

YOUTH LEADER SHEET

Fall 2005

High School Convo 2005 - "Learn the Story, Live the Faith" - Calgary, Canada. Thanks to those churches and leaders who worked so hard to send over 50 youth and adults from the south to Convo! Canada was beautiful, and the Moravians there were hospitable. For some pictures go to: www.mcnp.org/convo2005.

Regional Youth Council - Please consider having one or two senior highs from your church be on the RYC (if you don't already have reps). It's a good way to keep in touch with other Moravian youth and youth groups, as well as direct communication on provincial youth activities such as fall rallies, Laurel Ridge and convos. For more information, check the section on the BCE website or call Brad.

Youth Leader Workshop - Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. Dr. Fred Edie, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Christian Education at Duke Divinity School and Director of the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation will be the workshop leader. His topic will be "Forming Christian Character." He will also touch on visioning and planning. Lunch will be provided. But you MUST register to attend so we know how many lunches to have!! Put it on your calendar. Please RSVP by September 12.

Fall Jr/Sr High Rally: Sunday, October 2, 3:30-6:00 pm at Advent Moravian Church. The program leader is Mark Pardue, youth minister at Friedberg and the theme will be "Solid Faith in a Changing World." The cost is \$5 per person and includes the meal. Please contact Brad with approximate numbers attending. A flyer is enclosed in this packet.

Interesting Resources:

- *It: Innovative Tools for Youth Ministry*, Group, © 2005. This collection is subtitled: "the definitive collection of youth ministry programming ideas." That about covers it. This box is massive - has 3 books chocked full from a-z, with a CD-ROM. As with any resource, it may need some fine-tuning here and there to fit your group, but this is a great resource. ...Available in the Resource Room.
- *In the Beginning: 50 Devotions for Teens on Genesis*, Laurie Polich, Dimensions for Living, ©2005. This is a great little devotion book that hits the major themes of Genesis. "Passage, commentary, questions" is the approach it takes. Would work great for youth meeting devotions, Sunday School, etc.
- *Choosing Church: What Makes a Difference for Teens*, Carol E. Lytch, Westminster John Knox Press, © 2005. I just got this, so haven't had a chance to get into it very far, but it appears to be an excellent study on churches and teens, and how the church can still be attractive to teens. A quote on the front which is very telling says - "Surprise: Religious traditions still shape teenagers' identities..." Sometimes in our

(post) modern religious cultures want to tell us that isn't true anymore. This looks to be a great read.

- *Real Sex, the naked truth about chastity*, Lauren Winner, Brazos Press, ©2005. Sex isn't always the most comfortable subject to talk about with teens, but clarity and openness is needed if we are to hold up sexual intimacy within the confines of marriage a virtue of value. The author is realistic, graceful, honest and thorough as she deals with her own sexual and faith journeys. Winner holds up traditional views on premarital sex but in an honest and real way - no platitudes, guilt or easy ways to "wait." The implications of her work also go way beyond sex when she speaks in terms of what it means to be a Christian community.

If you have any questions about the items in this letter, or anything else, let me know. I'm always available for a program, leading tunes, consultation, coffee, etc. Just let me know.

Peace,

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