

### Camp Beetree

Each summer, TPC sponsors a week-long day camp at our Beetree facility in Parkton, MD. It is usually the second week of July. A Design Team will meet to plan a fun and inspiring program for children, who are assisted by youth counselors in training. Look for the dates and theme to be publicized in the winter and registration forms available in the spring.



### Mission Opportunities

The Church School participates in several missions during the year, including collecting school supplies at the beginning of the year, toys for children at the McKim Center to be put under our angel tree during Christmas, and the One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten Offering in the spring. Children participate in a Stewardship Council, which selects mission projects for the church school year. The Senior High youth lead us in the Souper Bowl Offering each January.

All of the youth fellowships participate in mission projects such as working with the Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief Effort, Habitat for Humanity, trips to the South Baltimore Station, and inner city projects.

### The Bookworm

You are invited to use the Bookworm, a family lending library located outside of the Kindergarten/Pre-School area on the second floor. It is a lending library filled with books and videos for children, youth, and parents.

You are encouraged to sponsor a book for the Bookworm by honoring someone on their birthday, anniversary, or for some special occasion. Forms are available in the Bookworm room.

Our collection of books includes a section on parenting, young reader fiction, and books on learning disabilities. We have books you can use to dialogue with children on topics such as divorce, death, sex, illness, abuse, anxiety, etc. These books are located on higher shelves, out of the reach of young children.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### First Fridays

This fellowship group is designed to give Grade 4 and 5 students time to be together at the church on the first Friday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A fun program will be planned with games and snacks centered on a unique theme. This is a preliminary fellowship group that should serve to be the springboard for the Middle School Fellowship. Youth are encouraged to bring friends.

### Middle School and High School Fellowship

Middle and High School Fellowship will start in September and continue every Sunday for the rest of the year. Middle schoolers will meet from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and high schoolers will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Youth will meet in the Youth Room located on the third level of the church next to the gym. Devotions, games, energizers, music, and food are always scheduled each Sunday afternoon.

Information is published regularly in the bulletin and newsletter, and on the website. Jim Isphording is our Youth Director; please contact Jim at [jisphording@towsonpres.org](mailto:jisphording@towsonpres.org) to receive more information on youth programs throughout the year. Jim is assisted by a group of youth and adults, who serve on an Advisor/Youth Planning Committee and plan programs and events of interest to all youth.



### Monthly Children's Ministries Meetings

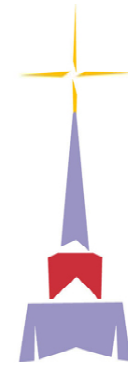
The congregation is invited to join us in planning events and learning opportunities for our children. We do this at our monthly meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month in Thompson Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### Monthly Advisor/Youth Ministries Meetings

Join a team of adult volunteers and youth leaders to plan and coordinate activities. The Advisor/Youth Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Ministries meets with this group during the same time. If you are interested in becoming a part of this planning team, please contact Jim Isphording, Director of Youth Ministries, for more details.

### *Be an Advocate for Children and Youth!*

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## Programs for Children and Youth

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