

St. John's UMC Youth Ministry
2020 Summary and Highlights

Youth Involvement:

- We have 14 active youth in the youth ministry. (*active - in 2020 attended MYF, and/or participated in virtual devotion and prayer time, and/or attended fellowship opportunities, and/or helped with a service project*)
- There are four active youth in middle school and ten active youth in high school.
- We have one youth director and three active youth ministry volunteers.

MYF - Every Sunday from 5 PM to 7 PM:

- We offered in-person MYF from January 1, 2020, to March 8, 2020. There were no in-person activities from March 9, 2020, to June 26, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, we offered MYF via ZOOM during this time. In-person activities started back up on June 27, 2020.
- We utilize Cokesbury's, *Living in Christ* curriculums for our MYF devotions.
- MYF sessions include a devotion, dinner, and various fellowship opportunities (e.g., engaging activity that relates to the devotion, trip to Starbucks, indoor activities (*Wii, ping pong, foosball*), or basketball)

Bible Breakfast:

- We offered Bible Breakfast from January 1, 2020, to March 8, 2020.
- We utilized Group Publishing's *10-Minute Moments - Parables* for our devotions.
- Bible Breakfast sessions included a short devotion and Chick-fil-a breakfast (*sometimes sponsored by a church volunteer*) before leaving for school. Transportation was provided to LEMS and LEHS.
- Bible Breakfast has been postponed since March 8, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Breakfast and Devotion Delivery:

- We started offering Krispy Kreme or Chick-fil-a breakfast deliveries on May 8, 2020. This option serves as an alternative to Bible Breakfast and occurs on selected days during the summer or on virtual school days. We include an encouraging devotion with the delivered breakfast.

Virtual Devotion and Prayer Time - Every Tuesday at 7 PM:

- We started offering a weekly virtual devotion and prayer time on Tuesday, March 24th.
- We utilize Group Publishing's *10-Minute Moments - Plugged In* for our devotions.

Service Projects:

- The youth ministry strives to perform at least one service project per month.
- Some of the 2020 services projects included:
 1. Volunteered at the Kershaw County Animal Shelter
 2. Prepared lunch for the Ronald McDonald House
 3. Collected individually packed lunch items for the Ronald McDonald House

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4. Mailed at least eight cards to every family in the church database (*approximately 1600 cards total*)
5. Volunteered at St. John's UMC drive-thru trunk or treat
6. Created handmade cards for Lexington Medical Center
7. Prepared 112 Easter baskets for Epworth Children's Home
8. Shopped and packed 65 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
9. Built children's sensory garden for St. John's UMC childcare
10. Delivered small flower arrangements to several church families
11. Delivered handmade bookmarks and encouraging devotionals to several church families
12. Delivered yard signs and balloon bouquets to high school and college graduates
13. Delivered yard signs and customized hand sanitizers to Kershaw County School District employees

Fellowship Activities:

- The youth ministry strives to provide at least one fellowship activity each month
- Some of the 2020 fellowship activities included:
 1. SCMYP Revolution
 2. In-house movie nights
 3. Waffle and board game night
 4. Faith-based movie and popcorn delivery (*movies - Overcomer and I Still Believe*)
 5. Bonfire cookout at church picnic shelter
 6. Frankie's Fun Park (*two trips this year*)
 7. Winter Jam Concert
 8. Virtual BINGO and dinner nights
 9. Huntington Beach State Park - Murrells Inlet
 10. Pool gathering at the Weatherford's
 11. Pool gathering at the Pyritz's
 12. Clinton Sease Farms
 13. Topgolf in Charlotte
 14. Lake Day at Shaw AFB (*swimming, tubing, riding in a boat, fishing, picnic*)
 15. Lake Day at rental home (*swimming, tubing, riding in a boat, kayaking, fishing, picnic*)