

***WELCOME
TO
YOUTH
CONNECT!***

- 2016-2017 -

**YOUTH
CONNECT**

Cottage Lake
& Emmanuel
Presbyterian
Youth

**Cottage Lake
Presbyterian Church**
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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAYS — 4:45—7:30PM

YOUTH CONNECT'S THE



Sept. 21, 28

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30

**Nov. 23—Not meeting due to Thanksgiving*

Dec. 7, 14

**Dec. 21 & 28—Not meeting due to Winter Break*

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25

Feb. 1, 8, 15

**Feb. 22—Not meeting due to Mid-Winter Break*

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 19, 26

**April 12 – Not meeting due to Spring Break*

May 3, 10, 17, 24

**End-of-Year Celebration – May 24th*

WEEKLY GAME PLAN:

	YOUTH CONNECT
4:45-5:30	Games
5:30-6:15	Youth Creative Worship & Service Choices (Trombones, Cooking, Learning Guitar, Confirmation, Fire Pit Project?)
6:15-6:45	D I N N E R
6:45-7:30	Bible Study & Discussion

MATTERS OF MONEY



... PER YEAR
(30 weeks)

\$120 for each young person

... PER Half Year
(15 weeks)

Pay \$60 in September
& \$60 in February

30 weeks = \$4.00 per

Fees basically cover meal expenses. Bible study materials, music, and activity expenses are supplied through the church budget. If possible, it helps us to collect Fees at the time of registration.

Financial assistance is available through a scholarship fund so that no one will be excluded from participation by cost. Contributions to the scholarship fund are both welcome and needed. Requests for scholarships can be made before or at the time of registration,



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COTTAGE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH CONNECT

WEDNESDAYS - 4:45—7:30PM
YOUTH CONNECT - 6-12th Grades

LEADERS

PASTOR: Rev. J. Scott Anthony

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN NURTURE: Jenine Taylor

YOUTH CONNECT LEADERSHIP TEAM:

- Marc Blaser
- Erik Sigurdson
- Brian Smith
- Debbie Smith
- Jennifer Ward
- Heather Hawley

**THE YOUTH CONNECT
MISSION STATEMENT**
AS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS,
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL THROUGH
THE HOLY SPIRIT
TO BE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER,
THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD
SO THAT OUR LIVES PROCLAIM WITH JOY
THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

HELP!

- ♥ If you are available Wednesdays around 6:00, we would love to have parents help with dinner clean up.
- ♥ If you can do a load of wash any given week, we send the table clothes and dish towels home with a parent each week.
- ♥ Some of our young people need rides to or from the church. If you are able to help with transportation, please let us know.
- ♥ We also ask that you actively support your child/ren by encouraging participation at YOUTH CONNECT on Wednesdays and at worship on Sundays.



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Friends are ALWAYS welcome at YOUTH CONNECT! Anyone may invite a friend to come with them, If you can let one of the leaders know ahead of time, great! If not, no big deal...since we almost always have plenty of food. We do ask that guests contribute \$4 for their meal....if possible.

If the same friend visits several times, we will ask them if they'd like to join YOUTH CONNECT! We love it when young people want to come and we love it even more when they join the group!

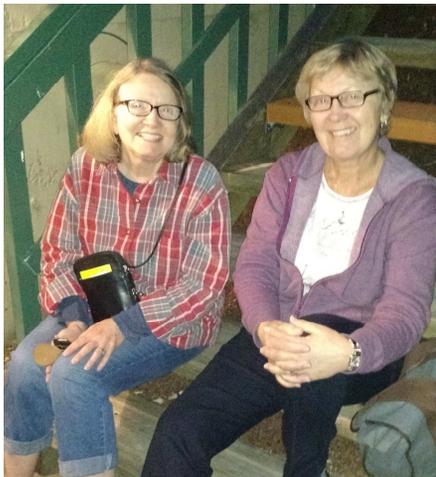


PARENTS ARE IMPORTANT TOO!

Through YOUTH CONNECT, we strive to help young people have the best life possible now and as they grow up into adulthood. In addition to caring about your children, we care about you--the parent(s)--and the extremely important relationships that you have with your children. Each of us (church and parents) is responsible to God and to our children for the quality of relationships that we provide for them. The YOUTH CONNECT time each week provides the opportunity for quality relationships to develop through God's love, with the commitment of many caring parents and other adults. Without this commitment from parents and adults, the quality of relationships that ALL young people deserve would not be possible.

Therefore, we, the YOUTH CONNECT leaders, agree to:

- ♥ Love God, because we realize that it is God's love that enables us to love others.
- ♥ Love your children, always seeking the best for them.
- ♥ Give of our talents and time each week. (Some cooking, some leading recreation, some teaching Bible study, some leading a worship option, some making dessert, some washing table clothes. You get the idea.



You, the parent, are challenged to participate actively in this process. Carefully and prayerfully consider the specific opportunities available to you in the YOUTH CONNECT ministry. If a leadership position is of interest

12 to you, please let us know!

WHAT IS YOUTH CONNECT?

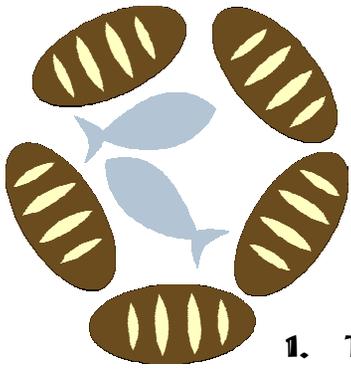
YOUTH CONNECT is a dynamic ministry enabling young people in 6-12th Graders to experience God's unconditional love AND to have an opportunity to share that unconditional love with their peers and adult leaders AND with their families. The basis for every aspect of YOUTH CONNECT is God's love for us--enabling us to love and care for one another.

YOUTH CONNECT welcomes anyone in grades 6—12 who is willing to participate in a loving, fun-filled Wednesday evening **AND** Sunday morning adventure. This adventure occurs in the context of a well-designed system of ministry to give our youth the best foundation for their lives--the love of God in Jesus Christ.

During our Wednesday YOUTH CONNECT gatherings, young people enjoy fellowship through a variety of recreational activities, through preparing to participate in worship in creative ways, through group Bible studies, and through sharing a family-style dinner together.

YOUTH CONNECT is not a substitute for Sunday morning worship participation. The relationships that are formed on Wednesday afternoons continue to Sunday mornings when the young people come to be a part of the bigger family of God through WORSHIP.





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1. TO CALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are called to discipleship by Jesus Christ. We respond to that call both individually and as members of a community. As individuals, we answer that call by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, publicly acknowledging our commitment to follow Christ, and then being obedient to God. Becoming a disciple means taking risks, meeting other's needs, and adopting a lifestyle that includes Bible study, prayer, worship, and service.

2. TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people come to the church with a wide variety of needs and interests. Responding to those needs and interests is a critical component of the Presbyterian Youth Connection. We begin by acknowledging each person as created in God's image and then by providing nurture and support. It continues by ministering with them in ways that are relevant and have meaning for their lives.

Responding to needs and interests also means raising hard questions. It is finding the balance between recognizing where young people are and offering a challenge and a gentle push to encourage them to be their faithful best. Responding to the needs and interests of young people means not only taking their concerns seriously but also challenging them to focus on the concerns of others as well.

3. TO WORK TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

Youth ministry is a partnership of young people and adults. It is adults doing youth ministry with young people, not just to or for them. Partnership involves adults and young people together in everything: from creating, to planning, to doing, to cleaning it all up. It is sharing experiences and visions with each other. It is trusting each other. People who take partnership seriously risk having to compromise and not always getting their own way. Partnership is hard work as well as teamwork.

3. GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Today, when being busy and productive every minute of the day is the norm, time for noncompetitive FUN is a rare and beautiful thing! YOUTH CONNECT games & activities are designed with no other purpose in mind. We highly value the opportunity that it provides young people to learn about themselves and each other as they recreate together. We'll set aside time each week to just play! We are also open to have some additional outings and events whenever a fun opportunity comes our way. So if you have an idea...speak up!



4. DINNER SHARED & SERVED



A shared meal together is an essential aspect of YOUTH CONNECT. During the meal time a unique sense of the family of God develops as young people and adults eat and share together week after week.

THE FOUR PARTS

1. BIBLE STUDY

YOUTH CONNECT offers creative, relevant, and interactive Bible studies for groups of young people. The Bible study time is the heart of our time together because it helps young people develop into intelligent, committed, and concerned Christian individuals. Marc Blaser has been teaching the youth for many years and enjoys making the Biblical characters come to life!



2. CREATIVE WORSHIP & SERVICE



Youth are encouraged to participate in Sunday morning worship actively! We strongly believe that worship is for God's children of ALL AGES!! We want to ADD creativity to our worship services and we know that young people have what it takes! So—we hope to continue forming small groups to get everyone involved in sharing their gifts & talents in ways they would most enjoy. We also believe that service is a great way to share our faith

within and without the church walls. So—we will have opportunities to serve each week as well. Last year a group helped make part of our dinner (they made some great desserts!) We are excited about the possibilities!



INTENTIONS

4. TO BE CONNECTED TO THE WHOLE CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND WORLD

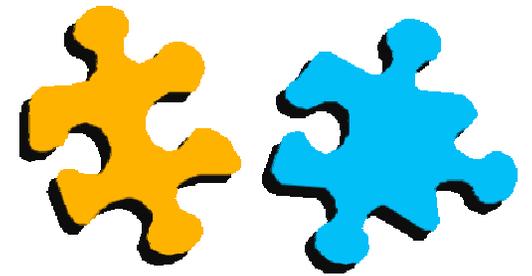
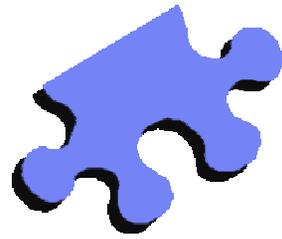
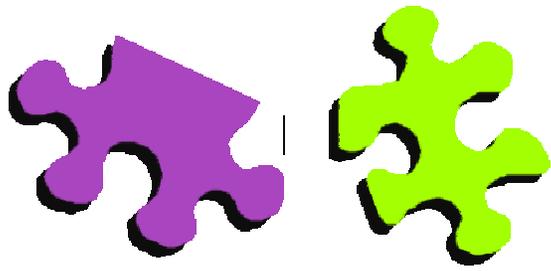
Youth ministry does not happen in a vacuum. It is connected to the whole church. Youth ministry claims its roots in our Presbyterian heritage by being connected to other churches in the presbytery, other presbyteries in the synod, other synods in the General Assembly, and other denominations in ecumenical gatherings. Youth ministry is connected to families, schools, communities, regions, nations, and the whole world. The Presbyterian Youth Connection seeks to connect youth ministry to the whole church as an integral part of the living body of Christ, at all times and in all places.

5. TO BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth ministry is inclusive rather than exclusive. It reaches out to others and invites them to belong to the community. It affirms differences and celebrates common commitments. The Presbyterian Youth Connection includes many different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, and ages. It is, like the nature of God, more interested in building bridges than walls. Any place young people are involved is part of the church's youth ministry and therefore, part of the Presbyterian Youth Connection.

Evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others, is important to understanding this intention. We believe and because we believe, we belong to this community of faith. But belonging is not enough. We also reach out to others to invite them to belong, too.





WE'RE CONNECTED!

YOUTH CONNECT is connected to other churches in several ways:

1. We are excited to continue sharing this ministry with Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bothell! We are truly one family with young people forming long lasting friendships.
2. We are a part of a family of churches around the country who offer similarly structured youth ministry programs under the name of Logos. As a part of this bigger family, our youth ministry receives the benefit of excellent resources, training, and a wealth of shared experience.
3. Our choice of name is a take-off from—Presbyterian Youth Connection—showing that we have chosen to be connected to other Presbyterian churches who share our commitment to the *Youth Connect (PYC) Mission Statement* and the *Five Intentions of Youth Ministry*. Read more on pages 4 and pages 6-7 to find out what good stuff they contain!



WHAT'S EXPECTED?

We uphold the following as being of utmost importance.

- ♥ Our pastor actively participates in YOUTH CONNECT .
- ♥ Parental support and participation (even behind the scenes!) are essential to the success and effectiveness of this ministry.
- ♥ Regular participation will be encouraged...both on Wednesdays and at worship on Sundays (at Cottage Lake or Emmanuel or wherever you may be!)
- ♥ YOUTH CONNECT consists of four parts. These parts—each indispensable to the ministry—are:

