

Hello Friends,

How is your Lenten journey coming along? I hope that you are finding moments to pause and pray.

Just wanted to keep you updated on all the stuff coming up for youth and young adults in our Conference. Please check out the website, www.yaya-spirit.org for more details.

As always, if you have questions...let me know.

Peace in Christ,
Josh

POSTPONED!

Sun , Feb 24 – Interfaith Youth Event, Newtown, PA

**We've had a lot of issues with the venue and with scheduling. So we're going to try and have this event in the fall. That way, there will more time to prepare and you can get it on your calendars. Let me know if you are interested in helping with the coordination on our Conference's end. This should be a great event!*

Sunday , Mar 2 – National Youth Event Cluster

3 p.m. Good Shepherd UCC , 35 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown (610) 367-2842

Gathering of youth, youth leaders, and parents to learn about National Youth Event, prepare fund raisers, hear from past attendees, plan and prep for the July extravaganza, Snacks provided!

PLEASE let Gary Halstead or myself know if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Sun , Mar 9 – National Youth Event Cluster

12:30 p.m. Zwingli UCC 350 Wile Ave., Souderton +(215) 723-1186

PLEASE let Margaret Sawyer or myself know if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Sun , Mar 16 – National Youth Event Cluster

6:00 p.m. – Pleasantville UCC 3424 Limekiln Pike, Chalfont +(215) 822-2394

PLEASE let Amelie Sell or myself know if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Sun, Mar 30 – National Youth Event Cluster

2:30 p.m. Living Water UCC 2006 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia + (215) 765-1970

PLEASE let Dwayne Royster or Edwin James or myself know if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Sat , Apr 5 –Youth Leaders Gathering / Training

10:00 am *St. John's Orwigsburg or MM Retreat Center, TBD!*

A networking and training opportunity for youth and youth leaders. Learn & experience Interactive and fun ways to minister with and to youth. All youth encouraged to attend!

Sat., April 12 – National Youth Event Cluster Vocation and Calling: “To Serve and Learn”

11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. St. John's Lansdale

Focus on calling and vocation; presentation by a seminary or institution of higher learning; opportunities for students to pursue calling and service

Updates on National Youth Event

Saturday, April 19 – Youth Leaders Gathering / Training

9:00 am Bern Reformed UCC 3196 Bernville Rd Leesport +(610) 926-1161

A networking and training opportunity for youth and youth leaders. Learn & experience Interactive and fun ways to minister with and to youth. All youth encouraged to attend!

PLEASE let me know if you plan to join us.

TBD , Spring National Youth Event Pre-Gathering

Church or Park, TBD

Gathering for all youth and leaders heading to National Youth Event. We will fellowship and get to know each other, answer last-minute questions, and get pumped up for NYE!!!

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Mon-Thur , Apr/May 28-1 – Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry

Princeton Theological Seminary 64 Mercer Street Princeton, NJ +(609) 921-8300

Training and education for youth leaders relevant to ministry with youth. Hear cutting-edge lectures, Study Scripture with biblical scholars, Experience inspiring worship, Learn ways to strengthen and deepen your ministry, Reflect, rest, and recharge • Connect with others in youth ministry

Tue-Sun , June 3-8 – Institute for Arts in Transformation

Mother Boniface Spiritual Retreat Center

3501 Solly Ave. Philadelphia, PA (215) 335-7534

Training and applied research academy that prepares artists, youth workers, community and congregational leaders, social service professionals, after school and nonprofit organization personnel to integrate the arts effectively in education and community development.

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"All things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28