

**Youth Involvement:**

- We have 25 total youth in our church; 13 are in middle school and 12 are in high school
- Of the 25 total youth we have, 18 are active in the youth program (*active - attend MYF or Bible Breakfast on a regular basis and/or attend summer camps, and/or regularly attend fellowship opportunities/service projects*)
- We have one youth director and three active youth ministry helpers/chaperones

**MYF - Every Sunday from 5-7PM:**

- During the school year, we average 11 youth per MYF session (*plus 3-4 adults*); during the summer our attendance ranged from 3 to 12 youth per MYF session (*plus 3-4 adults*)
- We utilize Cokesbury's Groove and Fathom curriculums for our MYF devotions.
- MYF sessions include a devotion, dinner (*typically provided by a church volunteer*) and various fellowship opportunities (*e.g. engaging activity that relates to the devotion, trip to Starbucks, out for ice cream/snow cones, or organized outside game*).

**Bible Breakfast - Every Friday at 6:45 AM (when school is in session):**

- We average 9 youth per Bible Breakfast session (*plus 4 adults*)
- We utilize Group Publishing's 10-Minute Moments for our Bible Breakfast devotions
- Bible Breakfast sessions includes a short devotion and Chick-fil-a breakfast (*sometimes sponsored by a church volunteer*) before leaving for school. Transportation is provided to LEMS and LEHS.

**Service Projects:**

- The youth ministry strives to perform at least one service project per month
- Some of the 2019 service projects included:
  - Attending Salkehatchie Summer Service
  - Preparing meals at the Ronald McDonald House
  - Volunteering at the Kershaw County Humane Society
  - Volunteering at various church functions (*e.g. VBS, Easter egg hunt, and fall festival*)
  - Creating agape placemats and baking cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry
  - Writing letters to United States service members through Operation Gratitude
  - Volunteering at Epworth Children's Home (*e.g. preparing Easter baskets, building raised garden beds, collecting donations through VBS*)
  - Volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank
  - Collecting and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
  - Christmas caroling to seniors in our church family
  - Sorting and delivering Christmas cards to our church family
- The youth ministry strives to participate in the Worship service each month by serving in the following roles (*e.g. Youth Sunday - last Sunday of every month*):
  - Ushers
  - Greeters

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- Lay reader
- Delivering Children's Moment
- Host Fellowship Time prior to the Worship service (*e.g. prepare and serve continental breakfast for church family*)

**Fellowship Activities:**

- The youth ministry strives to provide at least one fellowship activity each month
- Some of the 2019 fellowship activities included:
  - Movie nights
  - Carowinds
  - Neptune Island Water Park
  - Lake Day
  - Pool Party at Camden Aquatics Center
  - Pool party at a church member's home
  - Adrenaline Jump Park and Marble Slab
  - Plex Hi-wire and Krispy Kreme
  - Lazer tag
  - Clinton Sease Farms
  - Winter Jam concert and MercyMe concert
  - Entry and participation in the Lights of Lugoff Parade
  - SCMYP events – Revolution and Immerse Summer Camp
  - 5-week Bible Study – Utilized Group Publishing's Plugged in DVD series

**Other Youth Involvement/Activities:**

- 12 youth attended Revolution in 2019
- 11 youth attended Immerse in 2019
- 4 youth attended the Conway Salkehatchie camp
- Conducted 2 fundraisers in 2019 to support our group going to Immerse
- Started an Instagram page to promote the youth ministry (*July 2019*)
- Hosted fundraiser in December 2019 to support the ongoing renovations to the metal building

**Vision for 2020**

- Continue to provide weekly MYF and Bible breakfast events as well as monthly fellowship and service opportunities
- Promote and increase attendance from St. John's UMC at Salkehatchie camps
- Increase social media presence to show church and community all the activities our youth are involved in
- Involve more of our congregation in the youth ministry
  - Adding regular youth volunteers
  - Having members share testimonies or lead a single MYF devotional
  - Asking members to talk about their career path and opportunities in that area (relate to their faith, if possible)
  - Inviting members to share any special skill they have