
YOUNG DISCIPLES

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Between June and July we had 15 students from our Church head to Presbytery Point for Elementary, Middle, and High School camps. These kids made amazing connections with fellow campers, counselors and spiritual guides, spent time in nature, and soaked up the sun and love all around them. Of these students, 5 were new to camp and all said they would return next year! We were able to sponsor many of these campers thanks to the generosity of the congregation, and plan to offer a "Sponsor a Camper" campaign again next year.

In July we held our annual *Lifest* trip down to Oshkosh. It was a small but mighty group with kids of all ages, and all had an amazing time! The weather was clear, the music amazing and the worship intense. Thank you to all who helped support the trip through purchases at the pie auction last October and Seroogy bar sales throughout the year. Next year we hope to have an even bigger group join us - ALL are welcome to come!

We ended the month with a service event for all of our Young Disciples and their families as well as the congregation. After a delicious dinner all worked together to make thoughtful cards and carefully pack bags with cozy items and love to pass along to those battling cancer. These bags will be distributed in our community in the hopes of providing comfort and distraction during treatment, serving as a little hug when times are tough.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us on August 16th for a blessing of the backpacks during worship. Students are welcome to bring their backpacks in for the service, and are also invited to bring a donation in to help a local student in need. We will be collecting school supplies through the month of August to pass along to the students at the Caring House, and for the Backpack Blessing program.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9TH

While you are making back-to-school plans, don't forget to sign up for Young Disciples. The Wednesday programs begin on **September 9th**. This year we are looking for additional volunteers to make our outreach successful. Help is needed in preparing and serving snacks (from 2:30p.m.-4:00p.m.), with our small groups (from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.) and with behind-the-scenes prep. Check out the QR code for signups for students and ways to help!



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