

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – KARI GOFORTH
CE MINISTRY TEAM MEETING
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- The week of May 4th – 9th - I participated in a **continuing education conference** in Montreat called ARW: Annual Recreation Workshop with a focus on arts, recreation and worship.
- **Sunday, May 17th: was Youth Sunday.** The youth and adults helping to make this happen this year did a phenomenal job. The youth loved what they did and really worked hard to make it happen. I have heard nothing but great things from the congregation about how many they loved the service and were proud of our youth.
- **Youth Fellowship finally** – Sunday, May 31st went great, we had around 40 youth attend and had a great end to a wonderful year of youth group.
- **Graduation Sunday** was this past Sunday, June 7th. I ordered all of the graduation gifts and wrote cards and wrapped the gifts. We were supposed to have 11 high schoolers graduating and 12 college/grad students being honored during the services. Unfortunately only 2 of our college grads made it so I will be working to get these out to them or to their families to pass on.
- This Sunday, June 7th we are also doing a combined **commissioning service for all of the youth summer trips.** In the past we have tried to do four of these each summer and it has caused a lot of confusion and chaos. So with this week being graduation and everyone being in town we decided to do it all at once.
- **Fundraiser:** We had tried to get t-shirts done this year to raise money for the youth summer trips. That was a long and detailed process that just did not get done in time. We are now trying to push for sponsorships from the congregation, this is going slow but I had hoped with seeing all of the youth up in worship this past Sunday might help. There has been a very weak response from the congregation unfortunately.
- I have also been asked for the 3rd year in a row to help in the **Baccalaureate Service for Summerville High School** this coming Thursday, June 4th.
- **Vacation Bible School** plans are moving along. With the turn over of leadership things have been kind of hard but we are moving towards a great VBS this year. Registrations are kind of slow for both children and volunteers so we are really going to be pushing that in the coming weeks. Registration officially ends on June 14th.
- **Intern Update:** The Seminary intern that I was supposed to have for the summer was able to work two days and then found out that her registration for her class did not go through and she was not able to fix it with her registrar or the teacher. So I will not be having an intern for the summer.
- The **new pager system** for the nurseries has been ordered and I helped our workers set it up a couple of weeks ago.
- **New Nursery Staff:** We finished our last week of publicizing and will be doing a few interviews this week. I have contacted all of those who have sent in resumes to fill out our church job application so that we can have everything ready come time for the interviews.

Youth Summer Events:

- High School Mission Trip: Atlanta, June 14th-20th
- High School Montreat: July 11-18th
- Middle School Conference: PC July 22nd-26th
- Middle School Mission : Charleston, August 9th-14th
- plus we will have many day trips, studies and events through out the summer to keep the youth connected