

You've found us!
And now we'd like to invite you to come on out and get involved
in Youth Ministry here at St. Andrew's! This ministry is geared towards
all young people in Grade 6 to University—
So we know it's a place for YOU!

Check out just a few things that are going on right now:

YOUTH CLASS

Join us every Sunday morning during the 10:30am service for interactive bible studies and fun. This is a safe place to discuss with one another and raise some of those tricky questions we all have about God, the Bible and our world. Everyone in Grade 6 and up is encouraged to attend. We meet up in the Youth Room (Room 6) before service begins.

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

Are you in grade 6 or higher?

Are you looking for something fun to do on a Friday Night: Check out what we have to offer:

Friday, October 30th: Halloween Party and Silent Movie Night 6:30pm

Friday, November 6th: Storm Box Night 6:00pm

Friday, November 13th: Regular Youth Night 6:30pm

Friday, November 20th: Regular Youth Night 6:30pm

Friday, November 27th: Regular Youth Night 6:30pm

Friday, December 4th: Regular Youth Night 6:30pm

Friday, December 11th: Youth Trip to Food Bank and Delivery of Food Drive 4:00pm

Friday, December 18th: Youth Progressive Dinner 5:30pm

Passport to Faith

Our confirmation program, *Passport to Faith*, returns this year.

The program is based around 3 principles:

Attendance, Service and Fellowship

Please speak with Matt if you are interested in joining the church.

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 6 p.m.

Everyone is 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!

What a great way to meet other Presbyterian young people from around our area!

If you are interested in helping plan or lead the service –
let us know!

Youth Drop In Program
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.



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.

DONATIONS

Of course with operating any ministry there is always a need for financial assistance. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

1. You can provide a monetary donation specifically to Youth Ministry
2. You can donate an item off of our wish list
3. Speak to Matt directly for other ideas that you may have to assist us

Youth Ministries Wish List:

- Broken Wooden Hockey Sticks
- One set of Street Hockey Goaltending Equipment
- New Backboard for one of our Basketball Nets
- 2 Large Digital Picture Frames (12 inches or bigger)
- Water Cooler

GENERAL NOTES

Youth ministry always has and always will be an **ALL-INCLUSIVE** ministry. It is never meant to exclude anyone due to financial constraints. If you are unable to afford the cost of an event please speak with Matt and we will make the necessary arrangements so no one misses out on these wonderful opportunities.

Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to assist with those who may not be able to afford our youth events please speak to Matt as well.

Together we can all make a positive influence on the lives of our youth and help keep them connected with Christ.

GETTING CONNECTED WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

Want to get connected with youth ministry here at St. Andrew's.

Here is how you can.

- E-mail youth@standrewsguelph.com and get on our e-mail list.
This way when exciting events are happening you know about them right away.
- Bookmark this website. Updates will be posted regularly.
- Download all our newsletters and forms right from the website
(now, if *that's* not convenient, then I don't know what is!!)

DOWNLOADABLE FORMS and YOUTH NEWS