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Faith Formation Newsletter



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Welcome & Update on Faith Formation at HUCC

Dear HUCC Families,

Welcome to the new Faith Formation newsletter! I hope to have it published monthly to update you on upcoming programming and events, provide resources, and create a space to build community.

As I take on the new role as Director of Faith Formation, I appreciate your feedback on how we can continually improve at HUCC. I also ask for your patience as we develop a new position that will provide leadership and guidance for our children and youth throughout the coming year. I am incredibly thankful and amazed by the support and trust you have shown me, and I will never take that for granted.

I am very excited for the year ahead and can't wait to continue building a beautiful community rooted in love, compassion, justice, and faith for our children and youth.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions!

With Blessings,

Heather Pedersen
Director of Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS

****CANCELLED****

July 19th

~~Westside Youth Collective Gathering~~

~~4-6 pm at Valley Community Presbyterian Church.~~

July 26th

Outdoor Worship at Fisher Farm and BBQ/Picnic

10:30 am

Church Campout

Stub Stewart State Park

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[August 8-9th \(*Registration is required*\)](#)

Westside Youth Collective Lock-In Event

4pm Aug 8th to 9:30am Aug 9th

Community Service, water play, pizza, bowling, laser tag, games, movies, and overnight at HUCC!

[Register Today!](#)

Youth Volunteer Opportunities



We have community and church service projects we would love help from any youth in grades 4- 12 with!

Here are a few examples:

- Nursery help
- Mowing Lawn
- Watering trees
- Helping with food donations for Homeplate

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Prayer for the Month

Loving God,

Bless all of the children, youth, families, volunteers, and leaders as they travel, learn, serve, and play this summer, surrounding them with your love, keeping them safe, and opening their hearts to the beauty of your creation, the joy of new friendships, and opportunities to share kindness, justice, and compassion with everyone they meet. Bring them home refreshed in body, mind, and spirit, carrying with them the assurance that they are deeply loved, wonderfully made, and always part of your beloved community. *Amen.*

Ministry Spotlight -Thank you Crystal!



As many of you may already know, Crystal Bartlett has stepped back from her role as Faith Formation Events Director. We will miss her incredible talent for creating welcoming and fun events; however, she will continue to assist occasionally and will remain a valued member of our congregation. If you haven't had the opportunity to thank her, please take a moment to do so!

If you have any questions about upcoming events or programming related to Faith Formation this summer and fall, please reach out to Heather Pedersen at heather@hillsboro-ucc.org.

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Sunday School



Nursery



Westside Youth Collective

What's Next...



The Westside Youth Collective Lock-In is just around the corner!

Please register below ASAP! We need to have final numbers by the end of July to know what we will have for transportation and food.

Here is the tentative itinerary:

Saturday August 8th:

4 pm - Drop off at HUCC. Sleeping bags, pillows, and all other night bags will be left at church.

6 pm - Community service project to help Valley Community Presbyterian Church with annual Family Night with water play and picnic.

8 pm - Depart for King Pin bowling and laser arcade for pizza.

10 pm - Arrive back at HUCC with moments of reflection and grounding.

10:30 pm - Ice Cream Sundays and start of movie

Midnight - Lights out in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday August 9th:

8 am - Breakfast provided by Pastor Susan

9 am - HUCC service project

9:30am - release to parents/gardians.

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