

## *Middle School*

### *The Ship—Middle School Small Group*

Get on board with Middle School FellowSHIP! A time where we learn and grow as a community of believers. The Ship is every Wednesday night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. starting with a large group time where students can let loose, play, laugh, and just be kids. Later, they meet in small groups for study, discussion, and prayer led by staff and high school mentors. We also have a fall retreat and spring lock-in.

### *Sunday Middle School Small Group*

Interested in delving deeper into scripture and your questions about faith? You may be young but we know that wrestling with your faith has begun. Join us Sunday mornings in a safe space and small group to wrestle with faith and life together.

### *Mission and Service*

We participate in a variety of local mission projects, including serving at the World Vision distribution center, assisting with the Salvation Army Shelter Christmas Program, and local work projects. We also raise funds and awareness for hunger relief through World Vision's 30-Hour Famine and for invisible children and local children's missions through a Spring spaghetti lunch. Special trips are held over spring break and during the summer.

### *Laurelville Retreat*

Held in November, this retreat is a must for middle school youth and their friends who are beginning to wrestle with faith and just want a weekend away! There's a mudfest, skits, rockin' music, and a great speaker challenging youth to live their lives for Jesus. It's a great time for youth to bring their friends.

### *Surf City*

Surf's Up for all middle school students. If you think Laurelville is a blast, that is nothing compared to Surf City. A crew from FCPC joins several hundred others on a beautiful lake in Michigan. Boating, swimming, belly flop contest and more. Come and grow in your faith as you hear great speakers, learn new insights from the Bible, meet other kids from different backgrounds, see fun skits and jump in the sand dunes. High school students are eligible to go as counselors!

# *High School*

## *High School Fellowship*

High School students gather at the church for worship, fellowship and discussion most Sunday nights from 7-8:30 PM. Lock-ins and retreats give more focused time to dig deeper into life and faith issues and grow closer to each other. Check the student ministries calendar for specific dates and details.

## *Sunday Morning Small Group*

We gather on Sunday mornings during the school year from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each month we explore a different topic that addresses the needs and interests of the group, seeking guidance from scripture and help from each other in finding ways to live faithfully and walk with God in the "real world."

## *Confirmation*

Confirmation begins in February each year and concludes in November. High school freshmen and their parents meet in large and small groups to explore the basics of Christian faith and tradition, to explore their personal relationship with Christ, and to prepare for church membership.

## *Ministry Teams*

Students who desire to be leaders for both high school or middle school are part of a one-to-one discipleship program. They act in various leadership roles such as serving on the youth council, leading middle school small groups, and assisting with visual and musical media during the H<sub>2</sub>O Service.

## *Mission Trips*

We participate in a variety of local mission projects throughout the year as well as raise funds and awareness for hunger relief through World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Plans are in the works for a spring break mission trip in 2010!

# *High School*

## *J-Town Retreat*

Held in December, this retreat is a time of rejuvenation for High School students who are looking for a break from the hectic race at school. There are skits, rockin' music, and a great speaker challenging youth to live their lives for Jesus. It's a great time for youth to invite their friends.

## *Montreat Youth Conference*

July 26-August 1, 2009. We'll join 1,000 other high school students from all over the nation in them mountains of North Carolina for the Presbyterian national youth conference. The week is packed full of awesome worship, small groups, mountain climbing, whitewater rafting and time to grow closer to God and each other. Youth leave at the end of the week reawakened and reenergized in their faith.

## *How Adults May Help In Student Ministries*

Do you have a passion to walk alongside the chaotic life of a middle school student? Do you remember what it was like to be in junior high and what it meant for someone to simply talk to you? Do you remember the tension of life during high school? It just seemed like there was a lot to figure out. Do you feel passionate about walking with high school students as they sort things out? If the answer is yes to any of these questions and you love Jesus, then join us in Student Ministries. Mentors are needed for confirmation, youth group, and weekly small groups. We also appreciate chaperones for retreats and open doors to your home for special events.

## *College Care Packages*

Twice a year we send college care packages to all our undergraduate and graduate students. The package includes letters of encouragement and goodies to let them know that their church family cares and is thinking about them while they are away from home. Contact the church office for more information.