SCHEDULE(subject to slight tweaking) 10 - 3:30 pm at Coonskin Park, Charleston, Picnic Shelters 19-20

9:30 - Gathering Activities

10 am - Welcome, Introductions and Energizers
10:15 - Theme Exploration 1
11:15 - Break
11:25 - Theme Exploration 2
12:15 - Lunch (Jimmy John's)
1 pm - Energizers, Theme Exploration 3
2:15 - Large Group Games
3 pm - Closing Worship

The Presbytery of West Virginia's Youth Council presents the:

## 2021 Younger Youth Retreat

# "Trolls in Our Midst"



May 15, 2021 Coonskin Park, Charleston, WV Picnic Shelters #19 and #20

**Focus:** Trolls are often signs that nothing good is about to come. Trolls may remind us of small colorful creatures. These days, trolls are also those who seem to hate just to hate, posting negative, hurtful, comments on others' social media posts. This retreat will explore where we encounter trolls like those on social media; when we are trolls; and how Jesus calls us and transforms us away from being trolls.

**Leaders:** Youth Council members will serve as leaders of this retreat.



### Important Retreat Information FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

**Who:** This retreat is for youth in grades 6-8 and their adult advisors. The expectation is that there will be one adult register for every 7 youth registered. The name of the adult who will be responsible for youth on site is needed at the time of registration.

**When:** While the retreat itself begins at 10 am, there will be Gathering Activities(refreshments, nametags, giant jenga, four square, corn hole) beginning at 9:30 am for early arrivals. We will end with a time of worship at the end of the day, with everyone on their way home by 3:30 pm.

**Lunch** will be provided for each participant. Lunch will be box lunches from Jimmy John's. When registering, please be sure to include your lunch order using the form provided.

**Cost:** The cost for each participant, youth or adult, is \$10.

**Registration deadline: Thursday, April 29**. If you have questions about registering youth with special needs, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 prior to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

WHAT TO BRING – Each participant

- ✓ Completed Covenant Form and Medical Release Form
- ✓ Socks for the offering

Please **DO NOT BRING** electronic items and/or valuable jewelry. We cannot be responsible for lost items.

Please plan to not use cell phones during this event. Ideally, these will be left in vehicles upon arrival.

#### Offering:

For the Offering during Worship at the end of the day, participants are asked to bring a pair(s) of socks that will be shared with homeless shelters in the presbytery. The Youth Council chose this for an offering as often the homeless are some of those in our community who are rejected and/or excluded.

#### **ADULT ADVISORS – PLEASE NOTE**

Each adult planning to attend the retreat must return a completed Volunteer and Information Form and a Release Authorization no later Thursday, April 29, or have completed and returned one in the last 24 months. Once registered, adults will be emailed the Presbytery's Child Protection Policy; these should be read prior to arrival. There will be an adult orientation during the first small group time on Saturday morning.

#### **To Register:**

Note: Youth should be registered with church groups, rather than individually. Please use the Registration Form to register all participants.

Go online to <u>form.jotform.com/WVPresbytery/2021YYR</u> and complete the registration form, including lunch orders, and pay by credit card.

#### OR

Complete a printed registration form and lunch form, and mail along with check made out to "Presbytery of WV" to: Presbytery of WV, 520 Second Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303.

Question? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 or susan\_sharp\_campbell@hotmail.com.