

Youth and Parents (and Grandparents),

This afternoon, I received the great news from Rev. Corson (who suggested that I could pass the news on to you) that Marc Welander has accepted the Youth Director position, and will be assuming the position in November contingent on the completion of the usual required Safe Gatherings approval process.

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 **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. For more information about their events, including their "Youth Group Special", please see the two attachments to this email that were sent by Camp Fontanelle.

For Sunday School on **Nov. 4**, I discussed with Marc that we could finish our Thanksgiving Turkey bookmark project that is already underway. These bookmarks will be presents for the participants in the Rockbrook Church jail ministry, to be given to them at their Thanksgiving service on Nov. 11 by the adult leaders of the jail ministry. Marc agreed that would be a good idea, so we will plan on doing that. Please be sure to come and help!

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 assist with this. Once the November sign-up sheet is posted outside the sanctuary, you can sign up to help serve. If you are able and willing to go, be sure to let Marc or Joyce know, so that we can coordinate the youth going as a group (leaving from the church) that evening.

Dec. 8 (Saturday 10:00-11:00 a.m.) - Let Julie Vidlak (julievidlak@rockbrookumc.com) 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 the youth will have an Advent Dinner for a Mission Trip fundraiser. This is a big dinner that many people in the church attend and enjoy.

Jan. 5-6 (leaving the evening of Jan. 4) - big Great Plains Conference Youth Event in Salina, KS! Making reservations in early Nov. would allow us to get the lowest price (but reservations can still be made later, just at a slightly higher rate). Having a count in Nov. of how many plan to attend will also help for the planning of the transportation.