

Parent & Youth *focus*

FINDING WAYS TO CONNECT PARENTS AND YOUTH
TOGETHER | LOOKING AT YOUTH CULTURE TODAY

Annual HSBC Bonfire

Friday, October 1

Thousand Hills State Park



Campground 1
6-8 pm

Bring your marshmallow roasting stick and join our HSBC family for a great time of worship and fellowship around the campfire. S'Mores fixings will be provided! Lawn chairs or blankets are recommended.

Those camping should have already signed up—check with Cheryl to see if any campsites are available.

Youth Group News

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

The youth group had a great time at See You After the Pole in September, worshiping and praying with students from all over Kirksville. Thank you to Alisha Embry, who represented us in prayer as she led the student prayer for our government.

On Wednesday nights, the youth group meets in the Refuge at 6:30, where we are learning about evangelism, through knowing God's story, our stories, and learning to listen to the stories of other people. We have some great discussions and a lot

of fun. The Refuge has a new espresso maker, and we are enjoying delicious coffee, tea, and hot chocolate while we fellowship and study God's word.

Youth parents, if your child doesn't currently attend youth group on Wednesday nights, I highly encourage you to make time for your family to join us! Wednesday nights offer opportunities for the whole family to grow in their faith, through youth, adult, women's, men's, and children's Bible studies. I hope to see you there next week!

Youth Culture Today

5 Things Generation Z Won't Know About

- Being lost without a map
- Solving a dispute without Google
- Searching for change to make a phone call
- Waiting for a bank statement to arrive to know your balance
- Checking prices with a travel agent

Technology has changed how teens experience the world as they enter adulthood.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY CALENDAR



Oct. 1 All-Church Bonfire and Campout— Bonfire is Friday, October 1, 6-8 pm at Thousand Hills State Park, Campground #1.

Oct. 23 Corn Maze Craze— 3 pm at Jackson Country Connections, \$5 per person.

Directions:

9 miles South of Kirksville, MO on highway 63 or 3 miles North of LaPlata, MO on highway 63 Turn East on Blacktop Route E. Travel 1/8 mile on E. Turn Left or North on Nature Lane (1st gravel road). Follow Signs 1/2 mile to entrance.

Corn Maze Craze

**Saturday October 23
3 Pm at Jackson Country
Connections
\$5 per person**

Everyone welcome!

Bring a guest & we'll pay their admission! This is a great opportunity to reach out to our unchurched friends and neighbors!



Parents Corner

Children & Youth in Church

The Youth and Family Support Committee has been working hard to develop a vision and mission statement for children and youth's worship and discipleship at Hamilton Street. As the Body of Christ, each and every one of us have unique gifts and talents that we can use to serve the Lord. Helping our children discover their gifts is an important part of growing in their own faith.

If you have a school-age child (K-12th grade), you should have received a survey during the worship service last week. If you have not, please pick one up on the counter in the foyer, and together with your child, fill it out and return it to Cheryl. This will help us as we seek to find ways to better incorporate our children, youth, and families into the life of our church, finding ways in which to make worship meaningful, encourage and disciple them as they develop their own walks with Christ, and help them grow into the future leaders in the church.

On Sunday mornings, there are new children's worship bulletins available for use during the service. These offer Bible-themed activities, questions for your child to answer about what they are experiencing and hearing during the service, and blank paper to draw on. Encourage your children to make use of these and help them to answer the questions. These can be great discussion starters for your family, and are an easy way to encourage your kids to not just sing the worship songs, but to listen for Scripture, prayers, and what the Pastor is sharing in the message.

Let's all grow together as God's family! You are welcome to check out parenting books and resources from Cheryl—just stop by her office!



*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10*

