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## Youth Group Notes

- January 7– Youth Group returns!
- January 12-14– Winter Retreat @ Camp Albemarle (NO YOUTH JAN 14)
- February 4– Super Bowl party! 2-4pm
- March 3– FOR ADVISORS: CPR/ First Aid Training, 9am (online portion will be sent out prior to this event)
- March 3- Youth Sunday practice, 11am
- **March 4—Youth Sunday!**
- March 16-18– HS Retreat @ Willow Run (New Hope Presbytery, info coming soon!)
- April 1– EASTER (No youth group!)
- May 20—Final gathering for the school year

## Upcoming Trips

\*Registration for Summer Trips due Feb 1\*

### Winter Retreat @ Camp Albemarle

\*\*Registration closes Dec. 15\*\*

January 12-14

High School Retreat @ Camp Willow Run

March 16-18, 2018

Appalachian Service Project (FULL)

June 17-23, 2018

Middle School Massanetta

June 26-29, 2018

High School Montreat

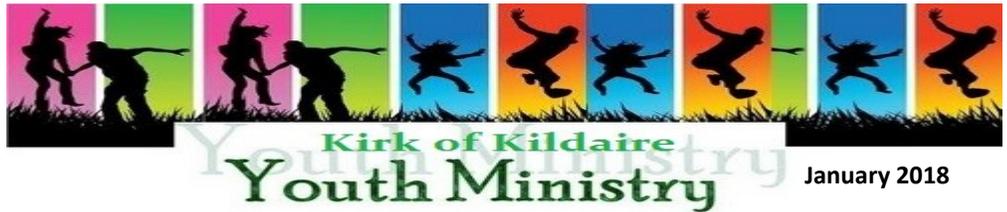
July 8-14, 2018

Middle School Mission (Raleigh)

July 22-27

## Reminder!

We realize that participation in many events costs money. Please do not let this deter you from joining us! Scholarships are available for EVERY event. Please let Jordan know if you need assistance.



## Happy New Year!

I can hardly believe that it is already 2018! Some of you might be celebrating because this is the year that you graduate, or get your driver's license, or start high school. Other's might be dreading this year because it is the year for you to start applying for colleges or focus on big tests. I hope that all of you remember that this is everything that you make it!

As we open our brand new calendars, I am excited to share our new youth group format with you! I have been struck by how many of our youth ONLY come to youth group and so I want to make sure that everyone is getting a full and faith-filled experience when they come to the Kirk. For the next few months will try out this new format and make adjustments as needed. Every month, one week will be set aside for the following things:

**Fellowship:** games and outings giving each youth member a chance to relax and have fun with their friends! There will be no expectations beyond simply enjoying yourself.

**Worship:** You will have opportunities to both participate and lead different styles of worship. Some might be communal worship while others might be personal devotion and time with God.

**Service:** We will spend time learning about the many ministries at the Kirk as well as other ways we can be involved around our community as we reflect on our call to love and serve one another.

**Study:** Sometimes it can be hard to make since of our faith in light of current events and shifting expectations in society. We will take time to look at scripture and discern what it means for us today and how we can live it out!

In addition to youth group, I do hope that each one of you will make a point to come to Sunday School each week at 9:45am as well as worship at either 8:45am or 11am. You are also invited to spend time with me one-on-one each week talking about your faith or life in general!

It is our goal at the Kirk to ensure that you have all the tools we can provide as you discern and grow in your personal relationship with God. I pray that each one of you will find your space in our offerings and reach out to me as you need to!

I look forward to walking with each of you as we see what 2018 has in store for each one of us and how we will share our experiences with one another, and most importantly, with God!

Grace, Peace, and Joy

## For the Parents

This month, we will continue our book study on "Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain" (Daniel J. Siegel, M.D.). We will meet in January and March to close out our study.

January 21 @ 6pm– Part III

March 18 @ 6pm- Part IV & Conclusion

\*Note: These discussions are designed for those who have both read and not, and for those who have attended all or none of these gatherings!

Pastor Jordan

