

Youth Group

They are ready for everything

Our Youth Group is known for its willingness to help out and they certainly came through on numerous occasions before the year was done!

On November 23, the Youth Group hosted a Lunch and Learn event. Our guest speaker was Alyssa Sklar who gave a very interesting and informative presentation on "Raising Children in a Digital World."

Over the weekend of December 13-14 they were a great help in preparations for the Christmas Pageant with many of them also helping with lighting, assistant direction, and supervision of the children. After the Pageant they hosted the Christmas Family Dinner, cheerfully serving the meals, donning Santa hats.

Finally, on December 21st they hosted the Family Christmas Reception in Kildonan Hall.

The Youth Retreat was very much enjoyed by the Youth Group. It was not only a time of learning and sharing but also a opportunity for fellowship and welcoming new members to the group. We had group sessions, singing, a movie and of course time for fun – cross country skiing, tobogganing and a host of board games which was somewhat of a novelty for a digital generation.

Here is a sampling of the feedback from a number of the participants:

"I really enjoyed being able to bring a friend and showing him how great our Youth Group is. We did so many activities that helped teach us about God, and about being great role models. I also really liked the guest speaker on internet safety and citizenship – she was awesome! I can't wait for next year!" Kyle

"The aspect I enjoyed the most about the retreat was being able to talk about heroes and role models. I believe it's very important to look up to someone, especially someone who has changed people's lives like Shuling" Hannah

"The Youth Retreat has always been a great time filled with outdoor activities, singing, skits, and discovering new people. And this year was no less different. Sharon, Art and the councillors welcomed us and kept us going nonstop. My favorite activities were cross-country skiing and making ice cream. . It's the greatest time of the year!" Mathias

"I thought the retreat was really fun and I learned a lot about real life role models and role models that are in the Bible." Francis

"This Youth Retreat was one of the funniest ones I went to. The food is always way better than I'd expect, so that's good. The skits we prepared this year were some of the best we've had. There were a lot of fun

memories made this year and I recommend it to anyone. Can't wait for next year!" Luca

As outlined in the Church School Report, they decided to set up a Memorial Fund in Shuling Chen's name and their first event will be a Coffee House.

The Coffee House will take place on Friday, February 20 in Kildonan Hall. All are invited to come any time between 7:00 – 10:30 pm to enjoy coffee/tea, food, live music, raffle and an opportunity to meet Shuling's family. Suggested donation is \$5.

Finally, the Youth Group will be participating in the "Coldest Night of the Year" walk in support of the St. James Drop-in Center. They will be walking 5km on behalf of the many poor and homeless people of Montreal and if you would like to make a donation to the team or an individual, please go to their website coldestnightoftheyear.org and search for location: Montreal downtown and look for our team A&P Youth Group. If you prefer to donate in person, please call us at 450-689-4379 or come by the Christian Education office.

We welcome all young people in Grades 6 through 11, who might like to join this energetic and fun group - please contact us at 450-689-4379 or email grammy.shani@sympatico.ca

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