

YOUTH LEADER SHEET

SUMMER 2006

Laurel Ridge stuff:

Don't forget to promote junior and senior high camps to your youth!! Junior High 1 - June 25-July1; Senior High - July 9-15; Junior High 2 - July 16-22. If you need any more camp registrations contact Laurel Ridge, or call the BCE office.

Regional Youth Council:

Thanks for a good year on RYC. Your support is always helpful. For RYC to be most effective for you, the youth, and the province, it's always helpful to choose representatives that are active in your youth program and will be willing to attend RYC meetings when possible. It's time to choose up to two representatives for next year. If you have questions, comments, please contact me. The Executive Committee for 06/07 council is: President: Ali Burcham (Friedberg), Vice President: Corinne Serfas (Fries), Secretary: Molly Wheeler (Olivet), Publicity Coordinator: Lizz Thomas (Rural Hall), Random Member: Kelsey Granger (New Philadelphia).

Fall Youth Rally:

The fall rally will be Sunday afternoon, October 8, so place that date on your fall calendar. Details will be available soon.

Fall Youth Leader Training:

Saturday, October 14, 10:00-2:00 pm. Place TBA. "Tell Me a Story: the Role of Imagination in the Faith-Formation of Children and Youth." The leader will be Sarah Arthur, author of the new youth devotionals: "*Walking With Bilbo*," and "*Walking With Frodo*," (Tyndale House, © 2005). Arthur is a United Methodist youth leader, author, freelance writer and speaker, and an unabashed Tolkien junkie. Her website is: www.saraharthur.com.

Interesting Resources:

The Resource Room has gotten in a lot of resources based on the movies, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Da Vinci Code*. These are timely and well done. Call the Resource Room or come by for more details.

Honest Talk about Serious Mental Illness, A Four-Session Curriculum for Youth, Christopher Smith, Bridge Resources, © 1998. Excellent basic understanding of mental health issues grounded in Christian faith. While this may not be one of the most popular topics around, the material could open doors for some real ministry in the present or future. A good website on these issues is: www.faithnetnami.org

Ready to Go: Retreats & Lock-ins, Beth Miller, Abingdon Press, ©2006
Here are 16 complete plans that look really good. A CD-ROM is included.

Youth Leader gatherings:

Would you be interested in getting together with other youth leaders once a month or so to talk about what is happening in your group, network, get suggestions and hear about new resources, etc? If so, contact me as I am willing to facilitate such a group and would be happy to organize it. Also let me know when are the best times (day? evening? Mondays? etc.) My contact information is at the end of this page.

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

Peace,

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NINE HUNDRED STILL TRY TO ACT ALL COOL?