



The S.H.O.E (Youth Group) *September-May* - THE S.H.O.E. (Servant Hearts Open Eyes) meets Sunday afternoon from 12-1 PM. in Fellowship Hall. These activities are structured gatherings that are usually based on a theme that often inspires games, devotion, discussion, and all around good fellowship. These activities are designed with an end goal of building our students faith through fellowship and exposure to the scriptures in relation to current everyday issues that teens face.

Open Youth Room (OYR) *September-May* - OYR meets Wednesday after school from 3-5 PM. in the Youth Room (3rd floor of the Administration Building.) This gathering is designed solely to provide a safe place for students to socialize, do homework, and unwind from the midweek stresses of being a teenager. There is no structure or purpose other than the freedom for them to be themselves and to build relationships in a safe setting.

Tread Mark - Sunday School meets after Sunday morning worship at 11 AM. The students engage in scripture based discussions following an annual curriculum.

ANNUAL EVENTS

There are several annual events that are designed to embody the foundations that our youth program is built on. Our Dinner Theater Production usually in early spring and our Work Camp trip which usually occurs in late June.

Dinner Theater - Our Youth put on an annual Dinner Theater performance to raise money for our Work Camp. These productions have always proven to be successful on many levels. We always have a nice turnout from the community who receive a good meal and a fun show. Our students grow much closer and gain confidence in themselves and each other by working together to serve and entertain the community. The support for the Youth Ministry at Hiland grows during this time as the Hiland family pulls together to share their love and experiences with the youth as the production is pulled together.

Work Camp - Our senior high students (anyone who has completed 8th grade -12th grade) have the opportunity to participate in our Work Camp. We try to do something different each year whether it be location, or type of service. The point is to spend a week together in service to the Kingdom. This event is a “pinnacle event” in many of our student’s faith journeys and lives. The students and leaders experience much growth through working side by side to serve others, worshiping together, and many other built-in growth experiences. One aspect of work camp that is often overlooked because of all of the “growth” is that it is just plain fun to go on these trips and work alongside each other.

Middle School Mission Trip - This is an opportunity that our Junior High students have to become exposed to mission through a program we have put together that immerses the students into several different types of mission. In past years, we have served with World Vision, Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, the Red Cross, City Rescue Mission, Pittsburgh Project, Cumberland Vista, and Shenango on the Green to name a few. This program has proven to be a great time for the students who participate.

LIVING THE FAITH

We have several activities that we participate in that are excellent in helping our students develop a sense of personal enrichment – regular participation in local mission agencies, retreats focused on spiritual growth, and leadership conferences. We always try to look for new opportunities for our students to encounter new faith experiences. Below are some of the regular opportunities we encourage students to participate in.

Pleasant Valley Shelter - We travel to the North Side of Pittsburgh once every other month to serve dinner to gentlemen staying at the Pleasant Valley Shelter. This provides an opportunity for our youth to work together while encountering the truth of other people's difficult circumstances. Many of our students have had real attitude-changing experiences through this wonderful opportunity to serve.

North Hills Back Pack Initiative - The Backpack Initiative helps West View Elementary families in need of weekend food for their children. At the end of the week each child will receive a bag we packed right here with child-friendly, single-serving snacks and easily prepared meals. There is something for everyone to do!!! We need packers, delivery people and food donations.

Trinity Youth Conference (TYC) - is a week-long event for high school youth (who are at least 15 years of age and have completed 9th grade by the July deadline) and college-age young adults. TYC focuses on spiritual and leadership development, discipleship, and evangelism through daily worship, small group activities, and various workshops with topics based on the theme. <http://www.trinityyouthconference.org/>

New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC) - is a mission focused conference for all ages held on the Campus of Westminster College. NWMC looks to deepen the missionary spirit and seeks to live out the Great Commission. Here mission interpretation meets the duty and ideal of proclaiming the gospel to all the world and making disciples of all peoples through worship, education, and hands-on service. <http://nwmcmision.org/>

Relationship Building - Along with all of our faith building experiences we are deliberate in modeling behavior that encourages our young people to support each other in their school and extracurricular activities. Many of our volunteer leaders are regulars at school plays, musicals, concerts, sporting events, etc. We also encourage students to support each other by going to these events and cheering each other on. This helps to build relationships and break down barriers that might otherwise remain due to cliques and stereotypes. We really try to love each other!

***Anyone can always find permission forms, calendar, and event details at <http://hilandchurch.org/ministries/youth>**



2016 –2017 PERMISSION FORM FOR YOUTH MINISTRY TRIPS AND EVENTS

My child, _____, may take part in field trips, retreats, mission trips, or any other excursions under appropriate supervision of a representative of Hiland Presbyterian Church.

(parent's or guardian's name) (home phone) (work phone) (cell phone)

(home address) (city, state) (zip code)

MEDICAL HISTORY AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

Physician _____ Physician's phone: _____

Allergies _____

Physical restrictions: _____

List of current medications and dosages: _____

Dietary restrictions (.e. if you are a vegetarian): _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of last tetanus shot: _____ SS #: _____

Emergency contact: _____
(name and relationship to participant) (phone)

Insurance Company: _____ Policy and Group #: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND LIABILITY RELEASE

I, _____, hereby authorize a representative of Hiland Presbyterian Church to give consent for the medical treatment of my child, _____, in the event of illness or injury. I further release Hiland Church, its employees, and its volunteers from any liability in the event of any accident en route, during, or returning from any church events and /or trips. In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me as a parent or guardian. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician or medical professionals selected by the church representative to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child as needed.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian) (Date)

MEDIA AUTHORIZATION

In addition, I **DO / DO NOT** give permission for my child's photograph to appear on the Hiland Web site and/or Facebook page or in any Hiland publication or audio/video tape of Hiland Youth Group activities.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian) (Date)

Hiland Youth Contact Information

Basic Information

Students Name: School: Grade:

Birthday: Age:

Mother: Father:

Address:

Home Phone: () - Mother's cell: () -

Father's cell () - Child's cell: () -

Please indicate the appropriate number we should use for texting to inform you of upcoming events or schedule changes. We have found this to be one of the quickest ways to inform students of changes in schedule. You may choose several numbers to text.

Email Contact Information

Family Email:

Mother's Email:

Father's Email:

Student's Email:

Please circle/highlight/underline the preferred email to be used. We use email frequently as well as put updates @www.hilandchurch.org and you can "like" us on FACEBOOK for updates as well.

*** Return this form to Chad Johnson in the church office ASAP***