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Welcome to Youth OMG!!

I am excited to welcome you to Youth OMG at Milford Presbyterian Church. You will find everything you need to know about our Fall programs in this newsletter.

First, a little about myself. My name is Bethany Peerbolte. I graduated from Michigan State University, GO GREEN, and I have been the youth director at Milford



Presbyterian for a year. It has been an amazing year!! Every meeting and event we have I see God working in these teens' lives as well as my own.

I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this year.

Parents, I am here for you. The teenage years are full of ups and downs for the whole family and it can be overwhelming. You are always welcome to call me. I am fluent in "teenish" and can serve as a translator if needed as well as a resource for finding help with any issue that may come up.

Our group is made up of 6th-12th graders. We are still building so we always have new faces at the meetings. We welcome teens of all religious doctrines, so

we encourage the students to bring all their friends.

I strive to teach the youth how to be people of character who respect and care for the people around them.

I look forward to seeing your student this fall. I can't wait to see how God works in your students' lives, and watch them grow on this journey with God. You can always find more details on our website:

www.milfordpc.org

Please let me know if you need anything. You can call the church (248) 684-2805, my cell phone (248)895-3993, or e-mail me bpeerbolte@milfordpc.org.

Youth Mission Statement

We build relationships with Christian peers to help each other grow in understanding and acceptance of self and God. Using Bible lessons, lock-ins, service projects, concerts, and more. We excite, inspire, capture and ignite young people for Jesus. All while having fun and eating a LOT of food!!!!

Parents: How to get involved.



The Parent Posse is the key support team for the youth group. They provide a snack for our meetings, a ride for any youth who may need one, and stay at the church to pray for our meetings/be another adult available in case of emergencies. They share the responsibilities by picking dates they can help. If you would like to be a part of the Parent Posse please e-mail Bethany about your interest and we will get you onto the calendar.

To find out who the Parent Posse member is driving the carpool this week, e-mail or call Bethany.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THESE RESOURCES!!!

We stay in contact with a few resources. Every month a Parent Newsletter is mailed home. It provides a glance at the month, any due dates that may be coming up, pictures from past events, and the occasional family devotion time.

There are also small mailings that will go out for specific events and important reminders.

We have a fan-out list in case any information needs to be relayed quickly (i.e. sudden meeting cancellation).

This year we have two new forms of communication we will

be trying out. First, if you are on our e-mail list you will receive an e-mail for every meeting telling you what we talked about and questions to ask your student to see what they learned. Second, there is a new website for the youth group to talk about what is going on and see what is coming up. The website is still in test mode but we hope to have it up and running by October.

If you want to be on our mailing list or e-mail list, or know someone who should be, please e-mail your information to Bethany.

CHAPERONING & OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chaperoning can be a scary thing for adults, but remember you have the best training for working with teens, you survived being a teen. The teen years are awkward for everyone. As a teen you want to be an adult so badly, but aren't quite sure what that means. Too often they think adults are working drones who do the same boring things everyday. Somewhere inside they know it doesn't have to be that way, so I like to show them what I call "alive adults". Adults who handle their responsibilities the best they can while still enjoying life. That's where chaperons come in. They are the window into what being an adult really means. I also think it is vital for teens to see their own parents having fun and enjoying the same things they do.

For every event I will need chaperons. I like to keep the ratio at 5 students per adult. There are a few policies we follow to be sure everyone is safe and has the best time possible. Every event has a permission slip that needs to be filled out by a parent. It contains details about time, place, activities, and medical information. It also has a medical consent section in case of an emergency. Every chaperon must pass a background check, and anyone driving a student must turn in a copy of their insurance and driver's license.

We have a strict 2-1 policy which means no adult should be alone with a student. At any time during an event there should be at least two students and one adult or two adults and one student in a group. If there is a case where a student needs to be taken

away from the group to be talked to alone, someone (either another student or adult) should be within eyesight of the conversation. This is for the safety of both students and adults, and prevents "their word against yours" situations.

If you are more of a behind the scenes worker I can always use set-up and clean-up people, and people to help with mailings or phone calls.

Also on occasion I will need someone to run a lesson for me.

Please pray about how you can volunteer with the group. I promise God will work in your life through these students. Sometimes it takes 24 hours without sleep for God to get through to us.

Youth Events

October

Oct 9th-30th	5/21 Project
Oct 21st	Lock-In
Oct 30th	Youth Sunday

November

Nov 5th	Rake & Run
Nov 19th	DIA Trip

December

Dec 11th	Christmas Party
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January

Jan 27th-29th	Spring Hill
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February

Feb 4th & 5th	Super Bowl Subs
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5/21 PROJECT OCTOBER 9TH-30TH

Make the commitment as a family or for yourself to read the Bible 5 minutes a day for 21 days. You'll be shocked how easily 5 minutes fits into your schedule and how quickly 5 minutes go by. You'll receive suggestions for what chapters to read each day by e-mail.

Youth will have access to a blog so they can talk about what they've read with other youth and Bethany. They can ask questions and suggest meaningful verses to others taking the challenge. During this time our normal meeting times will be focusing on

understanding the Bible. We will answer any questions and discuss verses that stood out to us during the week of reading.

To make the commitment sign-up with Bethany or in Fellowship Hall.

Dates and times are subject to change. To stay informed about changes please sign-up for our mailing lists.

LOCK-IN OCTOBER 21ST 9PM-9AM



This year the lock-in will be held at Joe Dumar's Field house in Shelby Township. The cost for the event will be \$22 due by October 2nd.

The Field house has climbing walls, a high ropes course, rollerblading, laser tag, arcade

games, a bungee trampoline, mini golf, a dance floor, a sports gym and more!!! The night we will be going is the monthly Christian youth lock-in night so there will be students from other churches there for us to hang-out with.

Like all events the goal of the event is to help the youth on their walk with Christ so there will be Bible lessons throughout the night. And as always friends are invited!!!

RAKE & RUN NOVEMBER 5TH 1PM

Raking the leaves can be a pain in the back and some people's backs in our congregation won't take it any longer. Luckily we have lots of young backs that can handle the work.

We'll be going from house to house raking and bagging leaves as a service

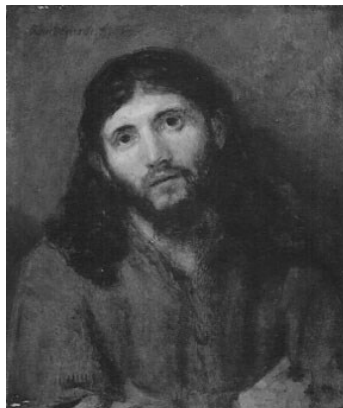
to the members of our church and community. This project will count for any service hours you may need to meet for a class or organization.

If you know of someone in the congregation or community who needs their leaves raked let us know.

We'll bag the leaves for them!!!!

I also need some rakes to borrow and leaf bags donated for the project. If you would like to help us with these items e-mail Bethany.

DIA: FACE OF JESUS NOVEMBER 19TH \$8



Youth will tour the Detroit Institute of Art as well as see the new exhibit "Face of Jesus". We will have a Bible discussion about Rembrandt and how he changed the face of Jesus.

Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus brings together for the first time many of Dutch master Rembrandt van Rijn's

finest paintings, prints and drawings that portray Jesus and events described in the Bible. The exhibition of 70 works includes approximately 50 small, intimate paintings, prints and drawings by Rembrandt and his students revealing how Rembrandt broke from traditional 17th-century

representations of Jesus. The small, intimate works cover every phase of Rembrandt's artistic exploration of the subject, from rapid sketches that were ideas for future pictures, to a masterpiece from the Louvre never before shown in the U.S.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11TH

The Christmas Party will take place during our normal meeting time on Sunday evening. There will also be a service project connected to the event.

Plans haven't been made yet because the top two youth with the most stickers in our new sticker program (see pg. 5) will be helping me plan the party.

ATTENTION YOUTH!!

Want to plan the Christmas party? YOU CAN!!! The two youth with the most stickers by November 13th will make all the decisions for the party. What to do at the party, what to eat, what the prizes should be, what games to play, what music to listen to, EVERYTHING!!!!

SPRING HILL JANUARY 27TH-29TH

Speaker: Brooklyn Lindsey

Band: TBA

You are here.

But where are you going? This year's theme, **en Route**, will give direction as we navigate a challenging world. Dynamic speakers, interactive small group times, and a challenging prayer labyrinth will bring to

life key truths from Philippians 3:13-14, truths that will help them along their journey to Christ-likeness. With awesome times of worship, extraordinary activities, and plenty of time to grow together as a group.

Spring Hill is an amazing weekend. The youth have access to snow tubing, paint ball, horseback riding, broomball, basketball, ping pong ball, karaoke, crafts, bungee trampolines, rope courses, and lots more.

All friends are welcome so invite everyone you know!!!



\$129 students

Chaperons go FREE!!!

\$60 due December 4th

If you participate in fundraisers this is all you pay.

YOUTH SUNDAY EVERY 5TH SUNDAY (IN MONTHS WITH 5 SUNDAYS)

Youth Sunday is an opportunity for the youth to take over the responsibilities of a church service. They become the ushers, worship assistants, run the power point, and collect the offering and prayers for the service. This is also their opportunity to put their own spin on the service.

They can play an instrument, perform a skit, or anything else they would like to make the service more meaningful for them.

The first youth Sunday for the year is October 30th.

SUPER BOWL SUB FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH

Last year's fundraiser was a huge success so we will be doing it again!! This year's subs will feature Jimmy John's bread.

The proceeds will go towards the summer mission trip.

February 4th we will be building the subs at the church then Sunday the 5th we will give the congregation their order.

“You have to best training for working with teens, YOU SURVIVED BEING A TEEN!!!”

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Sticker Program

Every time a student comes to a youth meeting or event they will get a sticker. Periodically throughout the year there will be rewards for the person with the most stickers. The first reward is to plan the youth group's Christmas party. The top two youth with the most stickers will make all the decisions on what to do, eat, play, win, etc. at the party.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY 10AM (DURING THE SERVICE)

Ever wonder what the colors on the alter mean? Or what exactly Maundy Thursday is? Sunday mornings we will be taking a journey through the church year. We will see why we have the traditions we do and what they all mean.

SUNDAY 7PM-8PM (IN THE YOUTH ROOM ON THE STAGE)

During the evening meeting we will be following the *Live* curriculum. We will be answering questions like: Who is God? And what is His full story? Sexuality: what was God thinking? Talking about belonging in a community, dangerous people, the life of Jesus, family, reading and understanding your Bible, finding an identity, changes, pain and struggles, growing on your own and more. Every meeting has 40 minutes of lesson and then the youth have the rest of the meeting time to hang-out and catch-up with friends.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

**SEPTEMBER 21ST-OCTOBER 26TH
DINNER AT 6:00PM
MEETING TILL 7:30PM**

At Wonderful Wednesdays we will be looking at specific people from the old testament. The curriculum is through *re:form* and is called *Ancestors of the Old Testament*. We will explore the ancestors of our faith by exposing the real, unpolished, and unexpected personalities of 15 Old Testament characters. Youth will discover the similarities between themselves and the many unlikely people selected by God to do extraordinary things.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES WITH REV. ANN SCHAEFER

If you have a student who is in 6th grade or who hasn't been confirmed yet they are invited to take confirmation classes with Rev. Anne Schaeffer. These classes are designed to teach the students about the Presbyterian faith and give them the chance to make the decision to become a member of the church. Classes will begin in January. If you want to enroll your student please e-mail Bethany or Rev. Anne Schaefer.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays:

Journey Through the Church Year
10:00am (during the church service)

Evening Meeting *Live Curriculum*
7:00-8:00pm (in the youth room on the stage)

5th Sunday (in months with 5 Sundays):

Youth Sunday 10:00am

Wonderful Wednesdays:

Old Testament Ancestors
Every Wednesday from
September 21st till October 26th
Dinner served at 6:00pm
Class till 7:30pm

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