

# YOUTH LEADER SHEET

Fall 2007

## *Small Church Youth Gatherings:*

Over the past several years, a number of churches in the Winston-Salem area who have few junior/senior high youth have joined together in monthly gatherings for fun, relationship building, singing, devotions, worship and study. If your church has not participated, you are welcome to do so. Some of the churches who have gathered are: Bethabara, Christ, Fairview, Fries Memorial, Good Shepherd, Hope, Macedonia, Mayodan, Mizpah, Moravia and Providence. The fall dates for gatherings are - the rally (below), Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. Contact me for more information.

## *Fall Jr/Sr High Rally – Oct 7:*

3:30 – 6:00 pm at Fairview Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. Rev. Russell May, pastor of Hopewell, will lead the program – “Moravians Through Time: A Faith that Endures.” The Acoustic Blend from Mt. Airy will be in concert. And of course there’ll be pizza! Cost is \$5 per youth. Adult leaders don’t pay. Please make sure you RSVP to me with an approximate number by Oct. 1.

## *Florida Youth Opportunities:*

Oct 19 – 21: Harvest bash at Palm Beach Moravian Church. The purpose is to bring the Florida district’s youth together to celebrate Harvest. Fun times will be had as the group will lend a hand with a community service project and spend some time at the beach.

Dec. 1 – “Night of Joy” Talent Show at Palm Beach Moravian.

For more information contact Raily Bonust at Palm Beach.

## *Interesting Resources:*

The Resource Room, located at 500 S. Church St. in Winston-Salem (at the entrance to God’s Acre in Salem), has all kinds of youth ministry books, magazines, etc.

Books/resources can be checked out, or you can order anything you want to buy at a discount. Resources are posted on line. If you know of a book you want that isn’t listed, call Beth for a price (336-722-8126). [www.moravianboardofce.org](http://www.moravianboardofce.org).

*MySpace to Sacred Space: God for a New Generation*, Christian and Amy Piatt, Chalice Press, © 2007. Interestingly, after developing a junior high camp program on [myfaithspace.com](http://myfaithspace.com), someone handed me a copy of this book that deals with the phenomenon of cyber communities. It’s an interesting read.

*The Way of Pilgrimage: An Adventure in Spiritual Formation for the Next Generation*, Upper Room Books, ©2007. This is a series of five, 6 week leader/participant programs that are very in-depth looks into spiritual formation. Volumes include: *Choosing Pilgrimage*, *The Bible: Pilgrimage Travel Guide*, *Prayer: Heart of the Pilgrimage*, and

others. This series is excellent, but more for a specialized group of senior high youth who want to go deeper. There are leader guides and participant guide books.

*52 Devotions to Feed Your Fire: Soul Tending for Youth Workers*, Edited by Drew Dyson, Abingdon Press, © 2005. This book is for youth workers! Good devotional stuff.

*No Easy Answers: Short Stories about Teenagers Making Tough Choices*, edited by Donald R. Gallo, Laurel Leaf Books. © 1997. While this may be a bit dated, the issues are not. This book is printed like a paperback novel. My main criticism is that there are no discussion questions included. But depending on your senior highs, there might be some interesting territory to forage here.

### ***Regional Youth Council Leadership:***

RYC is underway for the year. If your youth are not represented, contact me. This year's Executive Committee is: Corinne Serfass (Fries) president, Stephanie Davies (King) vice-President, Kaitlyn Pahel (1<sup>st</sup> Greensboro) secretary, Leah Weatherman (New Philadelphia) publicity coordinator, and Kayla Beckerdite (Hopewell) random member. We currently have 23 churches represented in the Winston-Salem area.

### ***550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:***

3:00 pm, Nov. 4, Wait Chapel on campus of Wake Forest University. Our youth need to know their heritage! Attend this celebration with your youth!



I am available to you and your group for programs, singing, consultation, coffee, whatever.

Peace,

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