LINKED, the 2026 Ohio District Jr. High Gathering was great! There were 77 total participants, both youth and chaperones.

Fourth Year Seminarian Josh Gerken touched us with his stories that related to Ephesians 4. He stressed the importance of being connected to God and one another.

Our musical leadership changed but Paul Tietjen got the group moving as they learned and sang praises to God.

The Bible study was directed by Pastor Dale Kreinke (Redeemer-Austintown) and the adults in the group helped as the youth clustered together for discussion groups.

"Plarn" was made by cutting plastic grocery bags into strips, knotted and rolled into balls. This will go to Matthew 25 Ministries where they will 'crochet' them into mats for the homeless.

Rev. Steve Hackmann (Shore Haven-Euclid) hosted another Saturday Night Game Show.

Camp Christian in Marysville once again opened its buildings and grounds for us and the staff hosted us well.

We look forward to growing the Jr. High Gathering even more in 2027! Watch for dates and more information in the next few months.

More Jr. High Gathering overview pictures coming soon!

