, getting them comfortable with each other, with us, and with the YG that awaits them.

Looking to the fall, things are full speed ahead. Planning has begun for everything, but we are taking things one or two months at a time. That is really the only way to schedule in these times. Our first outside YG for the fall is scheduled for September 13. This season, if not outside, the YG will pretty much be exclusively using Fellowship Hall for our get-togethers. It is way easier to social distance and keep things safe in this space. Several other events will start of the the fall as well, so there is a lot coming up both safely in-person, and virtually for the YG as we move forward.

Plans are also being made for the faith formation classes. These will probably (at least in the beginning), be on Zoom. Trying to find ways to connect them altogether in common theme. So hopefully this will happen and it will be a success. Bottom line, there will be a lot happening as we move into the fall, it's just going to look a little different. Got to go now, more planning awaits.

Yours in Christ,
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