

TRINITY YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER

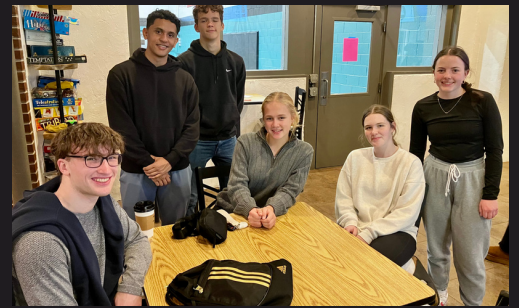
JANUARY 2026



HOPE IN A NEW YEAR

Goodbye 2025, hello 2026! Do you approach the new year forgetting about 2025 and striving forward to 2026? Or are you one who is looking back and not wanting to let go of the experiences and memories? Maybe you are like me and you feel a mixture of wanting to forget and wanting to hold on. The Bible talks about both. When the Israelites experienced God's miraculous hand leading them, they set up Ebenezer stones so they would not forget what God had done in their midst. He wanted them to remember - not just for them, but so they could tell those who did not experience those great acts of God. Guess what? They kept moving forward. They did not camp by the Jordan and stay there to live. Just like we don't live at the retreat facility, or in that city we did a mission trip to, but we go back home and live our lives right where God has placed us. It is okay to remember though. The memories are reminders of how God has worked in our lives and guided us in our faith.

Paul, in Philippians 3, says we forget what is behind us and strain for what is ahead of us, eternal life. We need to press on to lay hold of that treasure that awaits us. It is hard to do this. Think of the words that Paul is using: "press on", "straining forward". These are not words that show this is easy. It is easy to live in the past. It is easy to let past failures define us. It is easy to want to stay in a place where we feel good and comfortable. It is harder to move forward to the unknown or to deal with those hard circumstances in our lives: challenging school, hard relationships, ways we have wronged or been wronged by someone. Yet the command of scripture is we are to forget what is past and press on. What motivates us to do this? God's love for us in Christ. Eternal life awaits us in Christ. I hope that motivates you to press on. It does for me whenever I fail or fall short. Let us press on together, having our hope in Christ.



JANUARY CALENDAR

YOUTH GROUP

- Sundays - 6pm to 8pm
- 4th - Make Pizza Night
- 11th - D-Groups - Sanctity of Life Night
- 18th - D-Groups
- 25th - Praise and Worship Night

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING

JANUARY 27TH - 7:00-8:00

Questions: E-mail Mike at mwolcott@trinityhbg.com or text at 717-379-7490



BREAKAWAY 2026

February 13 to 15

Theme: "No Other Gospel"

Blue Mountain Camp and Conference Center

\$110 by January 4th; \$135 by January 19th

Scholarship Money is available

This is a retreat of the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
6 - KATE VANBASTELAAR
8 - BETHLEHEM KIDANE
14 - STEPHAN NAZARENKO
29 - LUCY DEITRICK



PLEASE PRAY FOR



1. OUR CONTINUED STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES. PRAY GOD GUIDES THE LEADERS AS THEY TEACH. THE STUDENTS AS THEY HEAR AND WISDOM FOR ALL IN APPLYING THOSE TRUTHS.
2. DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS – STUDENTS WOULD CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. THEIR LEADERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE LORD AS THEY READ THE WORD. SHARE AND PRAY TOGETHER
3. TESTIMONIES – THAT GOD WOULD ENCOURAGE AND CHALLENGE STUDENTS AND ADULTS AS VARIOUS PEOPLE GIVE TESTIMONIES OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN THEIR LIVES
4. BREAKAWAY RETREAT – PRAY FOR THE PLANS FOR THIS RETREAT TO COME TOGETHER: PRAY FOR GOD TO GUIDE THOSE WHO NEED TO GO. TO SIGN UP AND BE BLESSED BY A GREAT WEEKEND OF TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP.
5. SUMMER MISSIONS TRIPS – PRAY FOR OUR LONDON AND DC TRIPS. THAT THE TEAMS WILL COME TOGETHER AND THAT WE WOULD BE EXCITED TO SERVE GOD AS A UNIFIED BODY

"How you experience your present is completely shaped by what you believe your ultimate future to be." Tim Keller