

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 18

7:00 pm.	Registration; settle into cabins; gathering activities
8:30 pm	Large Group Community Building Activities
9:00 pm	Beginnings: Energizers, music, introductions
9:30 pm	Small Group Beginnings
10:30 pm	Snacks and s'mores in lodge; adult orientation
11:00 pm	Worship
11:30 pm	Cabin devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Saturday, November 19

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:45 am	Energizers, Music
10:00 am	Keynote and Small Groups
noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Energizers, music, announcements
1:15 pm	Small Group - Mission Experience – Dog Toys Recreation Options
4:30	Free Time
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Energizers
6:45 pm	Keynote and Small Groups
8:00 pm	David LaMotte Concert
10:30 pm	Small Group Vespers and Snacks
11:30 pm	Cabin Devotions; all in cabins for the night
midnight	Lights Out

Sunday, November 21

8:30 am	Breakfast, clean cabins and pack cars
9:45 am	Energizers, Music
10:00 am	Keynote and Small Groups
11:30 am	Worship with Communion

The Youth Council of the Presbytery of West Virginia presents:

The 2022 YOUTH Retreat

November 18-20, 2022

A MORE LOVING



WORLD

with David LaMotte

Bluestone Camp and Retreat Center, Hinton, WV

FOCUS: *Given that we are called to love our neighbors, what does that actually look like? In a world in desperate need of God's love, how do we go about showing it? We will be looking at the story of the Great Commandment and the Good Samaritan, and talking about what love means, what neighbor means and what the story teaches us about learning to love like we are all "us."*

KEYNOTE LEADER: David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer. He has keynoted peace conferences and facilitated conversations about positive change. David has published three books, including *SS Bathtub*, *White Flour*, and *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*. David and his wife Deanna are the founders of *PEG Partners*, a non-profit organization that supports literacy, critical thought, and artistic expression in Guatemala. He is also the creator of the website "*Let's Be Neighbors*."

Important Registration Information FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

This retreat is for youth in **grades 6-12** and their adult advisors. There must be one adult for every 7 youth registered. Youth will be divided into older youth (9th-12th) and younger youth (6th-8th) for small groups.

The retreat will begin with registration from 7-8:30 pm on Friday, November 18, and end with worship around noon on Sunday, November 20. The first meal served will be Saturday breakfast; the last meal will be Sunday breakfast.

The cost for each participant, youth or adult, is \$85. Registrations will not be accepted without the name of the adult who will be responsible for youth at the retreat.

Registrations can be made online, by mail or by fax (304-744-7634); no phone registrations will be taken. Participants can register as individuals, but must provide the name of the adult who will be responsible for them at the retreat, or church groups can register together.

The **final registration deadline** for registrations to be received in the Presbytery Office is **Monday, November 7**. If you have questions about registering youth with special needs or potential conflicts with athletics/band, please contact Susan Sharp Campbell at 304-667-9428 prior to the 7th.

ADULT ADVISORS – PLEASE NOTE

Each adult attending the retreat must return a completed Volunteer and Information Form and a Background Check Authorization no later than **Monday, November 7**, or have completed and returned one in the last 36 months. Adults are expected to watch the training video prior to arrival, and adult orientation Friday evening will include training on this policy.

WHAT TO BRING – Each participant

- ✓ **A Bible**
- ✓ **Warm clothes**
- ✓ **Sleeping bag, or twin bed sheets, and a pillow**
- ✓ **Towels**
- ✓ **Flashlight**
- ✓ **Completed Covenant Form and Medical Release Form**
- ✓ **Mission project supplies**

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

Mission Project:

Our Mission Project this year is making toys for animal shelters. **Each participant** is asked to bring **1 old t-shirt** to use to make the toys.

Snacks to Share: Each group is asked to bring snacks to share with the large group. These should be brought to registration.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Retreats are an opportunity to get away from the normal routines of life. Therefore, you are encouraged to leave your cell phone at home in order to facilitate building a new community in a limited amount of time. Cell phones shall not be used during scheduled activities (including but not limited to: keynote, small groups, recreation, meals, energizers, music and worship). This includes all cell phone use – calls, texts, games, listening to messages, etc. Misused cell phones are subject to confiscation.