

Your guide to the activities and opportunities
of Trinity's Youth and Family Ministries

Youth and Family Ministries

2011-2012 GUIDEBOOK

An easy to follow guide to a
year of fun, fellowship, and
educational opportunities



welcome

Welcome to the 2011-2012 youth ministry handbook. We're excited about seeing what God has in store for us this year. There are many ways for you to plug into the life of our church: worship, church school, Sunday night PYC, Bible study, small groups, youth choir, mission activities and trips. There is something for everyone.

There are new small groups forming this fall for 9th graders, 21/7 for boys and 3W7 for girls. Make sure you check out page 7 in this handbook to read about all that is available for your involvement. Remember to mark your calendar for the 2012 Youth Auction on February 25, at Trinity School.

We have NINE trips planned for you this year. Mission trips, a ski trip, youth conferences, and Faith in 3D at Disney are just a few of the exciting offerings we have. Please make sure you find the trips and conferences registration brochure, or you can register online by going to the youth section of the Trinity web site, www.trinityatlanta.org.

This handbook includes a directory listing everyone in grades 6-12 who are on the church rolls. Also included are the names and numbers of key youth volunteer leaders. Please check the key for school abbreviations. We have done our best to insure that our information is accurate. If you find an error or name omitted, please call Veronica Ridenhour at 404-495-8440, and we will be happy to make corrections in our computer records. Thanks and we'll see you at church!

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Trinity Presbyterian Youth Ministry

Mission Statement

The youth ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church seeks to nurture youth and their families, to engage their hearts and minds, and to equip them for a lifelong faith that embodies God's transforming love through Jesus Christ.

Values

God encounter us, both individually and in community, as

1. We respond to God's Spirit through thoughtful reflection, lively questioning, and warm fellowship.
2. We honor God through worship, grounded in the love of Jesus Christ.
3. We seek to address human needs through acts of compassion and social action.
4. We share leadership as youth and adults together.
5. We live with an enthusiasm and joy that spills over into our congregation and community.
6. We strive to create authentic community that makes room for the full range of human emotions.
7. We welcome, celebrate and respect the diversity of all God's children.

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth ministry seeks to nurture youth and their families, to engage their hearts and minds and to equip young people for a lifelong faith

Connect

- You know the basics and have overcome obstacles with the support of your youth directors, advisors and peers.
- You are beginning to connect with your life and God.
- You are doing this through youth group worship and exploration nights, service days, church school, and Sunday worship.

Grow

- You want to know how to grow in your Christian walk but you're not sure where to start or fully sure that you're ready to commit.
- Programs that are geared to these youth are karaoke night, group building events, tacky light tour, and Agape Center meals.

Explore

- You're ready to understand how to read and study the Bible.
- You want to know what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- You want to know how to nurture your relationship with God.
- Programs for this stage are Confirmation Class, Church School Sunday Worship and youth group.

Serve

- You are ready to understand what it means to serve Christ by serving others.
- You want to dive deeper into the scriptures and get involved in missions.
- Programs in this area are Bible study, mission projects and trips, 5th Sunday ushering, acolytes, Trinity Serves, and Agape Thanksgiving baskets.

Belong

- You've gotten your feet wet and know the lay of the land. Now it's time to make your niche here at Trinity.
- Programs to help you belong include small groups, Bible study, Sunday Night PYC, Montreat Youth Conference, Middle School Youth Conference, vocational discernment groups.

Lead

- You've realized the importance of connecting what you've learned and experienced about your faith to the wider world
- You are ready to assume greater leadership responsibilities in church programs.
- Ways to serve include being a youth elder, serving on committees, welcoming all to youth activities, being a 6th-grade mentor, taking leadership on Sunday nights.



calendar of events

		AUGUST '11						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
28	Youth Sunday		1	2	3	4	5	6
		4	5	6	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30	31			

		SEPTEMBER '11								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
						1	2	3	7	HS Bible Study
									11	Church School Kickoff
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	24	Saturday Morning Mission
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	25	POTS
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	30-2	6th Grade Mission Trip
		25	26	27	28	29	30			

		OCTOBER '11						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
15	Saturday Morning Mission							1
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31							

		NOVEMBER '11								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
				1	2	3	4	5	13	POTS
									19	Saturday Morning Mission
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	20	PYC-Agape Thanksgiving
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
		27	28	29	30					

		DECEMBER '11						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
11	6th-graders set up for St. Luke's bags					1	2	3
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31

		JANUARY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	PYC Agape meal
									13-16	Jr. High Mystery Trip
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	21	Saturday Morning Mission
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	PYC Parent/Youth Mission Night
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		29	30	31						

		FEBRUARY '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
5	Souper Bowl of Caring				1	2	3	4
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29			

		MARCH '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
						1	2	3	17	Saturday Morning Mission
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	25	POTS
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

		APRIL '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
14-15	Confirmation Retreat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		29	30					

		MAY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
				1	2	3	4	5	6	Bridge Sunday
									6	Confirmation Examination
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	20	Confirmation Sunday
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
		27	28	29	30	31				

		JUNE '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
3-9	Montreat Youth Conference						1	2
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30

		JULY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1-7	Jr. High Mission Trip
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14-22	Sr. High Mission Trip
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	25-29	Middle School Youth Conference
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		29	30	31						

21/7

Monthly, 700 p.m.

A new group for ninth-grade boys will begin meeting in September. We will meet on the 21st day of each month at 7:00 p.m. in participants' homes for food, fellowship, and Bible study. John Ryan will lead the group.

3W7

Third Wednesday, 700 p.m.

A new group for ninth-grade girls will begin meeting in September. We will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in participants' homes for food, fellowship, and Bible study. Wendy Cochran will lead the group.

Acolytes

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. Worship

Senior highs who are confirmed members at Trinity, assist in worship at the 11:00 am worship service. We also need banner bearers at special worship services. For more information and to volunteer, contact Emily Wood @ 770-436-2745 (home) or emilyhortonwood@yahoo.com.

Bridge Sunday

May 6

Rising 6th graders through graduated seniors

Our last Sunday night of the spring, we welcome our sixth graders into PYC and say goodbye to our seniors. If we're not under water restrictions, be ready for the world's longest water slide on the front lawn of the church!

Christmas Eve Services

December 24

Services are held at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We are responsible for the 6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols where we read scripture and the Youth Choir sings.

Church School

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday morning educational activities on the 2nd floor of D Building. See the fall education catalog for classes and room assignments. Come hungry, there's always plenty of doughnuts!

Church-Wide Retreat

September 17-18

Amicalola Falls State Park

It's an all-church gathering where you can relax and spend time with your friends, family, and church staff. To register, contact Amy Patterson @ 404-495-8427 (office) or apatterson@trinityatlanta.org.

Common Grounds - High School Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:45 a.m.

The group meets at 6:45 a.m. during the school year at Caribou Coffee, Northside Drive. Please let John know if you'll need a ride to school!

Confirmation Class

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Eighth-grade students meet in small groups for an 8-week class. Confirmation Sunday is May 20, 2012. To register, download the confirmation booklet at www.trinityatlanta.org.

Fall Kick-Off

September 11, 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.

You are not going to want to miss the fall kick off for PYC. Come join us for a fun time of Wii karaoke, and sing your heart out. If you prefer to avoid the microphone, you can always show us your moves with Wii dance. We promise not to force you on stage if you would rather be a spectator and cheer your friends from the sideline. Either way, you are going to have tons of fun. Come meet the youth advisors and hang out with new and old friends. PYC is your opportunity to come together in fellowship with other teenagers.

Morning Worship

Sundays, 8:45 & 11 a.m.

During the fall, winter, and spring, weekly worship services are held at 8:45 a.m. in Dobbs Chapel and at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Parent/Youth Fall Meeting

August 28, 11:00 a.m.

We'll meet in the Gym for lunch and hear about what's happening with PYC this year. Bring your checkbook, you'll be able to register for youth conferences and mission trips.

Parent/Youth Winter Gathering

January 22, 6:00 p.m.

It's a mission night! We'll eat supper and then work together on a mission project in Williams Hall.

POTS

Once a month, 6:00 p.m.

A small group for Parents Of Teens meet monthly on Sunday night for food, fellowship, and discussion. For more information, contact Jeannie DuBose, 404-495-8429 or jdubose@trinityatlanta.org.

Saturday Morning Mission

Monthly, 8:30 a.m.

Beginning in September, youth will have monthly opportunities to serve the Atlanta community on Saturday mornings.

Senior Banquet

April 29, 6:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to celebrate with our graduating seniors and their families. Our juniors serve this meal to honor our seniors.

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 5, 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship

We hold soup pots after both worship services to collect money to help feed the hungry. This year Souper Bowl Sunday in February 5.

Sunday Night PYC

Sundays, 6:30 p.m.

Junior and senior high youth gather Sunday evenings in Williams Hall for Youth Supper at 6:00 p.m. (don't forget your \$5.00 for supper!) and meet separately from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for a variety of activities.

Youth Auction

A silent auction is held every three years to raise money to help defray the cost of youth mission trips. All hands are needed to help us pull off this important event. The Youth Auction will be held February 28, 2012, at Trinity School. Our last auction raised \$26,000!

Young Peoples Concert

February 12, 12: 15 p.m.

An annual event designed to showcase the talents of Trinity's budding musicians, ages 8-18. Held in Dobbs Chapel on Sunday, February 12, at 12:15 p.m.

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

We need you to sing in the Youth Choir! Weekly rehearsals are on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. The choir sings monthly in either the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. worship service. To register visit www.trinityatlanta.org or contact Patti Heinz at 404-495-8447 (office) or pheinz@trinityatlanta.org.

Youth Supper

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

We gather at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays for Youth Supper in Williams Hall. Chef Dorothy always has something good planned for supper. Please remember your \$5.00 for supper.

Youth Sunday

August 28, 11:00 a.m. Worship

Our yearly opportunity for you to help plan and lead morning worship! This year's theme is "A Love Set Apart." The Youth Choir will be singing.

Saturday Morning MISSION

September 24

COEN Edible Garden

October 15

Books for Africa

November 20 (not a Saturday)

Agape Thanksgiving Baskets

December 17

Feed the Hungry

We'll meet at the church at 8:30 am and return by 1:00 pm.

RSVP e-mails will go out two weeks before each event.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information
on the following dates: January 28, February 11,
March 17, April 21



Retreats, Conferences & Mission Trips

Youth Ministry Trip Deposit and Refund Policy

Amounts for deposits will be set for each trip according to the cost of that trip. All trip deposits will be non-refundable.

Final payments from the Youth Ministry to the vendors for the trips are non-refundable and required well in advance of the trips. Consequently, the Youth Ministry will set a date by which all final payments are due. No refunds will be given after that date.

The refund policy appears on all trip forms, along with communications concerning registration for trip, the cost of the trip, deposit for the trip, and deadlines for payments.

For international trips, travel agencies will offer the option of trip insurance. The participant's purchase of trip insurance will be strongly recommended to all who are involved in Youth Ministry trips and retreats. This preference is communicated on all publicity and forms applicable with a place for the participant to initial as an agreement that they have read and understand the Youth Ministry's recommendation of the individual's purchase of trip insurance.

junior high

6th Grade Fall Mission Trip

September 30/October 2, 2011

Cost: \$75

A chance to get to know your PYC advisors and classmates. We'll leave for Ashville Friday after school and return in the afternoon on Sunday. Payment due on August 28. No refunds will be given after August 28, 2011.

Junior High Faith in 3D

January 13-16, 2012

Cost: \$500, deposit \$250

It's not a mystery this year, but we'll be spending MLK weekend at Disney World!

Deposits are due by August 28, 2011. The remaining balance is due on December 13, 2011. No refunds will be given after December 13, 2011.

Tip of the Iceberg Retreat

February 10-12, 2012

Camp Calvin, Hampton, GA

Cost: tba

Faith-in-Action

for rising 6th & 7th graders

June 11-15, 2012

Cost: no cost

Held during Vacation Ventures, this is a week to be immersed in missions in metro Atlanta.

Junior High Mission Trip to Washington DC

July 1-7, 2012 (tentative)

Cost: \$450, deposit \$250

Spend a week in the nation's capital volunteering for those in need. An added bonus: 4th of July fireworks in D.C.!

Deposits are due by November 1, 2011. The remaining balance is due on May 1, 2012. No refunds will be given after February 1, 2012.

Middle School Youth Conference

for rising 7th & 8th graders

July 25-29, 2011

Cost: \$400, Deposit \$185

Just like Montreat Youth Conference, but for Junior High Youth. Held on the campus of Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC.

Deposits are due by November 1, 2011. The remaining balance is due on May 1, 2012. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2012

senior high

Tip of the Iceberg Retreat

February 10-12, 2012

Camp Calvin, Hampton, GA

Cost: tba

Senior High Ski Trip

February 17-20, 2012

Cost: \$450.00, deposit \$225.00

Hit the slopes at Winterplace, WV for a long week-end of skiing, fun and fellowship. Additional costs for snow boards, night tubing and first time skier lesson.

Deposits are due by August 28, 2011. Remaining balance with add-ons is due December 17, 2011. No refunds will be given after December 17.

Montreat Youth Conference

for rising 9th graders through graduated seniors

June 3-9, 2012

Cost: \$550, deposit \$225

Spend the best week of your summer in the mountains of western North Carolina! Keynote presentations, worship, recreation, and energizers will strengthen your faith and bring you closer with your friends.

Deposits are due by November 1, 2011. The remaining balance is due on May 1, 2012. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2012.

Senior High Mission Trip, Door Chicago

July 14-22, 2012

Cost: approximately \$500 (tentative), deposit \$250

Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR) is a faith based network of urban service-learning programs that expose, educate, challenge, and motivate participants to respond to the issues and concerns facing an increasingly urban world

Deposits are due by November 1, 2011. The remaining balance is due on May 1, 2012. No refunds will be given after February 1, 2012.

church school

Sixth Grade

Room 210/FAQ

FAQ connects faith questions collected from Presbyterian youth with questions from The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version. Young people will bring their questions to the Bible and learn to navigate scripture as they address issues of life and faith.

Seventh Grade

Room D214/We Learn About Others

What's up with that church down the street? How do we express our faith through worship? Our seventh graders will spend time learning about how and why we worship God as Presbyterians, and then we'll learn about and visit other denominations and faith traditions including other Protestant denominations, as well as Catholic, Judaic, Muslim, and Hindu faith traditions.

Eighth Grade Confirmation

D-212/We Learn About Ourselves/Confirmation

Confirmation is the time set aside for youth to 1) explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and 2) learn how that commitment can be expressed through active membership in the church. During Confirmation class, youth are given the opportunity to study the basics of the Christian life and faith, with emphasis on Bible study, prayer, and discussion of issues/questions of faith, culminating in a written statement of faith. Basic aspects of our Presbyterian denomination and theology will also be explored. Confirmation Sunday is May 20, 2012.

Eighth Grade

D202/Re:form

Re:form is a curriculum that's rooted in historic Christianity, but speaks to teenagers on their level. Re:form empowers youth to discover for themselves what they believe, through three components:

- ENCOUNTER: Two DVDs with 40 hilarious animated short films frame the tough theological questions that kids really ask, like "Who wrote the Bible?" and "Why does God let bad things happen?"
- ENGAGE: A hands-on Anti-Workbook is the centerpiece of each youth's church school experience. It's a sturdy, full-color, wire-O bound

journal chock full of activities and ideas, with space to journal and doodle, and extras like pullout cards and cool stickers.

- RESPOND: re:form prompts youth to make videos, take pictures, interview people, and create stuff. Then they can upload all of their artifacts to an online portfolio—the re:form gallery—where kids can share with the whole congregation what they've been learning.

Senior High (9th-12th grades)

D221 and D223

Modeled after the adult education program, this year we will continue to offer choices for our senior highs on Sunday morning! All church school classes will fall into these broad categories: Bible, History and Doctrine, and Christian Living. Most sessions run six to eight weeks, and students will choose one class each session.

Session I - September 11-October 23

Heaven and Hell

Come explore what Christians believe about heaven and hell and how our views have changed over the years. We'll also discuss what other traditions believe.

Cultivating Compassion

"Love your neighbor as yourself." With this imperative, Jesus made compassion for others central to the Christian life. Being personally and deeply aware of the suffering of our neighbors requires deep listening and action. Learn and experience the three essential ingredients of both an inward and outward pilgrimage.

Session II: November 6-December 18

Feasting on the Word

This curriculum begins with a solid scriptural and theological base and invites learners deeper into the rhythm of the church year. It utilizes a common bible passage, making it easy for families to learn and live out their faith together.

Faith and Vocation

Interact and dialogue with Trinity church members who are leaders in their respective fields, and learn how they let their faith influence their decision making.

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