
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

We respond to the God's Spirit through thoughtful reflection, lively questioning, and warm fellowship.

We honor God through worship, grounded in the love of Jesus Christ.

We seek to address human needs through acts of compassion and social action.

We share leadership as youth and adults together.

We live with an enthusiasm and joy that spills over into our congregation and community.

We strive to create authentic community that makes room for the full range of human emotions.

We welcome, celebrate and respect the diversity of all God's children.



Parents of Trinity 6th and 8th graders:

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and school has already started for some. With that comes the time when Trinity youth programs begin as well. This month, we will be kicking off a new "Mentoring Program" among the junior high youth. The plan is to match up an 8th grader with a 6th grader as a "buddy".

The purpose of the mentoring program is twofold. First, it will give the 8th graders a chance to take on a leadership role within the middle school group. One of the initiatives that was put into place during the recent Youth Program Renovation was to provide more opportunities for leadership for the youth of Trinity. We believe that the mentoring program will help to meet that initiative.

Secondly, and more importantly, having an 8th grade Buddy will help the 6th graders transition into their new Church School and Sunday night programs. One very important goal of the Youth Renovation was to make sure that our

youth programs provide a welcoming environment. There is nothing more important to a middle schooler than to feel wanted and a part of the group. We hope that having a buddy in the youth program will help to make each 6th grader feel welcome and make our youth programs something they don't want to miss each week. In turn, it will give the 8th graders a sense of responsibility and purpose.

The primary responsibility of the 8th grade Buddy is very simple – just to keep an eye out for the 6th grader and make them feel welcome and a part of the group. Prior to the first Sunday night PYC meeting on August 22, our hope is that the 8th grader might make a quick call to the 6th grader to encourage them to come to PYC that night and also to tell them they will be looking for them at dinner. Our hope is that this will make what could be an awkward start a little easier.

John and Wendy has paired up the 8th graders with the 6th graders. Some pairings are based on existing relationships or schools. If we could ask that you as parents

give us permission to give your phone number to the "buddy" so he or she can call prior to August 22 and make that first contact. Please let John or Wendy know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much!

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Youth Ministry Committee

Your PYC Buddy is: