

## Fundraisers & Special Events

Throughout the year, our youth sponsor several fundraisers which help offset the cost of the church's Summer Youth Ministry Program. As an act of faithful stewardship, our youth always donate the tithe (10%) of the profit from each fundraiser to a helping agency.

### This year's fundraisers include:

- Fall Youth Brunch - Nov. 14, 2010, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Youth Poinsettia Sale - Dec. 11, 2010
- Winter Youth Brunch - Feb. 6, 2011, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Car Wash - June 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Youth Spirit Cards for Giant & Weis/King's Grocery Stores, Macy's, Kohl's and Barnes and Noble - Available for purchase every Sunday morning outside Fellowship Hall.

All members and friends are also invited to attend the following special events, when we will celebrate the many gifts of our youth:

- Youth Talent Show - March 27, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
- Youth Sunday Worship Services - Feb. 27, 2011, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Choir Tour Program - April 17, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Sunday - May 15, 2011, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- Baccalaureate Worship Service - May 22, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

For more information about our Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, please contact us at 610-395-3781.

## SAFE SANCTUARIES -

### Our Commitment to Provide for the Well-Being of our Children and Youth

We are called by the beliefs of our church and our covenant of baptism to participate in the nurture and guidance of all children of God. One of the Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) makes it clear that we are "to love, pray for and bless (our children)...protecting and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body..." (Westminster Larger Catechism, 7.239).

One of the ways First Presbyterian Church seeks to fulfill this promise is through our Safe Sanctuaries Policy. Adopted by the Session of our church in 2003, the policy provides for:

- Screening of all adult volunteers serving in our Children's and Youth Ministry programs and training them in the intent and practical aspects of the policy.
- A variety of safeguards to minimize the potential risk of any form of child abuse within our programs.
- A Safe Sanctuaries Committee that administers this policy, assuring its implementation throughout Christian Education Ministry programs.

A copy of the complete Safe Sanctuaries Policy is available upon request.

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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

# 2010-2011

# YOUTH MINISTRY



## TODAY'S YOUTH

are confronted with many competing voices about who they are and where they belong in society, in the world, and in their relationship with God.

Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church seeks to:

- Call young people to be disciples of Jesus Christ
- Respond to the needs and interests of young people
- Work together, youth and adults, in partnership
- Be connected to the whole church, community, and the world
- Include all young people, reaching out and inviting them to belong to the community of faith

During the school year, First Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry programs reach out to 6-12th graders.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Several opportunities exist for youth to share their musical talents with the family of faith at First Presbyterian Church and the community. Our **Youth Choir** is one of the largest in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and it participates regularly in Sunday morning worship leadership. The Youth Choir rehearses most Sunday evenings from 5:00pm-6:00p.m. *This year's Youth Choir Tour will take place April 28 – May 1, 2011 in Richmond, VA*



Our **Youth Handbell Choir** rehearses most Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Chancel and rings occasionally in Sunday worship.

**Cantata Domino** is a small ensemble of youth and adult vocalists, which rehearses and sings several times during the year.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m., youth are invited to participate in a youth Church School class to grow in their relationship with God and others. Through Bible study and discussions about current events and issues that confront youth on a daily basis, these classes seek to help young people apply their faith to their lives. Separate classes are available for 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th-12th graders from Sept. 12, 2010, through June 12, 2011.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

All 9th-12th graders who have not yet made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to become members of our Confirmation Class. The class meets Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m., Sept. 12, 2010, through June 12, 2011. This class seeks to help youth better understand what it means to make a public profession of faith in Christ, the basic beliefs of the church universal, as well as the Presbyterian Church (USA), and what it means to be a faithful member of Christ's church. Members of the class also participate in three class retreats.



## SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIPS

High School and Middle School Fellowships meet most Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Each week the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and Youth Ministry leaders gather together for a time of fellowship, a meal and a time of worship. Then the group separates into Middle School and High School fellowships for small group discussions. Through retreats, lock-ins, service projects, worship and numerous fun events, youth and leaders develop a trusting community in the name of Jesus Christ.

## SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY

During the summer, First Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry takes on a bit of a different look. Weekly programs include



Youth Mission Project

Worship and *Lemonade in the Shade*, Fellowships, Middle School After Group, and Middle School and High School Mission Mornings (local half-day service projects). Special events include: Middle School & High School Workcamps, Middle School Tubing Trip, High School Beach Retreat or Montreal Youth Conference in North Carolina, and an End-of-Summer Celebration. The summer program takes place from June 18 through August 13, 2011. Additional details will be available in the Summer Youth Ministry brochure in June 2011.

## YOUTH NEWSLETTER AND WEEKLY REMINDERS

To help keep people up to date on the latest news of what's going on in our church's Youth Ministry Program a monthly Youth Newsletter and Youth Ministry Weekly Reminder are e-mailed to all 6th-12th grade members and friends of First Presbyterian Church associated with Youth Ministry. Both publications are also posted on the church's website.

The Word is Out!