

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES
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Confirmation

Confirmation is up and running and the youth will be leading the 10am worship service on Sunday, October 11. They will be greeting parishioners, ushering, leading the prayers, reading the lessons and leading the music for the service. We have a 8th Grade confirmation retreat on October 9 and 10 at the YMCA Camp in Boone. The topic will be *The Ten Commandments* and they will experience the High Ropes at the camp. What fun!

Education

Education Hour & Sr. High Bible Study will be moving to Messiah hall this week! What joy it is to be in the new building.

Service and Mission

This month, Carol and Holly Domeier, have planned DMARC food collection in conjunction with the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. Last year we raised \$1,700 and we are hoping for more this year. Angie and Melissa make it fun by splitting the youth into teams. The losing teams captain (Angie or Melissa) get to have an ice cream sundae made on their head using all sorts of toppings, e.g. sour cream, refried beans, ketchup, mustard etc... what a blast for the youth.

We again teamed up with the Kiwanis Miracle League on Sunday, Oct. 4. According to one mom who was a spectator "it was the most moving experience to watch the game!" and "Bob (Mitchell) was one proud papa!"

Later in the month, the High School youth will be participating in Reggie's Sleepout – an outdoor, overnight event to raise awareness of the critical problem of Youth Homelessness in Central Iowa.

Fellowship

In October, there is a variety of fellowship events planned. The 6th & 7th graders will be carving pumpkins, the 8th & 9th Graders will be bowling and the Senior High will be having outdoor worship and a campfire as well as their outdoor overnight experience with Reggie's Sleepout.

Y&FM Fundraising Review

A group met in September to rethink fundraising events for Y&FM. We came up with some excellent new ideas!

Mission trip to Washington D.C

We have 50 participants going on the mission trip on June 18 – 26, 2010! 22 spots are still open and going fast!