MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTREAT & MISSION TRIP

WHO: rising 6th-8th graders **WHAT:** Mission Trip & Mid High **Montreat Conference** WHEN & WHERE: July 16-19 at Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton, SC & July 19-23 at Maryville College in Knoxville, TN **WHY:** to learn compassion, serve others, explore faith **DEPOSIT:** \$100 due by Dec. 1 TOTAL COST: \$400 /person WEBSITE: http:// www.montreat.org/attend/youthyoung-adults/ or http://www.thornwellhome.org/ wp-content/uploads/2012/07/ Missons-2015-for-web.pdf

HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAT

WHO: rising 9th graders graduating high school seniors WHAT: Montreat Youth Conference

WHERE: in the mountains of NC WHEN: July 23-29

WHY: It's a life-changing experience where students can explore what it means to be rooted in faith & love, &how to reach out to others **DEPOSIT:** \$50 due by Sept. 15 **TOTAL COST:** \$450 /person **WEBSITE:** http:// www.montreat.org/attend/youthyoung-adults/

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SUMMER TRIPS

2017

Dogwood Acres

SUMMER CAMP

Check out <u>dogwoodacres.org</u> for summer camp information. Faith gives \$100 scholarships to youth who want to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

WHO: rising 9th graders graduating seniors
WHAT: Mission Trip to
Broad Street Ministries
WHEN: June 25-31
WHERE: Philadelphia, PA
WHY: to engage in relational service work
DEPOSIT: \$100 due by October 1
TOTAL COST: \$400/ person
WEBSITE: http:// www.broadstreetministry.org /wordcms/wp-content/

uploads/2016/08/YI-and-Alt-Breaks-Info-Pckt-2017.pdf



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Dear Parents and Youth,

This summer, a record number of youth represented our congregation at the Montreat Youth Conference. Because of this bounty, we were at capacity in both housing and transportation. With such a large number of youth attending, we realized that all participants (adult leaders and youth) in youth trips need to know one another well, as we prepare to spend a week together in tight quarters and exhausting, exhilarating activity. In an effort to ensure that we are all invested in our programs and one another, we are requiring that the youth who attend week long summer trips participate in at least 4 Sunday night youth programs per semester.

As always, the youth will be required to work at least three shifts in the pumpkin patch. The Pumpkin Patch fundraiser pays for transportation and other expenses reducing the overall cost per youth from approximately \$750 to \$450 for the high school Montreat Conference, \$700 to \$400 for the Middle School Montreat Conference/Mission Trip, and \$700 to \$400 for the High School Mission Trip. If a youth cannot serve three shifts in the patch, their cost for these trips will be \$750, \$700 and \$700, respectively.

The Youth and Families committee would also like to clarify a few other specifics regarding deposits and payments for High School Montreat and Middle School Montreat:

Deposits: A \$100 **non-refundable** deposit is due December 1st for Middle School Montreat and a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit is due September 15th for High School Montreat.

Deposit Due Dates: The past few years, Montreat has given deadlines for deposits with a \$10 increase each month. Up until this year, the church has not enforced the deadline and has not increase the amount due for those paying later than December 1st. However, we can no longer incur this expense. If you register after December 1st, your deposit will increase an additional \$10 on the first of each month.

Cancellation Policy: Montreat has a no refund policy within 60 days of the start of the conference. Therefore, your balance will be due 60 days prior to the conference. If you cancel within sixty days, we will not be able to refund your payments.

Payment Schedule: We are willing to work with all families on a payment schedule. Families have paid in full or in payments of \$10 or more per week. Please contact <u>shannon@faithpcusa.org</u> to work out a payment schedule.

On the other side of this letter, you should find a copy of our summer trip information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shannon, <u>shannon@faithpcusa.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Youth and Families Committee Mike Metz and Jill David, Co-chairs