

Summer/Fall 2010

First Issue

Huron-Perth Presbytery

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Kathy Douglas is available as a guest speaker for worship services and committee meetings

Your pastoral charge pays her salary and she is one of your ministers. Book early and keep folks aware of her work.

(There is no fee for this)

FYI-Kathy is licensed for sacramental duties.

A woman dreamed she walked into a brand-new shop in the marketplace and, to her surprise, found God behind the counter.

"What do you sell here?" she asked "Everything your heart desires," said God.

Hardly daring to believe what she was hearing, the woman decided to ask for the best things a human could wish for. "I want peace of mind and love and happiness and wisdom and freedom from fear," she said.

Then as an afterthought she added, "Not just for me. For everyone on earth."

God smiled. "I think you have got me wrong, my dear," (God) said.

"We don't sell fruits here. Only seeds!"

-Anthony de Mello

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What can the youth minister do for your congregation?

Hopefully, whatever you think your congregation and the youth you serve might need. It is not too difficult to figure out the challenges youth, their families and our communities are struggling with or celebrating. Still wondering?

1 Sit for a moment and remind yourself of the issues you know even one youth in your community is working on. Such things as: career choice, addictions, balancing extra-curricular activities, family stress, Depression, generational differences, etc.

2. Invite Kathy to come and see if together you can come up with an event or strategy to help. Perhaps your church community can offer some support and guidance to many.

Consider this presbytery position as a team position in your context.

Upcoming Events (All activities are open to youth in Huron/Perth)

The Game of Life Retreat September 17-18, 7pm (Fri.)-2pm(Sat.)
Hosted by North St. United Church, Goderich. Grades 6-8 (with high-school youth in leadership)

Youth Leadership Support Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2010
(Hosted at Central United Church, Stratford)
Share resources, challenges and 'what's working' with any adults doing youth leadership in our churches.

UJIMA @ Camp Bimini October 1-2
Overnight youth camp for grades 5-8. A perfect way to introduce your youth to the joys of camp. WATER is the theme for this year.

The Amazing Race Retreat Friday, November 5 4-10pm
Hosted by Main Street United Church. Mitchell. Grades 6-8 (with high-school youth leadership)

Bread & Jam Making Book a date to have this intergenerational event in your congregation. A great way to celebrate communion.

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Confirmation Programming

The Youth Minister is available to help with your confirmation program

- * As a guest class leader- pick a topic and have her facilitate it ('Why join a church? What is Communion? Why worship?, etc.)
- *To suggest resources, programming and activities
- *To help organize a confirmation program or retreat.
- *To help facilitate a cluster of churches in joint programming

Be sure to access the Confirmation Outings Options. (Watch for a new list early in fall)

The youth minister organizes trips to synagogues, mosques, soup kitchens, Ten Thousand Villages Warehouse, and various other community outreach experiences for your group to plug into.

Suggestions for trips are always welcome.

Beyond the Church Walls...

The work of the Huron-Perth Youth minister includes community outreach work, beyond the church walls.

Kathy sits on and/or participates with:

- *Huron Community Mental Health Round Table
- *Youth Matters, (Huron County)
- *Volunteers with Teen Esteem Program with Perth District Health Unit
- *Sits on the board of Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth
- *Organizes Mini MEtoWE Project
- *Youth Summit for the Environment
- *Habitat for Humanity

If you think there is an organization or community service program where the youth minister should have a presence, please inform Kathy. 519-523-4389 or kathyimdouglas@hotmail.com

Communication is KEY

IS YOUR CHURCH GETTING THE INFORMATION FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER IN AN A WAY THAT IS WORKING FOR YOU?

ARE THE YOUTH AND THEIR LEADERS IN YOUR PASTORAL CHARGE HEARING ABOUT THE EVENTS IN A TIMELY AND USEFUL WAY?

None of this work is useful, if it is not getting to the right people at the right time. PLEASE, inform Kathy Douglas as to who should be on her email/ mailing list. Also, let her know what format works best for your church. Do you want printed and delivered posters or does an adobe file work?

Thanks for your support!

*"Preach the gospel at all
times-if necessary use
words"*

Francis of Assisi

