

Youth and Parents (and Grandparents),

The youth junior high and high school Sunday School class will continue meeting at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays in the youth room, and on **Oct. 21**, the Sunday School lesson will be "Being Ourselves", including a new game.

On **Monday Oct. 22 (7:00-8:00 p.m.)** for Fusion Youth Group please be sure to come help Lynn Ashby with the Child Protective Services blanket project, and we will have a short game and a very brief lesson.

Oct. 27 (Saturday 8:30-12:00) is a church-wide work day, and all are welcome to come and help with the upkeep of the church, starting in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

On **Oct. 28**, the youth will be having a party for the Rockbrook UMC children during the Sunday School time, with a wide variety of great Halloween games! Please plan to arrive by no later than 9:00 a.m. so that we can help Julie set up the activities. The theme of the party is UNICEF, since the children are collecting money for UNICEF this year when they go Trick-or-Treating. UNICEF uses the money to help children in many countries have healthier lives. Due to the party on Sunday morning, there will not be a youth group meeting on the following Monday (**Oct. 29**).

At Camp Fontanelle, there is a "Search for Treats" event that will take place on two Sundays (**Oct. 21** and **Oct. 28**, at 2:00-4:00 p.m.). If there are multiple youth who would like to go to this, either as volunteers to help or just as one of the participants in the candy hunt and other activities at Camp Fontanelle, let me know and we can try to go as a group. This fall, Camp Fontanelle also has a Wilderness Run/Walk event on **Oct. 27**, and Movie Nights (with the movies shown on a 12-foot screen in the barn area) throughout October.

Here are a few of the other events coming up later this winter:

Nov. 29 (Thursday evening) - Rockbrook UMC will be providing dinner at the Stephen Center, and we can go to help. Once the November sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary, you can sign up to help serve. The youth can go as a group (leaving from the church) that evening.

Dec. 8 (Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m.) - Let Julie Vidlak know if you would like to help with the Children's Craft Event.

Dec. 9 (Sunday a.m.) - The children's Christmas Program is scheduled for this date, and traditionally the youth have an Advent Dinner for a Mission Trip fundraiser. If you can help with the preparations, please let me know. This is a big dinner that many people in the church attend and enjoy.

Dec. (date to be determined) - the Open Door Mission Project Santa distribution of toys has a different format this year, which doesn't include handing out bags of gifts. At Fusion Youth Group, we will discuss the Open Door Mission's changes in Project Santa this year.

Jan. 5-6 (leaving the evening of Jan. 4) - big Great Plains Conference Youth Event in Salina, KS! We will try to make the reservations in early Nov. if possible (to be able to get the lowest price).