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Children's Events	Youth Events	Church Events	Looking Ahead
<p>Kids In Christ Meetings</p> <p>Noon -2:00 pm</p> <p>Each second Sunday of the month.</p> <p>Children up to 5th grade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Sept 14, 2014 Sunday Oct 12, 2014 Sunday Nov 9, 2014 	<p>Weekly Youth meetings will be held on Sundays.</p> <p>5:00 pm—Snack Supper 5:30-6:30 pm —Youth Meeting</p> <p>Christy Smith will be leading these meetings.</p> <p>All 6th through 12th graders are welcome at these meetings.</p> <p>Fundraiser events will be planned for Resurrection.</p>	<p>Sunday Oct 26, 2014—Annual Fall Festival at the church. We will have games, activities, food, and lots of fun.</p> <p>Monthly Fellowship Supper Meal begins at 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday Sept 10th Wednesday Oct 1st Wednesday Nov 5th 	<p>December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday December 14th Christmas Cantata Sunday December 21st Christmas pageant during morning worship. Christmas Eve Candle light and Communion Service @ 11:00 pm. <p>January 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group will attend Resurrection event in Gatlinburg

A Newsletter for Our - Children - Youth and - Parents

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Church Holds Summit on Children and Youth Ministries

On Sunday August 24th, a group of more than 20 individuals gathered for a Summit on Children and Youth Ministries. The event was held by Patty Robbins who led the group through a discussion of three major areas of our church's ministry to children and youth.

The first thing we discussed was the Van Ministry and the various things that we need to do to make our Sunday mornings flow more smoothly. We then moved into a discussion of the kinds of ministries that we might be able to conduct with children up through 5th Grade. We concluded our time with discussion of the church and its ministry with our youth (grades 6-12).

Some of the highlights include the following:

⇒ After discussing the pros and cons of a separate children's

church on Sunday mornings, we agreed that, for now, we would seek to more fully integrate children into the worship service and get adults to sit with various children during worship in an attempt to help the child better adapt to the worship environment.

⇒ To facilitate this process, we are going to develop some common guidelines that the adult mentors would follow with all the children.

⇒ We have agreed that on the second Sunday of each month, we will have an extended Children's Ministry (12:00-2:00pm) following morning worship. During this time we will feed the children and offer them some combination of Bible Studies, Crafts, Music, or other activities.

⇒ After a discussion of the need for a Director of Youth, and the message from the Administrative Board that we cannot currently pay for a Youth Director, the group was glad to accept Christy Smith as a Volunteer Youth Director. She will work on a weekly basis with the 6th-12th grade youth. Her first meeting with the Youth will be Sunday September 7th at 5:00 p.m.

⇒ The group also concluded that all activities with the children and/or the youth will require a more significant volunteer presence. Christy cannot lead youth on her own. She will need help. Whoever leads the monthly Sunday event for children, will also need help.

Why Am I Getting This Newsletter?

You are getting this newsletter, because you are a parent of a child or youth that is currently part of the ministries of the Trinity United Methodist Church. This is the first publication of a quarterly series of newsletters that will be aimed at the children, youth, and their parents. It's goal is to keep everyone informed as to what is happening at our church in regards to ministries for and with our children and youth. This first edition, will contain a lot of information, mainly for parents, about our ministries. Please put it aside and refer to it in the months ahead.



Vacation Bible School 2014

Vacation Bible School Was a Great Success

We hope that your child had an opportunity to come to Vacation Bible School this summer. The school was called “Weird Animals” and we had a great time learning some Bible stories, playing games, learning music and just getting to know one another. Over the five nights, we had a total of 47 different children come and participate in the event. We have already begun thinking about next summer. We’ll let you know in future editions of this newsletter the dates.



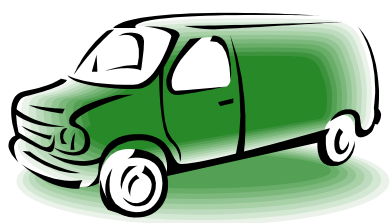
With the renewed focus on ministry to our Children, we have come up with a new name for

this ministry. We are now going to call it **Kids In Christ**. Our goal is to provide at least a monthly opportunity, immediately after church, to bring the kids up through grade 5 together for a meal, Bible Study, games, crafts, and other activities. We should be done around 2:00 pm on those Sundays when we

hold our meetings. We’ll then run the vans to take the Van Kids back home. We have scheduled these Kids in Christ meetings for the second Sunday of each month. Our first meeting will be held on **Sunday September 14, 2014**. That means that all kids will be invited to remain after church for this special time of ministry.

Church Van Ministry Discussed

We are blessed with the number of children in our community that are coming to church through our van ministry. We are now making two pick up and drop off runs each Sunday. That means that some of the children get to the church fairly early and some have to stay a little longer than others. We are going to continue feeding those that are part of this ministry. Currently, we offer at least cereal, milk and juice in the morning. However, we may be adding a larger type of meal every now and then. With the start of school, we have stopped the food bags that were sent home following church.



Child Mentors Help Children During Worship

We feel it is important for children to learn to worship in a proper manner on Sunday mornings. For many children the worship service time is a challenge. Adults find it easy to sit still and pay attention. Children, however, often have much more energy and shorter attention spans.

To help make worship more inviting for both children and adults, we are going to be asking adults to act as a mentor to children during the worship service. Our goal is to have an adult for each child that will ask the child to sit beside him or her and will help the child understand what is happening during the worship service. The mentor can also help the child find hymns in the hymnal and help the child know the proper way to respond to what is happening in the worship service.

We Invite Everyone to

JOIN US

For worship on Sunday at 11:00 am



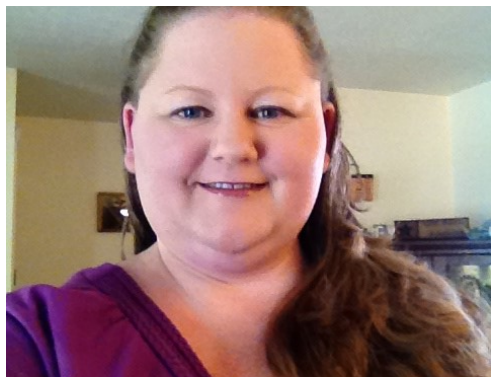
Recent Summit Provided Lots of Things to Consider

- Lot’s of discussion at our recent meeting centered around our ministry to Jr & Sr High Youth. Out of that discussion, we have Christy Smith as our Volunteer Youth Coordinator. Some of the specific items we talked about were:

 - ⇒ The need for weekly meetings of the Youth Group. (We have settled for Sundays as the meeting date and the time will be from 5:00-6:30 pm.)
 - ⇒ We, with agreement from the youth present at the meeting, feel the need for the Youth Group meetings to be a fun time, but also a time of learning and/or service. We want the meetings to be something that a youth in our community would want to attend on a regular basis.
 - ⇒ We also talked about Resurrection 2015. We are going to have to begin efforts to raise funds for our youth to attend this event. Karen Hall was
- nominated as the person to head up these fundraising efforts on our behalf. I am fairly certain that she is planning a Farmer’s Market event for October. She also talked about a meal or two after church.

 - ⇒ We also decided that the parents of the youth will get together for a meeting at which guidelines for participation in Resurrection 2015 will be discussed. We felt that it was important for a youth to attend, but that it was equally important for a youth to participate ahead of time in the Youth Group so that he or she would be familiar with the other youth that would be attending this event.
 - ⇒ We also agreed that there would be at least a snack meal for the kids each Sunday night and that the first 30 minutes would typically focus around that meal leaving an hour for the other things that the group would do.
 - ⇒ We also felt
- that COMMUNICATION would be vital to the success of the Youth Group. Christy will be given access to the DialMyCall system so that she can send messages via the phone and email to the youth and their parents.

 - ⇒ We felt that this ministry, even if it eventually becomes a paid position, could not function with just one person trying to do it all. So, we are going to stress from the beginning that other adult volunteers are needed each week. These volunteers could prepare the snacks/meal. They could help be event chaperones when the group went on outings. They could help conduct the class in the event that the Coordinator could not be present.
 - ⇒ Another word we talked about was consistency. We want the youth of the church and community to know that on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. they can come to the church and that something will be there for them to do.



Christy Smith
Volunteer Youth Coordinator

At our recent meeting, we talked about the need to have an ongoing ministry to our Jr. & Sr. High Youth. Due to budget issues, we decided that we needed a Volunteer to coordinate this ministry. Christy Smith, member of the church for several years, agreed to take on this responsibility.

She undertakes this ministry with the understanding that there are going to be other adult volunteers come along side her and help her with this vital outreach ministry to the youth of our church and community. So if she asks you to help, please join together with her in ministry.



Sunday September 7th
 5:00–6:30 p.m.
 Snack Supper Provided