

## Calendar

**Oct. 19** – Both Youth Groups meet at church

**Oct. 24** – Trunk or Treat at FPC. Both groups are invited to assist with creating the “Haunted Hallway.” After Trunk of Treat, Sequoia is locked in for the night at the FLC. IMPACT goes to the cider mill.

**Nov. 1** – Parent’s Club Euchre night at FLC

**Nov. 2** – Both Youth Groups meet at church

**Nov. 8** – IMPACT departs for overnight at camp

**Nov. 9** – Both Youth Groups sing at Pastor Dan’s ordination. Sequoia meets afterwards. No IMPACT meeting.

\***Faith** Development is every Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in the FLC.

\* **Regular** Youth Group meetings begin at 6 p.m., but the FLC is open for a gathering time at 5:45 p.m. when the two groups intermingle, visit friends, listen to Christian music and hang out.



Work Camp Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014

## A focus on teaching about Christ

Walking through the Family Life Center on a recent Wednesday, I saw the notes left over on the whiteboard from the latest Junior High Faith Development class. The students had been engaged in a discussion with teacher Shannon Hopson on the importance of the name of Jesus and how Jesus came to us as a servant leader.

On the previous Sunday, I sat in briefly with the Senior High class, where a group of students were putting together a “news cast” about Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard (in which my two sons got into a spirited discussion about the proper pronunciation of “vineyard.” -- insert your own comment about an apple falling from a tree, here.)

Earlier that same Sunday, I had sat in for a short while on the Children’s Church, being led by Karen Haithcock, with help from several others. There, I was fortunate enough to be able to share in a prayer that ended with the Lord’s prayer and to hear a kid-friendly version of Pastor Peggy’s sermon from that morning about how we need to get “dressed” for our work as Christians.

That same idea of getting dressed in our Christian attributes was shared later that night again at the Sequoia Junior High Youth Group. Meanwhile, the IMPACT Senior Highs were talking about the dangers of distracted driving. While the Senior Highs typically talk driving safety at least once a year, the importance of this message was driven home by the fact that four



Ready to tackle the high ropes course at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse.

of our recent Senior High alumni, all now college students were in car accidents the previous week. (None of them were at fault and none seriously injured, God be praised!)

Presbyterians have historically placed a high emphasis on education and that tradition is alive and well at FPC as we work to educate all children and young people about Jesus Christ, God’s love for us and how to live a life the way that God intends. A solid education in Christ can serve as the FOUNDATION for an entire lifetime. As parents and adults, we know that life is never easy – the car crashes were testament to that – but as a church, we are convinced that the only true answer to life’s struggles is a faith in God. As we learn more about our wonderful Savior, one cannot help but love Him more.

-- Pastor Dan