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Please take a look at the updates for upcoming events as there have been some changes to upcoming events, particularly the date of our soup cook off and A LOT of our mission trip details! As always if you have any questions feel free to email or call!

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Starting Sunday, January 15th the Middle School and High School Youth will start a 6 week Bible Study on Job: A Good Man Who Asked Why. We will meet on Sundays following the 9:30 Service in the Youth Room. Bible study will run about a half hour-45 mins.



January 22

Matthew Blow
 Ryan Wade
 Tyler Wade
 Tanner Wade

January 29

Dalane Vandergaag
 John Dunn
 DJ Vleck
 Ella Knetz



Our new Choir Director is here and he is ready to start youth choir! Peter will start with choir practice **THIS WEDNESDAY!** Children grades K-4 will have choir practice from 5:00--5:15 they will learn some simple songs to sing in church. We will be headed over to the choir room right from children's program, but even if you can't make the 4:30 start to children's program please still come out to choir and stay for dinner after!

Youth Choir grades 5-12 will meet from 5:15--5:45. Youth Choir is open to any youth who would like to sing! We will have dinner after choir and youth group following!

February 5

Laura Dempsey
Erica Dempsey
Jennifer White

Kelly White



Cooking Demo

Our first and only cooking demo of the year will be held on January 21st. The topic is healthy eating and living. There will be a guest speaker and we will get lots of tips and recipes! If your New Year's resolution is to get healthy this is a



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great place to start! Keep your eye out for the ticket table!



New Beginnings, a retreat for Middle School Youth, will be held February 17-19th at Dayspring Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. The New Beginnings weekend focuses on relationships that are important in our lives, with our parents, siblings, peers, and with God. This is open to any youth grades 6-8. You can register online here:
[Register for New Beginnings!](#)



Mission Trip plans have finally been secured and letters and applications are out in the mail! We are still planning two trips, however the locations have changed! Both Trips are open to youth ages 12 and up!

Trip # 1 Mission On the Mountain: June 9-17.
We will be traveling from St. Mark's to Townsend Tennessee to work in the Smoky Mountain National Park. In Townsend we will be working with the park rangers to help build trails and repair trails in the park. We will also be exploring ways to experience God in nature.

We will have the opportunity to explore the mountain through hiking, tubing, and other activities. Both on our way up and way back we will be staying at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Atlanta to help make the drive easier and safer for our drivers. **In order to reserve your space on this trip, mission trip forms and \$100 deposit is due by March 1st.** Please note there are only 20 spots available on this trip so we will be accepting applications on a first come first serve basis.

Trip # 2 Camp Happy Sands: July 15-21. We will be traveling to our host church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Pensacola. We will be working daily at an organization called "Camp Happy Sands." Their mission is to "to provide a cost-free weeklong day-camp experience and learning opportunities for children of lower income families, conducted in a faith based environment among a natural setting of God's creation." We will be arriving during their last session of summer camp and will be working to fill whatever they need have! **In order to reserve your space on this trip, mission trip forms and \$50 deposit is due by May 1st.**



The Date of our Soup Cook off has been Moved!

As to not interfere with Breakfast, the Mission and Outreach Souper Bowl Cook off will be held on Sunday, February 12 following all services.

If you have a favorite soup that you think could win the Golden Ladle and would like to compete in the Soup Cook off contact



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