

January Report

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This month was a quiet transition from the excitement of the holiday season. We started the month with our trip to Lancaster for Winterfest. We brought nine youth with us for this High School event. We learned about the theme of The Way. We discussed how following the way of Jesus can be hard, but it is what we are called to do as Christians. We had awesome family time at night where we were able to discuss our day and our struggles. I was grateful for how our youth opened up to share personal struggles. I hope that as we continue the youth year they will be able to encourage each other in their struggles and point each other toward Christ. I hope you can think of someone in your life who points you toward Christ in hard times, can you?

We had one more normal youth group session in January, we had a small but joyful group. There was no Children's group this month, but we picked back up in February.

I continue to visit with the kids in The Children's Garden. This month we talked about Hannah and Samuel, how God called Samuel and how Hannah loved and supported Samuel. We talked about David and Goliath, and how God makes us brave. We read Psalm 23, reminding us that God is our shepherd who keeps us safe and takes care of us. Finally, we talked about lying and how it can hurt others, but we should be willing to apologize and forgive.

As we look forward to February we will be having our Bingo fundraiser, and continuing our envelope board fundraiser. We have had a lot of support as we fundraise for the trip this summer, but we still have some ways to go. Thank you for your continued support.

Grace and Peace,

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