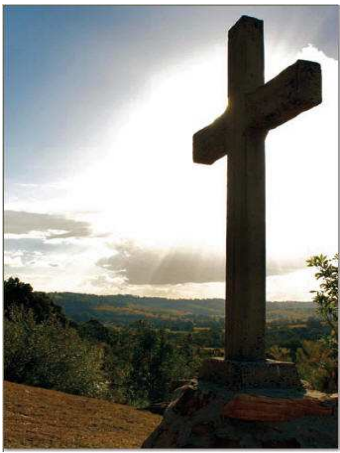




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Crieff Retreat Hits the Mark

Now that the fall is in full swing and winter is just around the corner that means that our 2nd Annual Creiff Retreat has come and gone. This year 11 youth braved the weather, and together learned about the book of Ecclesiastes. We took a look at what we value most in life and how mixed up our priorities seem to get sometimes. We played lots of games from soccer, Alien Invasion, Night Spies, Shaving Balloons and other strange games which involved consuming mystery baby food. But don't worry - we ate a lot of other food too! A very big thank you goes out to Peter McCaskell for chaperoning the retreat, Pauline Penn for being our 'chef extraordinaire' all weekend long, Charlie Toth for coming out and doing archery with the youth, and Nancy Nicol for all her help in planning and gathering supplies.

The weekend was SUCH a huge success that the Youth Leadership Team has decided that we're going to have TWO retreats every year! Our next Crieff Hills youth retreat will be Friday, March 26th to Sunday, March 28th, 2010. Stay tuned for more details!

In His Service,

Matt Foxall

Director of Youth Ministry

Important Dates to Mark on your Calendar

Friday, October 30 th , 2009	6:30pm	Youth Halloween Party and Silent Movie
Tuesday, November 3 rd , 2009	4:00pm	Youth Drop In
Friday, November 6 th , 2009	6:30pm	Storm Box Night - Guelph vs Ottawa
Sunday, November 22 nd , 2009	10:30am	Youth in Service
Tuesday, November 24 th , 2009	4:00pm	Youth Drop In
Tuesday, December 1 st , 2009	4:00pm	Youth Drop In
Sunday, December 6 th , 2009	10:30am	Youth in Service - Communion
Sunday, December 6 th , 2009	6:00pm	Presbytery Wide Youth Service @ St. Andrew's
Friday, December 11 th , 2009	4:00pm	Youth Food Drive Delivery and Tour of Food Bank
Sunday, December 13 th , 2009	12:00pm	City Storm Box - Guelph vs Kingston
Wednesday, December 16 th , 2009	4:00pm	Youth Drop In
Friday, December 18 th , 2009	5:30pm	Youth Progressive Dinner
Thursday, December 24 th , 2009	7:00pm	Christmas Pageant
Tuesday, December 29 th , 2009	6:00pm	Youth Lock In

THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP OR YOUTH CLASS THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DEC. 25-JAN.4)

Crieff Hills Youth Retreats in 2010: March 26-28, 2010 and October 1-3,
More information will be available soon.

Transformation Fridays

'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" - Isaiah 41:10

Over the next 9 weeks the youth will be taking a road trip through the bible as they complete their series Route 66 which is a course designed to "connect the dots" for teens - helping them see how the 66 books of the Bible *together* reveal to us the good news of God's love for us through Jesus, our Saviour. Come on out and join us every Friday at 6:30pm (unless otherwise stated) for an evening that all teens will enjoy.



Youth Drop Ins

November 3&24, December 1 &16, 2009 4:00-7:00pm

Our Youth Drop In program has been a smashing success so far this fall. The program is designed to occur twice a month on school nights. They are an opportunity for youth to join the church for some fun, food and fellowship - but without the structure of intentional teaching times. This is a non-threatening way for teens to invite their friends to church and see for themselves just how much fun we have. All the dates fall on Tuesdays except for the 16th which is a Wednesday night. If you are in Grades 6 and up come on out and have some fun. Check the website or get on our mailing list for the exciting events planned for these evenings.

Storm Box Events

Friday, November 6th and Sunday, December 13th, 2009

The youth of St. Andrew's have once again been given the opportunity to take in 2 Guelph Storm games via a Luxury Suite. On Friday, November 6th, 2009, thanks to a donation by Bob Ireland and his business partners, the youth will have the opportunity to see the Storm take on the Ottawa 67's. We will meet at the church at 6 and have dinner then check out the game at 7:30pm. On Sunday, December 13th, 2009 immediately following the service we will share a meal together and head over to the Sleeman Centre for 2:00pm to see the Storm take on Kingston from the City of Guelph's Luxury Box. You must RSVP your attendance and receive confirmation that you have a ticket. Space is limited and preference will be given to those who regularly attend youth events.



Presbytery Youth Worship Service

On Sunday December 6th, 2009 the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington will be hosting its 3rd Presbytery Youth Service at St. Andrew's. The service begins at 6pm. The guest speaker for the evening will be your Director of Youth Ministry, Matthew Foxall and there will also be a worship band there to play some music for us. All of you are encouraged to attend to support our congregation and our presbytery. The last service was in February of 2008 and over 60 youth from the presbytery attended.

Youth Food Drive 2009

Goal: 5000 Cans

Starting November 1st the youth will be teaming up with the congregation and the community to raise 5000 cans for the Guelph Food Bank. On Friday, December 11th immediately following school the youth will load up vehicles at the church full of food and deliver it to the Food Bank personally. We will then receive a tour of the facility and have the opportunity for some Q&A. As an extra incentive Matt has agreed that if we reach 5000 cans he will shave his head. He has also said that if we reach double our goal and bring in 10,000 cans then he will shave off his goatee, something he hasn't done for almost a decade. Please help support this initiative by bringing in your food cans.



Youth Lock In

Tuesday, December 29th, 2009

Bored on your Christmas Holidays?? Need to get out of the house after all the family functions and Boxing Day madness?? Then look no further. Join us on Tuesday, December 29th for our Christmas Break Lock In. We will kick off the evening by attending the Guelph Storm game (vs London) - so bring along \$20, and arrive at the church no later than 6:00pm. Our seats are right along the glass right beside the penalty box. After the game we'll return to the church for the remainder of the lock in.

Pick Up will be on the 30th at 11am.

Please RSVP your attendance by Friday, December 18th to hold your tickets.

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 18th, 2009

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season by taking part in a PROGRESSIVE DINNER. "What is that?" you say. Each course of our meal will be served in a different congregant's home - literally, we will "progressively" enjoy our feast as we trek around town! What a great way to get to know the folks at St. Andrew's!

Please RSVP to ensure we have enough vehicles and please remember to sign and return the waiver form that can be found on our website.

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Check out how YOU can volunteer here at St. Andrew's in the coming months:

1. Scripture Readers: The youth are needed to read scripture in the services on Sunday November 22nd and Sunday December 6th.
2. Christmas Eve Service: On Thursday, December 24th, 2009 at 7pm there will be a family Christmas service where the children of the congregation put on a Christmas Pageant. This year as part of this service the youth would like to present a "Human Video", which is like a brief drama, or pantomime, put to music (don't worry - there are NO lines!). If you are available that evening and would like to participate please let Matt know ASAP so that we can start putting it together.
3. Teen Tutoring Program: If you are struggling in school and need some help, let us know. We have a ton of volunteers who are standing by ready to help you out.



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