

# Carry the Light



**Wake Forest Presbyterian  
Youth Ministries  
2023-2024**



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
John 1:5

## **Welcome to youth ministries at WFPC!**

WFPC youth are all about gathering together and experiencing fellowship, food, fun, songs - and so much more! We are having a great time doing life together!

We encourage youth to question, challenge, and ultimately find a place to anchor their faith and serve others within a loving church community. This church family welcomes you AS YOU ARE, as a beloved child of God!

Check out the dates in this packet, and mark your calendars for all the great things to come! Please keep up with the Weekly Youth Updates email where you will get the most up-to-date and accurate information in the event that changes have to be made. Logging hours as a part of a youth group creates transformative experiences in faith that make the faith journey stick for the long run.

The advisors, Janet, and Katherine are here for YOU! We are invested in the youth, and want to create meaningful times for their walk in faith.

Reach out, drop an email or call anytime! We are family!

It's going to be a great year!

**Peace, love, and HUGS,**

Janet and Katherine

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## **Weekly Youth Opportunities!!**

Relationships are an important part of Youth Ministries at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church. We believe that God calls us to live in community, and to care for one another just as Jesus loved and cared for His disciples and the people He taught, healed, and saved. Here are a few ways you can get involved during the week...

### **A few of our weekly opportunities:**

#### **Sunday Mornings - 9:00 - 9:50**

- Coffee and Conversation - 9:00 - 9:20 - Enjoy a little breakfast and conversation with others in our church family. (downstairs in the CLC - B017/B018)
- Time for YOUTH - 9:20-9:45 those youth that want to are invited to move to the Youth Room for some fellowship and devotion time.
- Confirmation - 8th and 9th graders that have signed up to participate. This class will start January 7th...stay tuned for more details and information on how to register!

#### **Sunday Afternoons/Evenings**

- Middle School Youth Group will meet from 4:30 - 6:00!
- High School Youth Group will meet from 6:00 - 7:30!
- Youth Band will meet from 7:30 - 8:30!

#### **Wednesday Evenings**

- Movies & Missions in the Youth Room from 6:00 - 7:00
- Open Gym in the CLC gym from 7:00 - 8:00

# Youth Teachers and Advisors

Janet Briley - Director of Youth Ministries  
Katherine Peiper - Director of Children, Families, and Youth

## Sunday Morning adult youth leaders:

Shannon Blalock  
Phil Blalock  
Sarah Chapman  
Courtney Cissel  
Seamus Duerr  
Summer Duerr  
Kevin Herman  
Melissa Lowery  
Janet Briley

## Confirmation Team:

Mindy Hidenfelter  
Jay Joyner  
Andy Dunlap  
Robin Dunlap

## Wednesday evenings

Janet Briley  
Kevin Herman  
John Cebrick

## High School Youth Group Advisors:

Shannon Blalock  
Kevin Herman  
Erika Viall  
Dean Viall  
Matt Fields  
Janet Briley  
Katherine Peiper

## Middle School Youth Group Advisors:

Laura Dempsey  
Brian Drew  
John Cebrick  
Jay Joyner  
Michael Smith  
Janet Briley

## Youth Band

Janet Briley  
Amy Allridge  
Katherine Peiper



## 2023-2024 WFPC Youth Calendar at a Glance

Please remember that we have to remain flexible for changes to this calendar! Stay tuned to the Weekly Youth Updates email for the latest details!

### September

10	Youth Kick Off and Potluck dinner
17	Youth Group, Youth band Middle School - 4:30 - 6:00 High School - 6:00 - 7:30 (includes dinner) Youth Band - 7:30 - 8:30 (open to middle and high school youth)
20	Wednesday night gatherings start (Movies & Missions 6:00 -7:00, Open Gym 7:00 -8:00)
24	Youth group/Youth band
27	M&M/Open gym

### October

1	Youth group/Youth band
4	M&M/Open gym
8	Youth group/Youth band
11	M&M/Youth band
15	Open date for the Strength + Courage +Grace scholarship
15	Youth group/Youth band
18	M&M/Open gym
22	HOLY HAY DAY!! (11:00 - 1:00 - no youth group or youth band)
25	M&M/Open gym
29	Youth group/Youth band

### November

1	M&M/Open gym
5	Youth group/Youth band
8	Last M&M/Open gym for the fall
12	Youth group/Youth band
15	Advent festival
17-19	Middle school retreat at Camp Kanata
19	Movie night (high school only from 6:00 -8:00, no middle school youth or youth band)
26	No youth group or youth band (Happy Thanksgiving)

### December

1-3	Walk Through Bethlehem (no youth group or band)
10	Random Acts of Kindness
17	Youth out to dinner (no regular youth group or band)
17	Strength + Courage + Grace Scholarship application closes
24	No Youth group or band (Merry Christmas!)
31	No Youth group or band (Happy New Year!)

We will continue our weekly youth activities January through May. A few additional events are listed below...

### January

- 7 Confirmation starts
- 7 Youth group/Youth band start back
- 17 M&M/Open gym start back

### February

- 4 SCG Scholarship recipients named at High School Youth Group
- 11 Super Bowl Parties
- 14 Ash Wednesday (no youth meetings this night)
- 25 Pancake Breakfast (snow date - April 7 or 14) (no youth meetings in the evening))

### March

- 1-3 High School Retreat at Camp Don Lee
- 3 Youth group (no high school or band)
- 10 Youth Sunday practice
- 13 M&M/Open Gym
- 17 Youth Sunday (no youth group or youth band meetings)
- 20 M&M/Open Gym (last one)
- 24 Palm Sunday (help with Eggstravaganza - no regular youth group or band meetings)
- 31 Easter (no youth group or youth band)

### April

- 21 Confirmation Retreat 11:00 - 2:00
- 28 Senior Celebrations at HS Youth

### May

- 5 Confirmation Sunday
- 12 Mother's Day (no youth group or band)
- 19 Graduate Recognition Sunday (during the worship service)
- 19 End of Year Youth Group Celebrations

### June

- 20-23 Massanetta Middle School Conference (middle school only )
- 23-26 VBS

### July

- 14-20 Montreat High School Youth Conference (high school only)

# Weekend Retreats!!!



## Middle School Retreat

**November 17-19, 2023**

This year our middle school retreat will once again be at Camp Kanata! We will head to Kanata on Friday evening and finish up on Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for the middle school youth to get to know each other quickly. They will also have a chance to meet youth from other churches in our New Hope Presbytery. It is an easy way to let them experience time away from home, which might be new for some of our middle school youth. This is a great first retreat experience!

## High School Retreat

**March 1-3, 2024**

Join other High School youth from across the New Hope Presbytery for a weekend retreat. This year the retreat will be held at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, NC (on the Neuse river) This retreat is led by the New Hope Presbytery Youth Council. WFPC has some of our very own youth serving in this group this year! This is always a favorite retreat for our high school youth and Don Lee is a perfect spot for this event!

# Summer Retreats...

## Massanetta and Montreat!!!

### Massanetta (Middle School only)

June 20-23, 2024

Talk about a fast-paced and fun-loving trip that is perfectly catered for Middle School Youth - this annual trip to Massanetta is it! We leave Thursday morning, head to Harrisonburg, VA, hit the parking lot at Massanetta Springs Conference Center and keep moving through worship on Sunday morning. It's not unusual for Youth to sleep on the way home! Massanetta offers an open-air worship space, small-group discussions and workshops that allow you to meet youth from across the country, a slip-and-slide on a hill and the challenge of dipping your feet in the frigid spring water. Come get close to God in a meaningful way.

### Montreat (High School only)

July 14-20, 2024

This retreat in the mountains of North Carolina is a favorite of WFPC Youth. We stay in private housing, attend the weeklong retreat in a gorgeous setting, climb a mountain, fellowship with new friends and meet God in a very "thin place." Youth and adults work together to prepare meals in our rented lodge. Ask any high school youth that has attended this conference previously...it is a favorite!

