

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 19

7:00 pm.	Registration; settle into cabins; gathering activities
9:00 pm	Beginnings: Energizers, music, introductions
9:30 pm	Small Group Beginnings.
10:30 pm	Snacks in lodge; adult orientation
11:00 pm	Worship
11:30 pm	Cabin devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Saturday, November 20

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:45 am	Energizers, Music
10:00 am	Keynote and Small Groups
noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Energizers, music, announcements
1:15 pm	Small Group - Mission Experience Recreation Options
4:30	Free Time
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Energizers
6:45 pm	Keynote and Small Groups
8:30 pm	Community Game Night and S'mores
10:30 pm	Worship
11:30 pm	Cabin Devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Sunday, November 21

8:30 am	Breakfast, clean cabins and pack cars
9:45 am	Energizers, Music
10:00 am	Keynote and Small Groups
11:30 am	Worship with Communion

The Youth Council of the Presbytery of West Virginia presents:

The 2021 Older Youth Retreat

November 19-21, 2021

THE MISSING



with Adrian Pratt

Bluestone Camp and Retreat Center, Hinton, WV

FOCUS: *We are travelling through unprecedented times. It is easy to become disconnected from our personal plans, from each other, and from God. How do we restore the connection? How do we reconnect the scattered pieces? Together, we will spend a weekend exploring ways to embrace being a 21st Century Disciple.*

KEYNOTE LEADER: Rev. Adrian Pratt grew up near Liverpool, England. Active in his home church as a teenager, he played in Christian Rock groups and eventually felt a call to full-time ministry within the Presbyterian Church of Wales. Following a "Pulpit Exchange" visit to the USA, he accepted a call to be a pastor in Fayetteville, WV in 1996. He has since pastored churches in West Virginia, New York, and Maryland. He currently serves as a minister for Vital Congregations on the East End of Long Island for the Presbytery of Long Island and as minister of Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church. He greatly enjoys ministry with youth and has been a leader/participant in numerous youth-related events, including a number of years as a member of this presbytery's Youth Council. He hopes to bring along his gifts of storytelling, teaching, songwriting, and worship leading to wherever God may lead him.

Important Registration Information FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

This retreat is for youth in grades 9-12 and their adult advisors. There must be one adult for every 7 youth registered.

The retreat will begin with registration from 7-9 pm on Friday, November 19 and end with worship around noon on Sunday, November 21. The first meal served will be Saturday breakfast; the last meal will be Sunday breakfast.

The cost for each participants, youth or adult, is \$75. Registrations will not be accepted without the name of the adult who will be responsible for youth at the retreat.

Registrations can be made online, by mail or by fax (304-744-7649); no phone registrations will be taken. **New this year – those who register by noon on Monday, October 25, will receive a retreat t-shirt.** The **final registration deadline** for registrations to be received in the Presbytery Office is **Monday, November 8**. If you have questions about registering youth with special needs or potential conflicts with athletics/band, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-645-4568 prior to the 8th.

ADULT ADVISORS – PLEASE NOTE

Each adult attending the retreat must return a completed Volunteer and Information Form and a Background Check Authorization no later than **Monday, November 8**, or have completed and returned one in the last 24 months. Adults are asked to read the Presbytery's Child Protection Policy that can be found at https://wvpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/_CPP-revision-approved-08-19-2017.pdf prior to arrival; adult orientation Friday evening will include training on this policy.

WHAT TO BRING – Each participant

- ✓ **A Bible**
- ✓ **Warm clothes**
- ✓ **Sleeping bag, or twin bed sheets, and a pillow**
- ✓ **Towels**
- ✓ **Flashlight**
- ✓ **Completed Covenant Form and Medical Release Form**
- ✓ **mission project supplies**

Please **DO NOT BRING** electronic items and/or valuable jewelry. We cannot be responsible for lost items.

Mission Project:

Our Mission Project this year is collecting **GLOVES, SOCKS AND WINTER HATS**. **Each participant** is asked to bring socks (for girls and/or boys), gloves and/or a winter hat; these will be shared with schools in our presbytery.

Snacks to Share: Each group is asked to bring snacks to share with the large group. These should be brought to registration.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Retreats are an opportunity to get away from the normal routines of life. Therefore, you are encouraged to leave your cell phone at home in order to facilitate building a new community in a limited amount of time. Cell phones shall not be used during scheduled activities (including but not limited to: keynote, small groups, recreation, meals, energizers, music and worship). This includes all cell phone use – calls, texts, games, listening to messages, etc. Misused cell phones are subject to confiscation. If someone needs to reach a retreat participant during the Older Youth Retreat at Bluestone, and a cell phone does not work, please call the Bluestone office at 304-466-0660.