



Youth Ministry

Euchre Tournament — Friday, February 3rd

The Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd. We are asking our youth volunteers to be here at 6:00pm - 9:30pm to help with set up, clean up, child care, kitchen care, etc....! We are also asking that each family donate a snack (examples: bag of chips, cookies) and drink. We also need card tables, so please let us know if you have one you can bring!

The cost is just \$10. Registration begins at 6:30. Pastor Galen will be available to give a Euchre refresher course from 6:30 to 7:00. The games begin at 7:00!

Youth Team Meeting — Saturday, February 11th

We are having an expanded half-day Youth Team Meeting on **Saturday, February 11th** from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and join us if you can!

Junior Spring Hill

Friday, February 24th thru Sunday, February 26th

Junior High Spring Hill is approaching quickly. We will meet at church around 4pm on Friday, February 24th, arriving back at the church around 4pm on Sunday, January 26th. We currently have 14 people scheduled to make the trip, and we pray that God uses this experience to deepen their relationship with Him.!

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Next Confirmation Retreat

February 17-18

Friday (6pm - 8pm) and Saturday (10am-2pm)

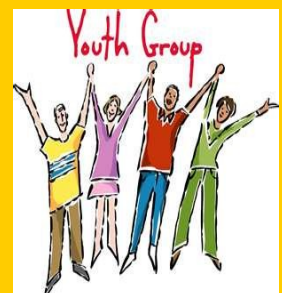
2 Sessions:

Spiritual Fitness - Apostles' Creed

If your youth (grade 6-12, not yet Confirmed) has not registered and you would like them to attend, contact Pastor John Hile - john@hotshepherd.org

If you are in need of Confirmation studies, and cannot make the scheduled Confirmation Retreats, Bo Weber has offered to conduct one-on-one Confirmation studies with you or your youth. Please contact him at 517-375-6674, or email him at bo.weber@comcast.net.

Thank you!



LOOKING BACK AT JANUARY

Spring Hill - Senior High

The Sr. High youth made their trip to Spring Hill on January 20 to 22, 2012. It was quite a challenge to make the trip on Friday due to the snow, but they made it in time for the group session!!! (Remind me next time that I pray for snow to be a little more specific about when and/or where it snows.) Marlene Vierling accompanied six (6) of our youth. A good time was had by all.

Special thanks to Lori Holland and Marlene Vierling who courageously and fearlessly spent **many** hours on the road in the yucky weather, delivering kids to Spring Hill & Kevin Holst, who conveniently waited until after the weather passed and drove up on Sunday on clear roads to bring them home. Thanks Marlene for spending the weekend with the Sr. High youth and sharing your faith with them!

Bibles Studies

As we wait for a little work to be done in the barn to allow us separate study areas for junior and senior high, we've been conducting combined studies. We've been discussing things like how "noisy" our world is, and how hard that makes it for us to listen to God. We talked of the importance of carving out some quiet time to allow us to focus on the things He wants to tell us. Please continue to join us as we explore ways to bring God into our daily lives and deepen our relationship with Him.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

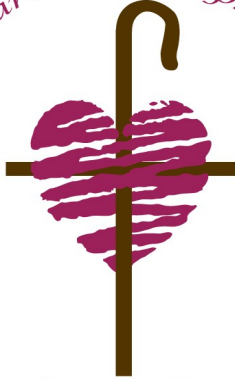
Isaiah 40:29-31

Youth Leader Bio - Kevin Holst!

Every issue of the Youth Ministry Newsletter will include the bio of one of our leaders. This issue's bio is from Kevin Holst.

Kevin writes: *"It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the Lord as a member of Heart of the Shepherd's Youth Team for the last few years. Born and raised in West Michigan, I met my lovely wife and current Heart of the Shepherd CDC director Courtni during our time at the University of Michigan. You will find us back on campus every fall cheering on the Wolverines. After a few years in California, we journeyed to Howell to raise our family. We have been blessed with a son named Mason and our baby girl Charlie."*

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Core Values

Strengthening Families

Developing Love and Compassion

Modeling Effective Servant—Leadership

Our Mission

To grow our young people, developing them into followers of Christ; by supporting and strengthening families, and developing love and compassion through modeling effective servant—leadership.

Strategies

Ensure that our young people have an appropriate Study Bible.

Provide a periodic newsletter on activities and studies.

Participate in church-wide service events.

Provide periodic fellowship events for our youth.

Provide additional service opportunities for our youth.

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