Starting a New Year at KBC

Even for those who aren’t in school, or don’t have a child in school, fall feels like a “new year.” The school buses are moving, the caution lights are blinking, and much of the world is marching to the beat of the fall drummer: “School!”

At Knollwood as well, fall is the time when we regroup after summer vacations, gather with old and new friends, and re-establish the rhythms of worship and community.

As you plan your fall calendar, whether as a Knollwood veteran or as a newbie, try to make Sunday mornings and Wednesday-nights “prime time” for you and your family. The schedule that follows gives a quick overview of activities, but please reach out to Knollwood friends or staff members with specific questions you may have. Contact info for the Knollwood ministers and staff is on the masthead of this newsletter (see page 12).

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All Beginnings Are Hard

By BOB SETZER JR.

Chaim Potok begins his autobiographical novel, In the Beginning, with the memorable line, “All beginnings are hard.”

Potok then introduces his main character, David Lurie, who ruminates about being sick and bedfast as a child. David’s mother reassures him, “Children are often sick, darling. That’s the way it is with children. All beginnings are hard.”

Later, as a young orthodox Jew, David bursts into tears over a Bible passage he cannot understand. His father gently chides him, “You want to understand everything immediately? Just like that? You only began to study this commentary last week. All beginnings are hard.”

Still later, one of David’s teachers cautions him, “Be patient, David. You cannot swallow all the world at one time. The midrash says, All beginnings are hard.

That line from Potok’s novel often comes to mind when I am starting something new: embarking on a new adventure, visiting a new country, or mastering a new skill. It’s not always easy to strike out into new realms of thought and action. Such initiatives require extra energy and motivation because All beginnings are hard.

For some of us, returning to Knollwood after summer vacations and travel is easy. Knollwood is a beloved place and people so we return with confidence and joy. But for others, those for whom Knollwood, or some part of Knollwood, is new, beginning can be hard.

It is hard to walk into a room full of people who already know each other when you’re the stranger. It’s hard to worship in a new place that uses hymnals when you’re accustomed to easy-to-sing choruses projected on a screen. It’s hard to navigate what it means to be a freedom-loving Baptist when you have been raised in another branch of the Christian family (or another faith tradition altogether or maybe none at all). It’s hard to get out of bed Sunday morning and go to church when you’ve grown accustomed to sleeping late and then slipping into a leisurely morning.

But again and again, people screw up the courage to give Knollwood and the life of faith a try. Because they long for purpose and meaning, they long for their life to count for something bigger than themselves, they long for high-touch community in a high-tech world. In short, such seekers long for God and God’s story and God’s people, whether they can wrap words around that ache and need or not.

With summer spent, school beginning, and a new season beckoning, many people are looking for a fresh start, a new regimen, maybe even a new faith. So if you’re a regular on the wooded knoll, keep a lookout for new folk who are entering what is to them, the strange new world of Knollwood. Introduce yourself. Offer a helping hand. Smile.

And if you’re a newbie, still trying to figure out this place and this people, be patient with yourself and be patient with us. Trust the Spirit and trust your heart. Hopefully soon, Knollwood will start to feel like family, feel like home. But in the meantime, try to remember: All beginnings are hard.

Sometimes, a challenging new beginning becomes a whole new life: Like the first time, when you came kicking and screaming into this world from your mother’s womb and worry and fear gave way to grace and awe.

Here’s hoping for such a miracle, yet again.

Blessings,

Bob
AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

There are no current hospitalizations at this time.

We continue to remember Ted Philpott and Verlene Venable, who were released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to The family of LaVenta Davis on her death, Aug. 3.

And to Don VonCannon and family on the death of Carol VonCannon, Aug. 5.

NEWSLETTER

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- Blurb: 0-50 words
- Paragraph: 50-100 words
- Short Article: 100-250 words
- Major Article: 250-400 words

Send articles to colleen@knollwood.org.

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Bereavement Team
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Loving Hands Team
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After worship on Sunday Sept. 15, sign-up forms and descriptions of each team will be available in the narthex for you to become a part of this valuable ministry. Other dates to will be on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 25. and Oct. 2. Please sign up and place your form in the baskets marked with a “Knollwood Cares” label in the Narthex or Foyer B.

You may sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/y5ca43h6.
Stewardship
Walking in the Way of Jesus

By GAYLE ANDERSON

Stewardship Chair

When we embarked on our Mustard Seed stewardship campaign last year, we reflected on how sowing the smallest seed can result in one of the largest plants in our garden in just a short time.

Because of your generosity throughout the first half of 2019, the outcomes of our ministries, which are funded by your financial gifts, are nothing short of spectacular. Consider just a few ways we’re walking in the ways of Jesus:

■ Helping families provide nutritious food for their children.

■ Holding community discussions on the challenges of achievement gaps in our public schools.

■ Providing safe, secure overnight shelter and nourishment to those without permanent homes during winter months.

■ Welcoming hundreds to our Wellness and Community Center for conversations, arts, physical fitness, and community-building.

■ Partnering across the globe to spread God’s love to Africa, the Caribbean, South America, and beyond.

■ Bringing together families and communities where there are disabilities and differences.

■ Offering a safe haven for refugees arriving here from Syria and the Congo.

■ Providing opportunities for multi-racial, inter-generational discussions and learnings.

Because of our commitments to the ministry of Knollwood, our Mustard Seed has sprouted and is offering respite and relief to so many, changing the lives of people and families, and enriching our lives as well.

Giving is where we find the true meaning of Christ’s words to love one another, even as Christ has loved us. Thank you for your continued generosity this year.

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Winston Salem, 27106
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gigihenson06@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages ............ 9:45 AM
Worship Service .................... 10:55 AM
Knollwood Brass rehearsal ........... 8:45 AM
Knollchat ............................. 9:15 AM
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Youth Choir ........................... 4:45 PM
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Youth Fun and Food ................. 5:45 PM
Sunday Night Youth Group......... 6:45 PM

SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob’s Sunday sermons are available online at knollwood.org. Recorded worship services are available on cd for $1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or frontdesk@knollwood.org.
The Last Week Of Camp Wooded Knoll

By LUCRECIA NORMAN
Minister to Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool

Our last week of camp had an “Under the Sea” theme and was filled with activities and crafts related to the beach and ocean. Our preschoolers went on a shell hunt, enjoyed water play, learned about sharks’ teeth, made sea pictures, sang beach songs, read books, went “deep sea fishing,” and much more.

Bolton Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

By JANET RAY
Bolton Volunteer Communications Coordinator

The Bolton Food Pantry operates throughout the year serving families of children enrolled at Bolton Elementary School. The pantry is housed at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church which is next door to the school. The work of the pantry—shopping for food at Second Harvest Food Bank and grocery stores, stocking shelves, calling to remind participants, checking them in and helping them shop is all done by volunteers. An intern from Wake Forest Divinity School manages all of the record-keeping and reporting.

Knollwood volunteers join others from Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church, also on Bolton Street, to operate the pantry. Most pantry volunteers spend two hours once or twice a month at the pantry. We need more volunteers to support our growing pantry. Volunteer by contacting Beth Fields at fieldsbfields@aol.com, or at boltonpantry@gmail.com, who will include you in the September pantry volunteer orientation.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Call 336-725-1343 to register.

New for Senior Adults
Second Monday
2 PM in the Dining Room
Beginning Sept. 9 - join Susan Edge and Rozanna Goocey for a time of singing familiar songs to prepare for visiting shut-ins. This is an organizational planning meeting. Join us for some fun time together.

Shelton Winery and Harvest Grill
Friday, September 6, 2019
Reservations must be made by Aug. 23.
Leave KBC at 10am • Return about 3 pm
Lunch: 11:30 AM Dutch Treat
Winetasting to follow
Bus cost is $2.

Wohlfahrt Haus Theater Matinée & Lunch
Saturday, October 19
Ring of Fire is the story of the legendary “man in black,” Johnny Cash. Cost $42
Leave KBC at 9:30AM • Return about 5 PM
Lunch at noon; matinée at 2 PM
Sept. 19: Reservations/deposit $21 due
Oct. 10: Balance due
$2 bus fee payable on day of trip

Sink Luncheon for Senior Adults
Tuesday, October 22
Gather at 11:30 AM • Lunch at noon in the KBC Dining Room
Reserve by Tuesday, October 15 by 5 PM
336-725-1343
A Net for Catching Days

Picturing how schedules shape lives, author Annie Dillard observes: “How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour, and that one, is what we are doing. A schedule defends from chaos and whim. It is a net for catching days. It is a scaffolding on which a worker can stand and labor with both hands at sections of time” (The Writing Life).

Fall invites us to loop and knot the threads of our lives into fresh schedules, fresh “nets for catching days.” As seasons shift, we may seek new scaffolding for our days, investing in ways to deepen faith and renew our spirits.

As you shape your fall schedule, consider a new or renewed commitment to a Sunday School class (explore options here, www.knollwood.org/adults#Sunday-morning-Bible-study), or one of Knollwood’s growing number of small groups (read more below and here, www.knollwood.org/adult/adult-small-groups). A new missions and service commitment could open your eyes to our city and its diverse populations (explore options here, www.knollwood.org/missions-service). Or perhaps it’s actually time to join the choir.

Schedules can be freeing, not constraining. I pray we may each find a fall schedule, rhythm, and routine that gives our days freedom and structure for deeper commitment to Jesus.

Wednesday Night Programs

Aug. 28, Welcome Back Wednesday
A “Learning and Doing Fair”—For All Ages

Come see, hear, and touch some of the great ways Knollwood folks are gathering in groups as well as serving in our community and our world. Small group opportunities and special events support spiritual growth and build community. Missions and service opportunities abound. Come enjoy hands-on activities (especially for children), informative conversations, and engaging displays. Perhaps you’ll find new ways you want to be involved as we seek to grow as the body of Christ and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.

Sept. 4, 11, and 18
Option 1: Metamorphosis
Exploring Romans 12:1-2
In Romans 12, Paul exhorts his readers, provocatively, to choose transformation (metamorphosis) rather than conformity, and hints at a process that involves bodies and minds, worship and discernment, sacrifice and renewal, woven together by the mercies and will of God. This series will explore the nuances and possibilities of these old words as they reverberate in our time: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” Please watch upcoming announcements as each week’s leaders are confirmed.

Option 2: Raising White Kids
–A small group book study, led by Marissa and Daniel Joyce
Jennifer Harvey’s insightful and challenging book, Raising White Kids, explores how parents and other adults can help children navigate an increasingly racially diverse society often marked by tension and turmoil. In place of teaching “color-blindness,” Harvey advocates a race-conscious approach to parenting. Last year, two of our Sunday School classes explored topics from Harvey’s book. In this three-part book study, Marissa and Daniel invite participants to read and discuss the book more closely. Ten copies of the book will be available at our Aug. 28 Learning and Doing Fair for the first 10 participants who sign up. Others are also welcome to join the group. Sign up on the church website or in-person on Aug. 28.

Sept. 25, Intergenerational Night – Moving into Missions
Companions in Christ
Sept. 9 through Nov. 11
Mondays, 10-noon, A161
The Way of Grace is a fresh approach to the Gospel of John. The study invites us to travel with 8 Biblical characters who discover God’s grace through their encounters with Jesus. This experience is more than a survey of Biblical stories. It is a transforming interaction with the events and the characters and an invitation for us to open our hearts to a deeper understanding of God’s grace. This spiritual formation opportunity is open to all adults. Please contact Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net, or Melanie Wilkinson, melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com to register, or to request more information. The study workbook is generously provided by Knollwood.

The Enneagram
The Enneagram is an ancient tool that offers each of us a way to discover who we really are and encourages us toward transformation in our relationship with God. Last fall 21 of us gathered to travel the Enneagram journey together. This fall two groups are forming. You are invited to participate in one of these groups and to connect in a deeper way with your true self, with God and with others. Ennea-group I
2nd/4th Monday, D101, WCC
6 – 7:30 pm, Sept. 9 – May 11
Resource: The Sacred Enneagram by Christopher L. Heuertz, available at local bookstores or online. Pre-registration not required

Ennea-group II
2nd/4th Tuesday, D101, WCC
2-4 pm, Sept. 10 – May 12
Resource: The Journey of the Enneagram
Cost: $40 for workbook
Registration required. Contact Melanie Wilkinson (254-715-0073 or melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com).

Daytime Book Group
2nd Monday, 1-3 PM
In 2019-20, this group will resume discussing books exploring interfaith understanding and social awareness. All are welcome – seating area near the resource center, Bldg. A. Contact Dean Clifford, cliffordconsult@mindspring.com.

Evening Women’s Book Club
3rd Monday, 7 PM
Women of a wide range of ages will meet at Judith Kuhn’s—1825 Elizabeth Avenue to discuss contemporary fiction and non-fiction. The September book is Women In The Castle by Jessica Shattuck. Come join the lively discussions. Contact Judith Kuhn, judithkuhn44@gmail.com.

Monday Morning Men
7-8 am, 380 Knollwood St., Suite 700
This weekly gathering of men, mostly in late career stages or early retirement, discusses current events, reflects on the Christian life, and supports one another. Contact Chip Mims, cpmmims3@gmail.com

Racial Self-Awareness Small Group
There will be a book study this fall of Robin DiAngelo’s “White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism.” It will consist of four sessions between late September and mid-November. If you might be interested in participating, contact Lisa Sykes (lisa@dogwoodmicro.com) or Jeff Stallings (stallingsj@triad.rr.com) for more information.

Relationship Matters
Couples in committed long-term relationships meet once a month to work on communication and couple intimacy skills. Two groups are currently meeting with leaders Chuck and Renée Hinson, who have been trained through Better-Marriages.org. Although the groups are currently full, couples interested in joining a group in January or February 2020 may contact Chuck and Renée, chucks@thehinsongroup.com or renee@thehinsongroup.com

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study
Tuesdays, 7-9 am
This supportive group gathers weekly for Bible study, starting with an early morning breakfast. Meeting in group members’ homes, they support each other through life’s many changes. Contact Dean Clifford, cliffordconsult@mindspring.com

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study
This group shares life, laughter, and Bible study, meeting in groups members’ homes. In Fall 2019, we start a study of Genesis. Wednesdays, 7:30-9 a.m. Contact Rachel Wiggins, rdwiggins21@gmail.com or Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com

Looking for discussion, friendship and growth?
We have small group options.
Faith Starts at Home

By CHRISSY HARDY
Children's Ministry Associate

Children’s Ministry is always Family Ministry. We have kids here only a few hours a week, and I know that for our children to grow and develop spiritually, most of the work must happen at home. We try to support families in this task by offering strategies, tools and resources. There are Spark Magazines available quarterly for you to take home. Sunday School teachers send material to let you know what we’ve been learning. I try to communicate the topics and themes of Kids Connect programming so you can continue conversations at home and work on memorizing those theme verses.

We also know that offering programming that is especially for parents is a part of nourishing the spiritual health of families. Throughout the year, we'll have some electives designed just for that. Our Family Retreat this fall is another opportunity for the family unit to grow and develop its faith together. The other gift you can give your children is for you to nurture your own spiritual self. As you guide and mentor them through life's hard questions, being firmly rooted in Scripture, prayer and community will give you the support to help them navigate their own developing faiths.

I’m very pleased that we have two Bible Study opportunities just for moms (dads, you’re on the “dream list”; hang tight). Both groups are small, intimate gatherings where moms have grown to develop deep and meaningful relationships as we study the Bible, share prayer concerns and live life together. One study meets in daytime and one at night. I encourage all of our mothers to consider whether this fall you could make a commitment to one of these. Both groups are open and eager for you to join. They meet only twice a month, but it’s an investment you won’t regret. (See left column.) Contact Chrissy for further questions, chrissy@knollwood.org.

Small Group Options

Bible Studies for Knollwood Moms
If you are the mother of a preschool or elementary aged child, we invite you to join one of these two groups as we delve into Scripture together and pray for each other. Contact chrissy@knollwood.org for more information.

Seasons
2nd/4th Wednesdays from 9:30-11 AM, Noffsinger (Bldg. C)

Women and the Word
1st/3rd Tuesdays, 7:30-9 PM, in a home

Church Wide Dash Game
It was a steamy, but fun afternoon at the ballpark for our final summer outing.
The Faith in the City series announces

Nationally Recognized Speaker

Nikole Hannah-Jones

On “Separate and Unequal, School Segregation in Modern Day America”

October 10, 2019
at Winston-Salem State University,
Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium

In 2018-19, a planning team at Knollwood hosted a monthly series of community conversations called “Faith in the City: The Struggle for Education Equity.” Those monthly presentations helped us get to know diverse groups and people in our city who are intently engaged in advocacy, reform, and innovation to remedy inequities for our city’s children, inequities often based on race and ethnicity. We were left even more convinced that the well-being and education of all our city’s children is an issue of faith. In 2019-20, the Faith in the City series will continue, with a big, collaborative event leading off in October.

Knollwood has joined with a coalition of community partners to bring a nationally recognized speaker to Winston-Salem this fall. Nikole Hannah-Jones covers racial injustice for The New York Times Magazine, and has spent years chronicling the way official policy has created—and maintains—racial segregation in housing and schools. Her deeply personal reports on the black experience in America offer a compelling case for greater equity. She is currently writing a book on school segregation called The Problem We All Live With.

The list of local groups collaborating on this significant community event keeps growing and includes our city’s three teacher education programs, major non-profit organizations, and more than a dozen churches. Please mark your calendars for this evening that will help place our city’s challenges in national and historical context. To read more and to register, go to equityforsyth.com.

Deacon Ordination and Installation
Sunday, September 8

During the worship, our church will ordain the following deacons: Joy Vermillion Heinsohn, Rebecca Wells, and Melanie Wilkinson. As is our custom, any member of the congregation can participate in the “laying on of hands.” Returning deacons to be installed are Sandra Boyette, Beth Fields, Brent Martin, and Cliff Pennell.

Ordination Service For Evan Sieges
Sunday, September 8

2 PM in the Sanctuary

Having completed all requirements for ordination, Evan Sieges will be ordained to the Gospel ministry on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 2 PM. This service of worship and ordination is open to all. A brief reception will follow in the dining room.

Invite a friend to the
Church-wide Lunch Out
Sunday, September 29

Invite someone to join you for the coming church-wide Lunch Out on Sunday, Sept.29, after worship. Think of an individual, a couple, or a family from your neighborhood, school, or workplace who is not active in a church, and invite them for an informal time of sharing and getting to know each other.

Remember how Jesus took the initiative to eat with many people, regardless of race, gender, or other distinctions. Here is your chance to welcome the stranger, or to welcome your brother or sister who has not found a faith community like Knollwood.

After worship, bring your friends to one of the four designated restaurants on Stratford Rd.

- Richard’s Bar-b-que, 109 S Stratford Rd.
- The Loop, 320 S Stratford Rd.
- Moe’s Southwest Grill, 206 S Stratford Rd.
- Zoe’s Kitchen, 205 S Stratford Rd.

Members of our Visitor and New Member Team will greet you at the door and direct you to others from Knollwood. We’ll see you on Sept. 29.

John Danforth, Chair, Visitor and New Member Team
Ben Wagener, Minister of Welcome and Engagement
A New Year for Pack 911

By RACHEL STINEHELFER

Cub Scout Pack 911 kicks off its fifth year with a full slate of activities for boys in first through fifth grades. Our Pack usually has two regular Den meetings a month on Sundays, 4:30-6:00 pm, with an additional activity added to most months. Additional activities this year include the Fall Adventure Weekend at Camp Raven Knob, camping at Raven Point, visiting the Winston Cup Racing Museum, traveling by train to Raleigh, and camping aboard the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier.

In addition to working on rank advancement and adventures, Cubs also participate in Scouting for Food and the Pinewood Derby. Beyond all these activities, however, the most important things we do are make new friends and have fun.

If you know a young man in grades 1-6 that would be interested in Cub Scouts, join us at our Annual Parking Lot Camping for the Family on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4:30. We promise you a good time as we enjoy camping/tent demos, skits, Chef Landen Bain’s famous chili, and a campfire with s’mores.

For more information contact Beth Fields, fieldsbfields@aol.com, or Rachel Stinehefler, ledalucy21@yahoo.com.

Summer of Learning and More Ahead

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation

This summer we piloted a dream that has been talked about since the first days of our recreation ministry in the WCC. We hosted three different beginners clinics in different sports for folks of all ages. Early this summer, we hosted a group of young children to learn the basic skills needed to better enjoy playing soccer. Not long after that, we gathered under the tutelage of some of our own KBC folks to learn the fundamentals of basketball. To cap off the summer, more than a dozen folks gathered in the WCC to learn and play pickleball together.

These clinics were a great illustration of how the WCC is a facility intended for all age groups and skill ranges. It is an open door to be active, stay mobile, learn together, and have fun in our community. It is our hope to continue these clinics in the fall, so stay tuned!

If you’re already a pro at these activities, stop by the WCC during one of our scheduled activity times. On top of active games and groups, we also host gentle yoga classes on Tuesday mornings and open sessions on the walking track during all regular business hours.

Have an idea of a recreation ministry activity or class? We’d love for you to share it with us. Want more information on everything happening in the WCC this fall? Get a copy of our recreation calendar from the KBC website.

A New Year for Pack 911

By RACHEL STINEHELFER

Cub Scout Pack 911 kicks off its fifth year with a full slate of activities for boys in first through fifth grades. Our Pack usually has two regular Den meetings a month on Sundays, 4:30-6:00 pm, with an additional activity added to most months. Additional activities this year include the Fall Adventure Weekend at Camp Raven Knob, camping at Raven Point, visiting the Winston Cup Racing Museum, traveling by train to Raleigh, and camping aboard the USS Yorktown aircraft carrier.

In addition to working on rank advancement and adventures, Cubs also participate in Scouting for Food and the Pinewood Derby. Beyond all these activities, however, the most important things we do are make new friends and have fun.

If you know a young man in grades 1-6 that would be interested in Cub Scouts, join us at our Annual Parking Lot Camping for the Family on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4:30. We promise you a good time as we enjoy camping/tent demos, skits, Chef Landen Bain’s famous chili, and a campfire with s’mores.

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I often ask myself, “What is my task in serving these young people?” I circle back to this often, reminding myself of the task we have been called to. Is it to give young people an hour of fun once a week? Is it to make sure they memorize the Bible so that they might pluck a verse out of their brains when confronted with a situation later in life? Is it to teach them the habits and mannerisms of a good Christian?

Whenever I ask myself these questions, it is very easy to become overwhelmed by the chain of other questions that follow. One possibility leads to another, leads to another idea, leads to another option, etc., etc. Youth Ministry is a multi-faceted prism. Depending on how you look at it and how you approach it, you can see a myriad of things come out. It is faithful, social, philosophical, emotional.

It’s somewhere between none of these things and all of these things. Our work with young people does (hopefully) provide a fun outlet to enjoy life. It does teach the ways God’s words speak to our lives and how we can reflect on them. We do learn the habits of following Christ not for its own sake, but because being part of a loving community orients us that way already.

If you have the chance to look at our church’s website under the youth ministry tab, you’ll find these words: “Equipping youth for life.” That is the task we are called to. That is the “why” for our work. Equipping our young people for the life they are created for and called to is the foundational reason for everything we do. We provide the tools for each individual to shape their own life during tumultuous central adolescent years. We ask questions and wrestle with answers. We support; we pray; we play; we laugh; we grow. We do all this in the community of our youth group family.

We are at the beginning of another year of doing this holy work with our young people, getting our feet set and ready for the adventure ahead. Good news is, there’s still room on this bus for more folks. If you feel a nudging towards spending some of your time with some incredible young people, let’s talk. Equipping our youth for the life ahead of them is holy work; we’d love to have you be part of it with us.
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Weekend Minister on Call

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