

August 19, 2009

Dear Senior High Youth and Parents:

For those of you who are returning and those of you who are new to our ministry, welcome to a new year of Fourth Church Youth! I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As you prepare to go back to school, I hope you are also thinking about the return of our full schedule of youth ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church. We have had an incredibly busy summer. Between WorkCamps and other events, we have been hard at work planning a new and exciting year for you at Fourth Church Youth.

Senior Highs is the youth group for high school students at Fourth Church. The core of Senior Highs happens on Sunday mornings. As always, we encourage you to worship with your families or with each other at the 9:30 worship service. You could also consider participating in the Youth Choir during this time (for more information, please contact Beverly Escuder at 312.981.3595). After worship, we will **gather in the Crow's Nest around 10:30 or so for fellowship** with bagels and juice. Our gathering will **officially begin at 11:00**, so if you can't be there right at 10:30, don't worry (but you'll miss out on some good catching up time with your friends). In addition to this core, there are also many other ways to participate in Senior Highs including retreats, lock-ins, fellowship events, and service projects. Also, we will resume our monthly **Youth and Families Lunches** which are for youth of all ages and their families to gather together in the Dining Room to share a meal in community.

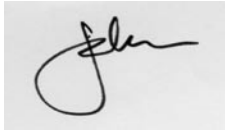
To help us get ready for the year, please fill out and return to us the included **Senior High Youth Registration Form** and **Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form**. We need a new one of these each year to keep our records up to date. Please return these as soon as possible.

We will once again open the year rockin' with our second annual **U2charist** at 8:00 pm on **Friday, September 11**. The U2charist is a communion worship service with live U2 music performed by the renowned U2 tribute band Elevation. With U2 opening their North American tour at Soldier Field the next night, Bono himself may even show up!

After the U2charist, stay on at church for our **Senior High Fall Lock-In**. We'll be done at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. What better way is there to kick off the year? The cost is \$15.

The **Children and Youth Kick-Off on Sunday, on September 13** is for all youth, parents, and families of those involved in Fourth Church Youth. Senior High youth should come to the Crow's Nest at 10:30 for our **first regular Senior High gathering**. After this, *everyone* should come to an **informational and celebratory lunch in Anderson Hall** beginning at noon. **At least one parent** should attend this lunch with their child to receive important information about Senior Highs and Fourth Church Youth. In addition to lunch and brief presentations about our children and youth ministries, there will be music and entertainment for children of all ages. Come celebrate a new year of Fourth Church Youth and learn all about what we have to offer.

If you have any questions during the next few weeks, please don't hesitate to be in touch. See you soon!



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Fourth Church Youth

Senior Highs

(Grades 9-12)



Save these Dates: Fall 2009

September

11: U2charist

11/12: Lock-In

13: First Sunday Gathering and Youth Kick-Off

October

9-10: Fall Retreat at Family Camp

23: Halloween Fellowship

November

6-8: Presbytery Senior High Retreat

21: All Youth Service Project

December

12: All Youth Bowling

We will have Sunday Gatherings every week from 10:30 to Noon in the Crow's Nest except for December 27.

Look for information about other special events as they are planned.

Parent or Guardian Information
(At least one set of information is required)

Mother's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church? YES NO

Father's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church? YES NO

Please return this form, along with the *Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form*, to:

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2009-2010 Emergency Contact and Medical Information for a Child

_____ Child's Name		_____ Date of Birth		M F Sex
_____ Parent's/Guardian's Name		_____ Parent's/Guardian's Name		
() _____ Home Phone	() _____ Work Phone	() _____ Home Phone	() _____ Work Phone	
_____ Address		_____ Address		
_____ City, ST ZIP Code		_____ City, ST ZIP Code		

Alternative Emergency Contacts

_____ Primary Emergency Contact		_____ Secondary Emergency Contact	
() _____ Home Phone	() _____ Work Phone	() _____ Home Phone	() _____ Work Phone
_____ Address		_____ Address	
_____ City, ST ZIP Code		_____ City, ST ZIP Code	

Medical Information

Hospital/Clinic Preference

_____ Physician's Name	_____ Phone Number
_____ Insurance Company	_____ Policy Number

Allergies/Special Health Considerations

I authorize all medical and surgical treatment, X-ray, laboratory, anesthesia, and other medical and/or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by the attending physician and/or paramedics for my child and waive my right to informed consent of treatment. This waiver applies only in the even that neither parent/guardian can be reached in the case of an emergency.

_____ Parent's/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
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I give permission for my child to go on field trips. I release Fourth Church and individuals from liability in case off accident during activities related to Fourth Church, as long as normal safety procedures have been taken.

_____ Parent's/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
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I give Fourth Church permission to include my child in photographs relating to Fourth Church activities (photos used for publicity purposes only).

_____ Parent's/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
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