



Presbytery of West Virginia Hosts Fall Youth Retreat

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Presbytery of West Virginia hosted the annual Fall Youth Retreat on Friday, November 14, 2025, to Sunday, November 16, 2025. Held at Bluestone Camp and Retreat in Hinton, West Virginia, there were 28 attendees, including 21 youth.

Centered around the theme of “Unplug and Reconnect”, Rev. Ben Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults at Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, was the presenter.



“Throughout the weekend, Brannan reminded participants that God made us with a purpose and blessed us, and that God made us for embodied, in-person, real relationships. Following Jesus requires our full attention, calling us to unplug from all that pulls away,” said Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry for the Presbytery.

Through small groups led by youth council youth, participants explored the ideas Brannan presented about unplugging and reconnecting. On Saturday afternoon, the group enjoyed making paper flowers and cards to share with others, a photo scavenger hunt, trivia game, and color jam.

“My favorite thing from the retreat was small groups because we got to play games, get to know each other better, and had good discussions,” said Abby McCroy, a Fall Youth Retreat attendee and member of youth council.

“To see the youth get to know each other and make new friends was my favorite part,” said Megan McCroy, an adult youth council member. “As well as, Seeing the youth council and the retreat participants working together to have fun and build a relationship with God as the foundation.”

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