

*"You Are a Child of God and He loves You Very Much!"*

## Young Youth Calendar Fall 2017

4 Years through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sundays, 4-6:30pm

### September

10<sup>th</sup> - **"Back to School Created by God Carnival!" 4:00-6:30pm at St. Michael**

17<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> - **Regular Meeting**

### October

1<sup>st</sup> - No Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> - **"ARCUM Family Movie Night at the Pumpkin Patch": 6:00-7:30pm (It's FREE!!)**  
(Join us at the Augusta Road Churches United in Mission Pumpkin Patch at Church of the Redeemer Episcopal Church on Augusta Road. There will be dinner, games, face painting, a chance to purchase pumpkins from the patch, and a 30 minute Fall Movie OUTSIDE. Please bring blankets or chairs for your family. Dinner is pizza, chips, carrots, apples and drinks.)

8<sup>th</sup> - **Regular Meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> **"Fall Family Fun Retreat" at Mini Miracles Farm in Taylors, SC: 9:45am-12pm**  
(Meet at the Pumpkin Patch Entrance at 9:45am. Wrap up at 12pm after Family Faith Moment)

15<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> - **Regular Meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> - **Trunk or Treat, 6pm at St. Michael**  
(Dinner at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall; Games and Costume Contest in the Sunday School building from 6:30pm until 7pm; and CANDY in the Parking Lot from 7pm until.)

### November

5<sup>th</sup> - **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing: 4-6pm at St. Michael**  
(We will BLESS already FAMILY PACKED boxes together & have dinner at church at 6pm.)

12<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> - **Regular Meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> **Club 345** (Day Retreat for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders @ TBA. \$15 per youth for a day of fun and faith with your friends from around the State. We will spend the day learning what it means to "Stand Free" in Jesus! Please register with PE and pay the \$15 by Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>TH</sup>. I NEED SOME PARENTS TO ATTEND ALSO.)

3<sup>th</sup> - **Regular Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> - **TENTATIVE Christmas Caroling; 1:30-5pm**

(We will carpool/caravan together with other members to carol at the homes of Grand-Lutherans!)

17<sup>th</sup> - **"Pancakes and Pajamas Christmas Party!"** (4-6:30pm at St. Michael)

**Our theme for 2017 is “*God’s Great Big World!*”**

Below you will see a picture and description of the curriculum from Sparkhouse Family that we will be using each week at Young Youth. Each time Young Youth meets I will have handouts for YOUR FAMILY to continue the conversation. I pray this will be a helpful tool in your family’s faith formation!

**ALL Youth Dinner: 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall  
\$3 per youth, per meal**

*Please let Angela Bostick know if your child has ANY specific dietary needs or allergies so she can notify those preparing meals.*

**Meetings: 4:00-6:00pm in the Youth Room  
Upstairs in the Sunday School Building**

Watch the Sunday Bulletin, Email, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, the St. Michael Website and snail mail for special event times and schedule changes.

Please sign up early for special events so we have plenty of transportation, food and Adult Advisors!



## God's Great Big World

God's wonderful creation is all around us. We can look up at the night sky to wonder at the stars and moon. We rely on God's creation for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the homes we take shelter in. God made it all!

While Bible stories are usually focused on the people and exciting events that occurred, it's impossible to ignore how the created world is involved. People in Bible times relied on creation just like we do, and we can learn a lot about God by paying attention to how nature shows up in Bible stories. But it doesn't stop there. God keeps on creating and the world around us is still amazing.

This Play and Learn book is filled with stories that interact with God's great big world in sometimes surprising, sometimes ordinary ways. You will encounter many stories about water—how it saves, destroys, cleans, and nourishes the world. You will discover a few miracles that involved bread and other food. Animals play a big role in these Bible stories too! As you explore these stories you'll also learn how you can make a difference in God's world today.

As you and your family explore these stories that involve elements of God's creation, see if you can find a story where:

- Water saves someone
- God provides food in a miraculous way
- The stars are used as an example of a promise

Each story in this Play and Learn book gives you a verse to remember, some fun activities to try, and ideas for interacting with creation in your life. So jump in and discover more about God's great big world!