

Summer Visiting Youth Week Overview

Monday-Focus on Homelessness

The Stewpot-Monday begins with a tour of The Stewpot. The Stewpot is a Day Shelter for the homeless. The Stewpot offers many essential services, such as dental and medical care, casework, mail services and more. Each day this week, the Summer Visiting Youth group will serve lunch at The Bridge's dining hall which is coordinated through The Stewpot. Half of the group will serve the food, fixing plates cafeteria style and handing them to the clients. The other half of the group will serve the clients milk and water throughout the lunch hour.

Summer Day Camp-Summer Day Camp is an 8 week program for inner-city children entering 1st through 6th grades. The camp meets daily and includes a rotation of 6 classes, which include Art, Small Games, Reading and Computer, Gym, Dance and Drama. Before and after classes, the camp has group time where they display their skits of the day, sing songs and discuss topics. The day ends with snack in Byrd Hall. The Visiting Youth are junior counselors for the week, acting as mentors and friends; each is assigned a grade they will stay with for the entire week. Each day, we will meet the kids after serving lunch at The Stewpot and join them for classes and group time. The week ends with a field trip to a secret location Friday afternoon.

Tuesday-Focus on Domestic Violence

Genesis Women's Shelter-Tuesday morning we will be going to Genesis Women's Shelter, which is an emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. In addition to the emergency shelter, in which residents can live for up to 6 weeks, there is a transitional housing facility, Annie's House. Both facilities provide counseling and activities for the mothers and their children. During our morning visit, we will have an orientation in order to tour the facility and learn more about domestic violence. In the evening, we will come back to play with the children while their mothers are having group meetings.

Wednesday-Focus on Children

Vogel Alcove-Vogel Alcove is a day care center for area homeless children from ages 6 months to 5 years. This facility is open every weekday from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm, providing free day care, food and clothing for the children. The kids are divided into classrooms according to age. This morning you will tour the facility and play with the children. The classroom teacher, who may take the children outside or play games inside, will determine the activity of the day.

Thursday-Focus on the Aging

Grace Presbyterian Village-Grace Presbyterian Village is a residential living community and nursing home for the aging. Care ranges from independent living, mild to severe nursing care and Alzheimer's care. This morning you will tour the facility and visit with residents, either individually in their residences or with large groups playing games or celebrating birthdays.

Pool Party-Thursday evening the youth group is invited to a pool party sponsored by a committee of the Session. This party, hosted at a church member's house, gives the group a chance to reflect on their week of service at FPC. After swimming and eating, the entire group will gather to share their experiences from the week with the church members.

Friday-Wrapping up the Week

Stewpot Bible Study-Friday morning the Visiting Youth are responsible for leading a Bible Study with the Stewpot clients. This bible study lasts about an hour and can range in having 2-12 participants. The group should plan on picking out a Bible passage or theme and preparing discussion questions ahead of time. This meeting allows the clients time to share their opinions and concerns freely without judgment.

2010 COMMUNITY MINISTRIES WEEK SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: THE COVENANT

- 6:00 p.m. Arrive and unpack
- 6:30 p.m. General orientation and tour of the church
- 7:00 p.m. Eventide and covenant
- 11:30 p.m. Lights out

MONDAY: HOMELESSNESS

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional
- 8:45 a.m. Signing of the Covenant
- 9:00 a.m. Stewpot video
- 9:45 a.m. Stewpot orientation
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Day Camp Orientation
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Summer Day Camp
- 4:00 p.m. Debriefing with group then free time
- 5:15 p.m. Tour of Old City Park
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at the Bridge
- 6:00 p.m. Serve dinner at The Bridge
- 7:00 p.m. Return to FPC
- 10:30 p.m. Eventide
- 11:30 p.m. Lights out

TUESDAY: FAMILY VIOLENCE

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional
- 9:10 a.m. Leave FPC
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive Genesis
- 10:45 a.m. Leave Genesis
- 11:00 a.m. Arrive at FPC
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Summer Day Camp
- 4:00 p.m. Free time
- 5:45 p.m. Arrive at the Bridge
- 6:00 p.m. Serve Dinner at The Bridge
- 7:00 p.m. Leave
- 7:15 p.m. Arrive FPC/ Free time
- 10:30 p.m. Eventide
- 11:30 p.m. Lights out

WEDNESDAY: CHILDREN

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional
- 9:15 a.m. Leave FPC
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Vogel Alcove

10:50 a.m. Leave Vogel Alcove
10:55 a.m. Arrive FPC
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Summer Day Camp
4:00 p.m. Free time
5:45 p.m. Arrive at the Bridge
6:00 p.m. Serve Dinner at the Bridge
7:00 p.m. Leave The Bridge
7:45 p.m. Free time
10:30 p.m. Eventide
11:30 p.m. Lights out

THURSDAY: AGING

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Devotional
9:00 a.m. Leave for Grace Presbyterian Village
9:30 a.m. Arrive at Grace
10:40 a.m. Leave Grace
11:00 a.m. Arrive FPC
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Final skit preparation
12:55 p.m. Summer Day Camp
4:00 p.m. Free time
5:00 p.m. Leave for Swim Party
8:00 p.m. Return to FPC/ Free time
10:30 p.m. Eventide
11:30 p.m. Lights out

FRIDAY: WRAPPING IT UP

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Devotional
8:50 a.m. Leave for Stewpot
9:00 a.m. Stewpot Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Evaluations
11:15 a.m. Lunch
11:45 a.m. Day Camp Field Trip
4:30 p.m. Farewell