

St. John's UMC Youth Ministry
2021 Summary and Highlights

Youth Involvement:

- We have 13 active youth in the youth ministry. (*Active - in 2021 attended MYF, and/or attended Youth Sunday School, and/or attended fellowship opportunity, and/or helped with a service project*)
- There are two active youth in middle school and eleven active youth in high school.
- We have one youth director and three active youth ministry volunteers.

Bible Breakfast:

- We offered Bible Breakfast in August and September but discontinued it due to low attendance numbers.

Virtual Devotion and Prayer Time:

- We offered a weekly virtual devotion and prayer time from January - June.
- We utilized Group Publishing's *10-Minute Moments* for our devotions.
- We discontinued due to low attendance numbers.

Youth Sunday School:

- We have three active youth Sunday School teachers that serve on a rotation.
- We utilized Cokesbury's *Half Truths - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* and *The Journey - Walking the Road to Bethlehem*.

MYF - Every Sunday from 5:30 PM to 7 PM:

- 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)*)
- We utilized Cokesbury's *24 Hours That Changed the World; Christianity and World Religions Revised Edition: Questions We Ask About Other Faiths; Leadership Success in 10 Minutes a Day* for our MYF devotions. We also had several guest speakers present on various hobbies and career opportunities (*e.g., law enforcement, engineering, culinary arts, music, and building and flying drones*)

Service Projects:

- The youth ministry strives to perform a service project each month.
- The 2021 services projects include:
 1. Packed Valentine's Day bags for the Ronald McDonald House
 2. Prepared 100 Easter baskets for Epworth Children's Home
 3. Volunteered at St. John's UMC Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt
 4. Created handmade cards for Kairos Prison Ministry
 5. Volunteered at St. John's UMC VBS
 6. Volunteered at St. John's UMC Trunk or Treat
 7. Shopped and packed 80 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
 8. Collected and sorted Christmas cards for the church family

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9. Mailed at least two cards to every family in the church database (*approximately 400 cards total*)
10. Participated and served in various roles during the Worship Service on Youth Sunday every month (*e.g., ushers, greeters, Lay readers, Acolyte, Crucifer, and announcements*)
11. Three youth served on SC MYP Revolution 2022 planning committee.
12. Hosted a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser (*raised approximately \$700*)

Fellowship Activities:

- The youth ministry strives to provide a fellowship activity every month.
- The 2021 fellowship activities include:
 1. SCMYP Virtual Revolution
 2. Virtual BINGO and dinner nights (*January, February, March, April, May, and June*)
 3. Trip to Sonic for ice cream (*January and July*)
 4. Bonfire cookout at the church picnic shelter (*January and December*)
 5. Snow tubing at Hawks Nest in Seven Devils, NC
 6. Waffle and board game night (*February and August*)
 7. Bowling and dinner (*March and November*)
 8. Trip to Starbucks
 9. Top Golf in Charlotte (*May and December*)
 10. Trip to Pelicans
 11. Pool gathering at the Weatherford's
 12. Pool gathering at the Pyritz's
 13. Matinee movie at the Little Theater
 14. Lake Day at rental home (*June and August - swimming, tubing, riding in a boat, kayaking, fishing, picnic*)
 15. Clinton Sease Farms
 16. Carowinds
 17. Christmas open house at the parsonage