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## ***MISSION TRIPS!***

***Yes! You read that headline correctly – mission tripS – plural!***

There is so much need in this world that we have the odd luxury of choice in where to lend our time and talents. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines for letting us know which trip(S) interest you. **NOTE:** These mission trips often involve strenuous labor in less than ideal weather conditions, and the handling of power tools. Consequently, they are limited to youth aged 15 and older, or age 14 if accompanied by a parent.

### **Brethren Disaster Relief**

*July 7-13, 2019*

*Cost: TBD Location: TBD*

*Decision Deadline: 31 January 2019*



Last year several of us journeyed to Lumberton, NC where we worked with the amazing Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM). Guess what? We all worked so well together that the BDM team has requested to work with us again! What a tribute to your love and care. As my Navy brothers and sisters would say, "Bravo Zulu!" Well done!

This is an extremely well-organized group, and the trip itself is incredibly inexpensive and yet, high impact. Last year the cost was around \$250.00, and I expect it will be in the same range this coming year.

BDM Rebuild projects are supported by a network of volunteers from across the country who reduce the recovery costs for homeowners by providing free construction labor. At each rebuild project site, BDM partners with local Long-Term Recovery organizations who are working with their community to identify unmet needs after a disaster, including home destruction or damage cases that BDM can help repair.



Trained construction leaders and household leaders provide volunteer orientation and instruction on the work site, as well as meals at the volunteers housing. Unskilled volunteers willing to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled and willing to teach. Volunteer housing is provided, often at local churches or community buildings, where weekly volunteers and leaders stay, eat and become more connected with the community.

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### **Puerto Rico Mission**

*July 23-29, 2019*

*Cost: \$1,250- we will be discussing fundraising ideas, and scholarship assistance is always available.*

*Primary deadline: **November 23***



This summer we will be traveling to our sister diocese of Puerto Rico! There we will work with Wonder Voyage to take on jobs that no one else wants to do. The hurricanes this past summer have done unthinkable damage to the island and the lives of our brothers and sisters there. An important part of mission is to arrive with an open heart

ready to learn about the culture, make new friends, and to spend time in community with the folks who live there. Our true mission is to do just that, as well as, giving help wherever we can. As an

organization, Wonder Voyage focuses on three main ideas during each trip; spiritual (Wonder), cultural immersion (Voyage), and service (Mission). Spiritually, each participant is encouraged meet God face to face the cultural immersion aspect, learn how to love their neighbor them and their lifestyles. The love for God and for our goal is to partner with people grassroots level and assisting need accomplished, including the jobs that no one else wants to do.



each trip; spiritual (Wonder), and service (Mission). Spiritually, to take their own journey and to throughout the trip. As part of participants will understand and through learning more about mission component is to show neighbors through service. Their already working in the field at a them in whatever tasks they

**STAY TUNED – MORE TO FOLLOW!**

## ***THE YOUTH-LED SERVICE – AN UPDATE***

We have almost finished with our visits to other houses of worship as part of the Girl Scout Gold Award project this past Sunday by attending worship at Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church. The final visit is to St. Andrew-by-the-Bay on November 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 5 pm mass. This will be followed immediately by a pot-luck and a discussion, as well as a service project. St. Margaret's has enthusiastically supported this young lady; I'm very proud of your steadfastness! For those of us returning from Nightwatch that evening, we will do our best to be there on time!

**Youth-let's gather-all are invited!  
Let's make an impact to our community.  
Show the power of youth when we come  
together**

**St. Andrew By The Bay**

Upper Hall

701 College Parkway, Annapolis

**Saturday, November 10**

**5:00-7:00pm**

5:00-All are invited to attend mass as a guest. This is the last of a 6-part series at other religious organizations on the peninsula. If you're curious about other religions, then join us

6:10-Youth discussion on faith with local, religious leaders to allow for fellowship and discussion about religious similarities and differences

6:40-Large group community service project for My Brother's Pantry which is an organization on the peninsula which helps our hungry neighbors- write messages of hope and love for the donation recipients and help weigh and sort the collected food donations.

Bring-

- Nonperishable food for My Brother's Pantry. Collect items from:
  - Your church / synagogue congregation
  - Your neighbors
  - Your friends and family -
- Finger food snack item to share and eat at the event
- Ideas and thoughts on the different faiths in our community and coming together for our discussion and video (local press initiated a request to also attend and might be there)
- We can sign off on community service hours if you bring a form.

A Girl Scout Gold Award Project-questions: [lucybay4@gmail.com](mailto:lucybay4@gmail.com)



Additionally, we have had some very interesting discussions concerning doctrine and tradition, the Nicene Creed, things considered “sacrosanct,” and just how far can we push the “worship-envelope?” Thank you +Peter and +Patti for joining us the other Monday evening to discuss our questions about the Creed – and all of the other stuff that came up!

## ***AN URGENT APPEAL TO ALL ADULTS!***

I need help! I need some of you out there to commit to helping the youth group as an adult volunteer. I know you are bombarded from all directions all of the time for your help. I know you are tugged in lots of different directions, and I know that there is only so much of you to go around.

We have a great youth program, and we have terrific youth participating. To make everything you see below in the calendar happen, all of this happen for our youth, I need your help. We have safety rules that dictate the ratio of adults to youth, so *nothing* can happen if it is just me showing up. **DEAD SERIOUS**. As important as those rules are, I think it is equally important for our youth, our congregation, and ourselves that there is a large and diverse group of adults making the youth community broader and deeper.

### **What do I specifically need?**

- I need at least one person each Monday night we have Faith & Fellowship. If you come for dinner beforehand, it is a two-hour commitment.
- I need probably two adults to help with the additional Sunday afternoon Youth Group (no more than twice per semester, for about three hours). Let's discuss this if you are interested. I have several thoughts.
- There are two Mondays in March (11-18) when I cannot be here, so I need two people for those two nights. I'll have everything planned and ready to go!

There are other things that crop up over the course of the year, but the list above is the **bare minimum** that I need to make our program work.

I am asking that you prayerfully consider your involvement with our youth. Can you commit to one Monday night a month? Can I call you when I have "volunteer emergency"? I want to make this as easy for you as it is rewarding. Please contact me to discuss how you can be part of this wonderful ministry. **AND**, please feel free to pass this on to someone else you feel would want to be part of things.

## ***THE HOLY HOTMAIL CALENDAR***

(a.k.a. *The thing that makes this newsletter so ridiculously long!*)

*The year is early, and there are still plenty of things that we need to add. Ex. – when do we serve at the Light House? Preparing Monday night Faith & Fellowship meals? Helping at the annual bazaar, etc.?*

*As we decide on these things, I will add them to the calendar.*

### **Date:**

### **Event:**

**10/29**

**Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**

**11/5**

**Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**

11/09-10

**Nightwatch NYC: Pilgrimage to St. John the Divine**

*We have a full complement going from St. Margaret's! Two adults and 8 youth will be traveling from St. Phillips to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the safe, spirit-centered program of joyful fellowship, contemplative contemporary spiritual direction, devotional singing, and lots of fun activities known as Nightwatch.*



11/10

**Attending St. Andrew by the Bay** (Saturday Mass), 5 – 6pm, followed by a potluck supper and discussion of what we have observed in visiting with the other churches. **NOTE:** *Those of us coming from Nightwatch will make every effort to be there!*

11/12

**Youth Group**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm

11/17

**Bishops' Unplugged: Fall**

*(grades 6-12) Saturday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Cost: \$5, St. John's, Hagerstown*  
Spend the afternoon with both bishops in fellowship and fun! Hosted in part by St. John's, Hagerstown. A revamp of our annual Bishops' Bash: we will gather for a few hours of music, Bible study, and time to talk with our bishops. We ask that all adult leaders join us for a special gift and prayers of thanks! Join us for this time to gather with youth from the region and have fun.

11/19

**NO Youth Group**

11/25

**Advent Wreath Making**

11/26

**Youth Group**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm This week and next, we will be working on our annual "Warm Tree."

12/3

**Youth Group**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm This week we will be finishing and setting up our annual "Warm Tree."

12/9

**Episcopal YLP**, St. Martins-in-the-Field, Severna Park, 1-4pm

12/10

**Youth Group**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm

12/17

**Youth Group**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

12/24

**NO Youth Group**



12/31

**NO Youth Group**




01/04

**Winter Relief Dinner**, St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Bestgate Road, Annapolis, 6-8 pm. We are going to help the congregation of St. Phillips and prepare a meal for their Winter Relief guests. We will plan this more as we get closer.



- 01/05**                    **Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal** *(more to follow)*
- 01/07**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 01/14**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 01/20-21**                **Martin Luther King Jr. Lock-In**  
*(grades 6-12) Sunday 7:00 pm – Monday 3:00 pm, Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, Cost: Donation for food pantry or warming bags.*  
 This lock in celebrates the life and mission of Dr. MLK Jr.! We will have an evening focused on the sin of racism, how to continue our work to dismantle it, a film about overcoming racism, and discussion. There will also be time for fellowship and food. On Monday we take time to create posters, work on a service project, and march in the parade alongside [Memorial, Bolton Hill](#). Please join us as we take steps for the Jesus Movement!
- 01/21**                    **NO Youth Group** 
- 01/23-25**                **FORMA, Indianapolis, IN.** This is an annual conference I attend where I get fantastic ideas for our youth program!
- 01/28**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 02/03**                    **Episcopal YLP, St. Martins-in-the-Field, Severna Park, 1-4pm**
- 02/04**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 02/08-10**                **Happening #12**  
*(grades 9-12) Arrive Friday at 7:00PM - Parent pick-up on Sunday 3:00PM*  
*Cost: \$95 Deadline: January 24th*  
 Happening is a national program designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth! This weekend will deepen your relationship with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys. Most of this weekend is kept a surprise for those attending so they can fully live into the moment and the community. General activities include large group talks, small group discussion, prayer through art, and games! This retreat is like New Beginnings for middle schoolers and Cursillo for adults. Happening is being held at Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD.
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- 02/11**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 02/16-17**                **LOCK-IN! St. Margaret's, 6 pm until the 9 am service.**
- 02/18**                    **NO Youth Group** 
- 02/25**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*
- 03/04**                    **Youth Group**, *Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm*

- 03/07-20**      **Jeff (and Alice) goes to Tanzania! Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Missions Commission, I have been given an incredible opportunity!** That is two Mondays I will not be here. Volunteers – let's discuss.
- 03/09**      **Bishops' Unplugged: Spring**  
*(grades 6-12) Saturday 2:00PM - 5:00PM Cost: \$5 Location: St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Severna Park*  
 Spend the afternoon with both bishops in fellowship and fun! Hosted in part by St. Martin's-In-The-Field. A revamp of our annual Bishop's Bash: we will gather for a few hours of music, Bible study, and time to talk with our bishop. We ask that all adult leaders join us for a special gift and prayers of thanks! Join us for this time to gather with youth from the region and have fun.
- 03/10**      **Episcopal YLP, St. Martins-in-the-Field, Severna Park, 1-4pm**
- 03/11**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 03/18**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 03/25**      **NO Youth Group WINTER RELIEF**
- 04/01**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 04/08**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 04/15**      **NO Youth Group SPRING BREAK!**
- 04/21**      **EASTER!** 
- 04/22**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 04/28**      **Light House Shelter Dinner, The Light House, 10 Hudson St, Annapolis, MD 21401, from approximately 5 pm until 8 pm.**
- 04/29**      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**
- 05/03-05**      **New Beginnings**  
*(grades 6-8) Arrive at Camp Wright Friday at 7:00PM - Parent pick up on Sunday at 3:00PM Cost: \$75 Deadline: April 18<sup>th</sup>*  
 Our annual retreat for middle school youth is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners that have reached high school are the designer team and staff for the weekend. This makes for a perfect sense of what it means to be a part of the community. A whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school through talks, skits and small group. A place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students. Campers are responsible for personal



transportation to and from Camp Wright. Parents, family, and adult leaders are warmly invited to attend closing Eucharist at 2:00PM in the dining hall.

**05/06**                      **Youth Group, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm**

**05/10-11**                      **Convention**

*(Delegate: ages 16 to 22/ Page: grades 8-12) Friday at 8:00AM (absence provided) - Saturday 2:00PM Cost: \$35 Deadline: April 26th*

This is a great opportunity for youth to come see how issues, policies, and structures are updated yearly within the Diocese! Youth delegates and alternates will represent their region and be able to voice their opinions and vote. Youth pages will assist during the convention in passing out ballots, assisting the Bishop, Canon to the Ordinary, and technical support. All youth are invited to a lock-in that Friday night where we will create community and have fun! Saturday morning there will be a breakfast with the Bishop, clergy, and lay members where youth will be able to ask questions and have a small group discussion. Come join us for a learning experience that can be counted as service hours.

**05/12**                      **Youth-Led Worship Service**, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 9 am

**05/13**                      **THE LAST Youth Group OF THE YEAR!!!!**, Education Building, Room D (Youth Room), 6:30 – 8 pm

**06/14**                      **Our traditional End-of-the-School-Year LOCK-IN!** St. Margaret's, 6 pm until 8 am the next morning. You know there will be fun stuff. How do you know this? Because there always is!

**07/07-13**                       **Brethren Disaster Relief Mission July 7-13, 2019, Cost: TBD**

*Location: TBD*

*Decision Deadline: 31 January, 2019*

**07/24-30**                       **Puerto Rico Mission July 24-30, 2019, Cost: \$1,250- scholarship assistance available. Primary deadline: November 23.**



*And now, as always, because you made it this far.....Happy Halloween, er, I mean All Saints!*

