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Summer Camp Highlight Special Needs Camp

This week of camp is designed to meet the needs of youth and young adults with Down's syndrome or similar special needs. In the context of Presbyterian camping, this program allows participants to experience the community of Crestfield in a safe and nurturing environment. Participants need to be able to function independently with activities of daily living. This is an incredible experience! Register online at www.crestfield.net.

Youth Leaders Retreat May 14-15, 2008

How do we develop a dynamic relationship with the pastor? How do we incorporate theology into our youth ministry? What is our theology of youth ministry? Come join Rev. Ted Martin and youth ministry colleagues for fellowship, fun and discussion of these contemporary youth ministry issues. We will be using (in addition to the Bible) *Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church* by Kenda Creasy Dean (Eerdmans 2004). Wednesday evening is dinner at 6PM and activities, Thursday includes program, activities and three meals. Lodging Wednesday night is free. More information is available at http://www.crestfield.net/youth_leaders_retreat.htm or call 724-794-4022 to register.

Treat your pastor to a time of retreat May 18-20, 2008

Crestfield is offering a two night retreat for pastors. In a world that is increasingly "wired", or perhaps even more immediately "wireless"; in an era where we have two or three e-mail addresses, home phones, cell phones, blogs, networks; in a time where church members are sated with programs and yet starved for companionship...pastors are increasingly lonely. The working theme for our time together is "The Necessity & Practice of Spiritual Friendship." Rev. Dave Carver, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights will lead us in a time together to examine one model of friendship that is described in scripture. We will consider its appropriateness for our own lives. Pastors will spend time in scripture and in worship; engage in a few exercises that will help to see the possibilities of friendship in their own lives; and will have ample time for reflection and down time as well. We hope to see you (or your pastor) at Crestfield! Call 724-794-4022 to register by May 16th.

<http://www.crestfield.net/Church%20Professionals.pdf>

Alumni Week-end

Calling all previous staff members of Crestview and Crestfield

August 15-17, 2008

Please note the date correction (Thanks Kevin Starcher!) Come and help celebrate the 60th Birthday of Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. We will spend time together worshipping, canoeing, swimming, playing in the clay pits and celebrating the faithfulness and generosity of our triune God. Come and remember the past, share the present and plan for the future.

Summer Worship Leader needed for Summer Camp

Our summer staff is almost complete...except for someone to provide leadership to our band, to our daily morning celebration with campers and to coordinate evening vespers with our chaplains. If you or someone you know is musically gifted and passionate about participating in worship leadership and the creatively incorporating music and song in worship to glorify God in Christ, then Crestfield may be just the place for you this summer. Check out the job description online at

http://www.crestfield.net/summer%20staff%20information/Worship%20Leader%20Job%20Desc%20_rev_.pdf and/or call Becky Little at 724-794-4022 for more information.

Thanks to recent Work Groups at Crestfield

Crestfield has been blessed with the efforts of recent work groups. Thanks so much for the efforts of the Confirmation Class of The Presbyterian Church of Mt. Washington, the Gardeners of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church's Men's Group. There is always work to be done at Crestfield. So if you have extra time or extra energy, please contact Mike, Crestfield's buildings and groundskeeper at mike@crestfield.net or 724-794-4022. This is a great ministry together activity for small groups, men's associations, youth groups, families, women's circles. Looking forward to working with you at Crestfield!