

PRIOR SEASONS 2018-2024

[Looking Back at 2023/2024 Season](#)

[Wed, Thurs, Sat June 19th, 20th, 22nd Full Days Schenectady Habitat For Humanity](#)

What a blessing to be able to help with two builds on Avenue A. One house we worked on framing and sheathing, while the other house we worked on indoor trim and doors painting. How we love others is how we love God!

[Sunday June 2nd Noon-4:00pm Season Ending Picnic At Walt's House](#)

A Fun Time On A Beautiful Day! Whiffle Ball Game, Picnic Spread, Basketball, Volleyball, Water Balloon Fight, Great Fellowship. Praise God For Another Great Year Growing Together As Disciples Of Christ!

[Saturday May 18th 3:00pm-10:00pm Coffee House \(Setup, Event, Cleanup\)](#)

A relaxing evening of Fellowship with our community in our transformed Fellowship Hall. 17 people of all different ages performed 35 songs. \$438.00 was donated toward our children and youth ministries. Praise God!

[Saturday May 11th 8:30am-2:00pm Plant Sale](#)

We were blessed again this year by a huge community turnout selling over \$8,000 worth of plants and netting over \$3,000 to our youth activities fund. Thanks to the 23 youth and 16 adults that helped on this event.

[Sunday April 28th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering](#)

Thanks to Hannah for her amazing leadership!

[Saturday April 20th 2:55pm-5:00pm Indoor Rock Climbing](#)

What a view from the top!

[Sunday April 14th 4:45-7:00pm Bowling At Sparetime](#)

Our group of 24 enjoyed fun bowling, eating pizza, and avoiding spilling drinks.

[Thursday April 4th 5:45pm-8:30pm Serve At Regional Food Bank](#)

A very blessed evening as we sorted beverages on site for distribution to food pantries.

[Sunday March 10th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night](#)

A fun evening of fun and fellowship. We welcomed some new faces.

[Sunday February 25th 5:00pm-7:00pm Winter Beach Party](#)

Colorful fashion in our Beach Oasis (Transformed Fellowship Hall). Summer Subs, Ice Cream, Summer Music, Summer Games including Beach Ball Volleyball, Marshmallow Dodgeball, 4-square, and a Limbo Contest. Think Warm! Be The Light!

[Friday February 16th 4:00pm-7:00pm Serve Meal Schenectady City Mission](#)

How we love others is how we love God!

[Saturday February 10th 1:50pm-3:10pm Ice Skating](#)

A fun afternoon on the ice representing God

[Sunday January 28th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner \(Angel Ministry\)](#)

A nice evening of fellowship as we wrote out and addressed cards to wish people in our congregation that will be celebrating in the upcoming month of February a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary.

[Saturday-Sunday January 13th-14th 8:15am-1:00pm Retreat At Saratoga Marriott Courtyard](#)

Praise God! Fun, Fellowship, Good Food, Games, And Relationship Building! We reflected on God's Love. How it is revealed to us and How we reveal it to one another. We are perfectly loved by God and get to share this love in our everyday lives.

[Sunday December 24th 4:00pm-4:50pm Church Luminaria Lighting](#)

We lit 350 luminaria around the church and Main Street to welcome the Christ Child's birth. May we reflect the light of Jesus in our daily lives!

[Saturday December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 17th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales](#)

Keeping our 41 year tradition alive

[Sunday November 26th 11:00am-Noon Luminaria Packing](#)

6,000 candles and bags were converted into Luminaria Product. Thanks to all of the families that helped!

[Sunday November 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night](#)

Fun night of Fun and Fellowship!

[Saturday November 11th 3:45pm-Midnight Rockathon](#)

Rocking in rocking chairs to raise money to buy winter coats and more for Schenectady City Mission to distribute to those in need. \$3,400 was raised to purchase 94 new winter coats and 29 science kits, games, toys, & books to help stock the Mission's two day Christmas Store.

[Sunday October 29th 5:00pm-7:00pm Halloween Party](#)

Great Costumes, Halloween Feast, Truth or Scare, Candies in a Jar, Skeleton Scavenger Hunt, Eyeball Relay Race, Pumpkin Carving Guess Videos, Halloween Family Feud, Glow in the Dark Sardines, Treat Bags, Practicing Loving God

[Saturday October 21st 3:45pm-10:00pm Turkey Supper Serving](#)

We represented well as 26 youth and 9 youth leaders served food to our community during 3 dinner seatings practicing sharing God's Love. 2 other Youth Leaders served in the kitchen along with so many from our church. We also had several from our group stay until 10:00pm to help clean and put our Fellowship Hall back together post dinner. We received so many compliments from our community as we all worked together with smiles and an attitude of giving.

[Sunday October 15th 5:00pm-6:30pm Mission Project](#)

Through youth family purchases and donations, we gathered for dinner and fellowship to assemble 21 Red Bird Mission Boxes (10 adult and 11 kid) to help the needy in the midwest USA.

[Sunday October 8th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night](#)

Fun Night enjoying dinner with ice cream playing Epic Kickball (Jon's team wins) and Sardines.

[Sunday October 1st 1:30pm-3:00pm Laser Tag](#)

Blue team edges Red Team 2-1. Sarah is the best! Arcade Fun too. Everyone represented well!

[Sunday September 24th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering](#)

Dinner, Fun, Fellowship. Thanks Serena for leading!

[Sunday September 17th 12:00pm-5:30pm Jiminy Peak Adventure Park/Alpine Slide](#)

Nice official kickoff of our new season joining the Middle School youth on the mountain enjoying a glorious day of fun and fellowship capped off with a stop for ice cream on our trip back home.

[Saturday September 9th 8:10am-11:00pm Skye Farm Retreat](#)

We enjoyed another mountain top experience as we set our vision for the new season and reflected on our theme "Being Ready". Jon's got game, The Scotts have cooking skills, and everyone excels at Fellowship!

Looking Back at 2022/2023 Season

Sunday August 6th 12:30pm-4:00pm Summer Pool Party At Mehta's Home

Beautiful day for a cookout, volleyball and pool fun! Jon even finally got his kickball game! Thanks to the Mehta family for their hospitality!

Sunday June 25th-Saturday July 1st Mission Workcamp Trip To Wrightsville, PA

We joined over 200 other campers from 12 churches from 7 states to serve home residents at 30 different sites. Throughout the week we grew deeper relationships with God, each other, and new relationships with our residents. God forges us into what we were created to be through our circles of suffering, perseverance, character, and hope! Praise God!

Sunday June 18th 9:00am-11:00am Youth Service JUMC (Workcamp Commissioning)

The Holy Spirit's presence was felt by all as our youth shined in leading our Worship Service. Thanks to Matthew and Adam who each shared their reflection on scripture and everyone who participated. Congratulations to our seven graduating high school seniors!

Sunday June 4th 12:30pm-4:00pm Season Ending Picnic At Walt's House

Fun, Food, Games, Water Ballons, Great Fellowship! What a way to end the season!

Saturday May 20th 3:00pm-10:00pm Coffee House (setup, event, cleanup)

What a blessing to have this event return to our calendar! Great atmosphere, entertaining performers, delicious desserts and beverages, great fellowship bring our youth, congregation, and community together for a relaxing fun evening!

Saturday May 13th 8:30am-1:00pm Plant Sale

Thanks to those that helped setup on Thursday, picked up plants on Friday, and served on Saturday. We sold close to \$8,000 worth of plants netting over \$3,300 to our youth group activities fund.

Sunday May 7th 7:00pm-8:00pm Mission Workcamp Info Meeting With Parent

Good meeting during which info was shared and questions were answered. Looking forward to our Mission Trip the last week of June to Wrightsville, PA.

Sunday May 7th 2:50pm-6:00pm Capital Rescue Mission Dinner Serving

Experienced God's Love as we served dinner to 180 people

April 30th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night

Fun Night, Pizza, Ice Cream, Life Games We Play, Romans 16:17-18, Marshmallow Dodgeball, Sardines

Sunday April 23rd 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering (Pics Bulletin Board)

Our Youth Group Represents Love! We have an Updated Picture Board!

Sunday April 16th 4:45pm-7:00pm Bowling

Fun Evening On The Lanes! How Swifties Do We Have?

Monday April 10th 5:50pm-8:30pm Regional Food Bank Produce Sorting

Great To Experience God's Love Through Serving! This Regional Food Bank annually supplies over 50 Million Tons of food to our local Food Banks to feed those with food insecurity. Nice ice cream stop on way home.

Sunday April 2nd 12:30pm-2:05pm Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Jumping Fun Practicing Sharing God's Love

Sunday March 26th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering Angel Ministry

Worked on April's Angel Ministry Cards and tied it into the Sermon Scripture Reading "Do Not Forget to Show Hospitality to Strangers, for by doing so some people have shown Hospitality to Angels without Knowing it"

Sunday March 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm Jonesville Jam Session

Combined Senior High and Middle School MFY Groups got together for a Jam Session. They were able to try new instruments like Ukulele's, Guitars, Keyboards, Electric Guitars and Drums. We played several Songs together and learned new Skills. Special Thanks to Music Director Tim Antonacci!

Sunday March 12th 5:00pm-7:30pm Movie Night At Church

Food and Fellowship! Watched "The Pursuit of Happiness" and discussed how the movie impacted each person differently.

Wednesday February 22nd 8:10am-11:45am Schenectady City Mission Clothing Sort

Adults and Youth sorted Winter Clothes at the Mission.

Sunday February 26th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

After a delicious dinner of Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread (Thanks to the Hendricksons!) we enjoyed Fellowship together.

Sunday February 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night

Started vacation week with fun and fellowship for those in town. Pizza, Marshmallow Dodgeball and Sardines!

Sunday January 29th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering

We enjoyed dinner and fellowship together as Adam Sheifer did a nice job leading us in discussion on acceptance and love for others.

Sunday January 22nd 1:50pm-3:30pm Ice Skating

Fun day on the ice for newbies and pros!

Sat.-Sun. January 14th-15th 8:15am-11:30pm Saratoga Marriott Retreat

We opened ourselves to God's presence as we reflected on our theme "Love Messenger" through yoga, small group projects, discussion, music, prayer stations, and worship. God sent Jesus as our love messenger and we are created to be God's love messenger to others! A fun and meaningful weekend together enjoying being challenged, walking and dining in Saratoga, playing games (beach volleyball in the pool, spoons, shark Uno, Mafia). Praise God!

Sunday January 8th 5:00pm-7:00pm Winter Beach Party

Feel the heat in our transformed beach oasis! Thanks to MaryEllen who provided our summer feast of hotdogs, mac&cheese, salad, and assorted fruits. Many colorful outfits, beach music, limbo, fun beach games! How does summer remind us of God?

Saturday December 24th 4:00pm-4:50pm Lighting Luminaria Around Church

Over 300 luminaria were put out around the church on a windy Christmas Eve. The light overcomes the darkness!

Saturday December 17th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

Good final weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of sales where route selling records continued to be made. Representing God's Love and Light in our community. Our 40 year tradition lives!

Saturday December 10th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

We braved the snow over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) with route selling records representing the light of Christ in our community.

Saturday December 3rd 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

Rain delayed us until an 11:45am start, but our youth could not be deterred.

Sunday November 27th 10:40am-11:30am Luminaria Packing

Thanks to the 31 youth and adults that made themselves available on a Holiday weekend to convert 6,000 candles and 6,000 bags into luminaria product!

Sunday November 20th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering

Matthew C. did an awesome job leading us in what it means to Meet Jesus. Health masks make great blindfolds!

Sat-Sun November 12th-13th 7:30pm-6:00am Rockathon For City Mission

15 Rockers raised over \$6,630 to buy winter coats, boots, and gifts for the Schenectady City Mission to distribute this winter. Praise God!

Sunday November 6th 1:00pm-2:50pm Laser Tag

What more is there to say - Laser Tag!!! Matthew Ruled!

Sunday October 30th 5:00pm-7:00pm Halloween Party

Dinner And Goodies, Favorite Costumes, Scariest Moment, God Is With Us, Skeleton Scavenger Hunt, Eyeball Candy Pong, Eyeball Relay, Diving For Gummy Worms, Dark Hide & Seek With Glow Balls

Sunday October 23rd 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering - Service Project

We organized donations and assembled 16 Red Bird Mission shoe boxes, along with coats, school supplies, and many toiletries for RISSE (Refugee Immigrant Support Services Emmaus). God multiplies our giving and make its a blessing to us and others!

Sunday October 16th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night

Practicing how we share God's Love with each other. Fun night! Beach Ball Volleyball always a hit!

Saturday October 8th 7:00pm-8:30pm Scary Night Miniature Golf At Player's Park

Fun evening in the dark! I'm not scared!

Sunday October 2nd Noon-5:30pm Jiminy Alpine Slide And STAHL Flag Removal

A fun day on the mountain followed by ice cream. Welcome to our first time participants! Thanks to those that were able to help remove the STAHL flags that were being displayed during National Recovery Month to remember those that are in recovering and those that tried.

Saturday September 17th 8:15am-11:00pm Skye Farm Retreat

What a Glorious Day on the mountain. God's voice was heard through each of us as we looked toward the new season and reflected on what it truly means to trust God. Youth lead sessions were a true blessing! We also enjoyed much recreation together in this beautiful setting (hiking, basketball, keep it up, gaga ball, volleyball, kickball, manhunt, campfire, s'mores). Delicious dinner - thanks Mair and Scott! We ended our day with a worship service that included focused one on one time with God. Praise God!

Thursday September 1st 7:00pm-8:00pm Zoom Retreat Prep

We came up with our Retreat theme "Trust Fall" and determined our planning groups for each of the three sessions. God is Good!

Looking Back at 2021/2022 Season

Sun August 7th 1:00pm-4:00pm Pool Party At Krause's

A Fun Day reconnecting in mid summer enjoying food, fellowship, pool activities, and games. Thank you to the Krause's for hosting!

Sun Jun 26th-Sat Jul 2nd Mission Workcamp in Wethersfield, CT

God blessed us with an awesome week during which we served together with over a 100 others repairing homes and building relationships with our resident, other youth, our youth group, and God. We now go forward knowing we have the freedom to go serve fulfilling our purpose with humility and gratitude. Praise God!

Sunday June 19th 10:00am-Noon Youth Lead Praise Service, Celebrate Fathers, Commission Mission Workcampers, Recognize High School Graduates, Reflect On Serving And God's Love And Grace

Everyone truly represented! Praise God for continuously blessing our youth groups!

Sunday June 12th 2:00pm-5:00pm Picnic At Hendrickson's

Thanks to MaryEllen and Paul Hendrickson for hosting a great picnic! Weather was beautiful. Many games, great food, and 400 water balloons! Epic!

Sunday June 5th 5:00pm-7:15pm Miniature Golf & Ice Cream

A beautiful evening for a fun activity. Gavin beats Adam by one stroke with a string of late birdies. More importantly we enjoyed a variety of ice cream flavors!

Saturday May 14th 8:15am-7:30pm Confirmation Skye Farm Retreat

We had a glorious day at the camp reviewing what we have learned during the year, appreciating the beauty of God's creation, playing basketball, volleyball, nukum, developing our own creed, sharing communion, and enjoying dinner together.

Saturday May 7th 9:00am-1:00pm Plant Sale

God Certainly Blessed Our Plant Sale! Thanks to all that helped make it so successful! We sold \$7,700 worth of Plants and netted \$3,100 in net proceeds to our youth funds!

Sunday May 1st 7:00pm -8:00pm Workcamp Prep Meeting For Youth and Parents

We are excited for the opportunity to serve in Wethersfield, CT for a week at the end of June!

Sunday April 24th 5:00pm-7:00pm Talent/Game Night

Very Impressive Sharing Of talents! Good job Matthew, Isabella, Shopia, Joey, and PJ! This girl is on fire! Nice weather allowed us to enjoy a classic kickball game.

Sunday April 10th 5:00pm-7:15pm Movie Night At Church

Watched the movie I Can Only Imagine. Fun, Food, Fellowship (And Popcorn)!

Sunday April 3rd 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

Adam (fresh off being Worship Leader!) lead a discussion on Acceptance - accepting God in our Lives and accepting Others. Ice breaker of Musical Chairs and Discussion of Movies for next week's Movie Night.

Sunday March 27th 5:00pm-7:00pm Partridge Family Music Night

The School of Rock was a Huge Success! Our Music Director, Tim Antonacci was able to work with the Youth and Leaders as we learned 3 Songs. We experimented with Guitars, drums, ukuleles and keyboards. Tim emphasized that having fun and challenging ourselves is more important than hitting every note perfectly. And while we certainly lacked perfection, we made up for it with a cacophony of joyful noises!

Sunday March 20th 1:00pm-3:00pm Roller Skating

Great Gathering for lots of fun roller skating. Lots of laps, very few falls. Most Improved Skater goes to Adam (Again!)

Sunday March 13th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night

A well attended combined Event with fun, games, and lots of pizza, Mike taught about the Schultz Philosophy, and who doesn't like Sardines!

Sunday March 6th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

Pizza, Fellowship, and Chippy Penny with Middle School followed by Senior High only discussion on Ukraine and the passing of a classmate. Scott lead Lenten discussion, and an old favorite game returns - Sardines.

Sunday February 27th 2:50pm-6:00pm Capital Rescue Mission Dinner Serving

We prepped meals to serve over 100 people dinner! How we love others is how we love God!

Sunday February 20th 5:00pm-6:30pm Angel Ministry Gathering With Dinner

Intimate Gathering after a Combined Ziti Dinner with Middle School. Wrote birthday and anniversary cards as the Angels of the Month.

Saturday February 12th 1:50pm-3:30pm Ice Skating

A fun day on the ice! Even more hot chocolate and less falling than last year!

Sunday February 6th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

A fun evening of connecting lead nicely by Matthew Carangelo!

Saturday January 29th 8:15am-10:30pm Camp Pinnacle Retreat

Our group of 20 participants enjoyed a glorious day reflecting on our theme "Who Is God To Me" and enjoying a variety of recreational activities together (snow tubing, gym stuff

including basketball, art, various games, ping pong, foosball, eight ball, smores). Praise God!

Sunday January 23rd Noon-1:00pm Snow Sledding At LongKill Park

Fun on the hill on a bright cold day

Saturday January 8th 11:30am-12:45pm Zoom Gathering

It was great to safely reconnect after the holidays and reflect on what God says about Acceptance

Friday December 24th 4:00pm-4:45pm Lighting Luminaria Around The Church

Over 300 Luminaria Were Lit Around Our Church "The Light Of Jesus - The Darkness Shall Not Overcome It"

Sunday December 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm Christmas Party

We all connected to the hope, peace, joy, and love of the season in celebration mode! Breaking Pizza Together, Worst gift truth or lie, Candy Cane Hang Game, Thank You Video From Schenectady City Mission, Christmas Song Word Game, Christmas Song Symbol Game, Decorating Youth As Snowman, Ice Cream

Weekends In December Before Christmas Luminaria Selling At Parks

Sunday November 28st 5:00pm-6:30pm Luminaria Prep With Dinner

Luminaria Spirit was alive as we converted 6000 candles into 500 dozen luminaria product. The light shall overcome the darkness!

Sunday November 21st 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering Including Dinner

A fun night staying connected! Thanks to Somyong (Christina) for her Leadership as we contemplated what is effective communication with each other and with God!

Sunday November 14th 5:00pm-7:00pm Guest Speaker Addiction Recovery

Brendan Norton from Healing Springs Recovery Center in Saratoga shared his recovery story to our youth and their families helping remove the stigma attached to how we view addiction diseases. Show love and kindness to one another no matter what the struggle.

Saturday November 6th- Sunday November 7th 8:00pm-6:00am Rockathon

16 Rockers raised \$6,110 to buy winter coats and gifts for the Schenectady City Mission to distribute this winter. Praise God!

Sunday October 31st 4:00pm-5:30pm Costume Party

A fun time enjoying each other's costumes, stories, snacks, and games!

Sunday October 24th Noon-3:30pm Trip to Elms Farm

Great Fun and Fellowship on a brisk fall day enjoying the beauty of the season

Sunday October 17th 5:00pm-6:30pm SH Only Gathering With Dinner

Thank you Victoria for your leadership and reminding us what is more important than material things!

Sunday October 3rd 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night At Church

We enjoyed dinner, devotion moment, games, and ice cream! We are not in control! Classic marshmallow dodgeball, 4-square, pink pong, jenga, apples to apples.

Saturday September 24th 9:00am-Noon Community Service

Thank you Gavin Rueda for your Prayer Kiosk patio/walkway Eagle Project

Sunday September 19th Noon-5:30pm Kickoff Event - Alpine Slide At Jiminy Peak

Our Group of 28 enjoyed a beautiful sunny day on the Alpine Slide, Mountain Coaster, and Giant Swing followed by ice cream. We all got to practice sharing God's love!

Saturday September 11th-Sunday September 12th 8:30am-11:00pm Skye Farm Vision Retreat

What a Glorious Day on the mountain. Welcome new ninth grade class! We were blessed with beautiful weather as our group of 21 set our vision for the year and reflected on our theme "Thriving After Surviving". We safely connected to God and each other through Devotion Discussion, Feasting, Hiking, Basketball, Volleyball, Corn Hole, Man Hunt, Campfire, Smores, and Worship. God Is Good!

Thursday August 26th 7:00pm Zoom Prep For Skye Farm Retreat

After deciding on a theme, we came up with Session Titles and broke into 3 teams. Session titles: "Why Won't My Flower Bloom?", "We All Could Use Some Miracle Grow!", "How Does My Flower Become A Garden?". Each team had follow up meetings to prepare their assigned Session and to be ready to lead it at the Retreat.

Looking Back at 2020/2021 Season

Friday August 6th 5:45pm-11:00pm ValleyCats Game & Fireworks

So good to be able to connect in the summer with so many! May F's - Fun, Food and more Food, Fights on the Field, Fellowship, and Fireworks.

Sunday June 27th-Saturday July 3rd Mission Group Workcamp in Erie, PA.

Our 18 Participants from our group joined a group of about 250 to serve the community outside of Erie, PA. It was an amazing week of sharing God's love through service. As we focused on our theme "Worth It", we learned many revelations about ourselves individually and about our God. Praise God for a safe and revealing week of love!

Sunday June 6th 12:30pm-5:30pm MYF Picnic At Saratoga Spa State Park

Beautiful Hot Day at the Park, Good to have a Pavilion! Fun, Food, and Fellowship! Capture the Flag, Cornhole, Giant Jenga, Other Games, Water Balloons, Ice Cream at the Caboose

Sunday May 23rd 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night On Church Grounds

Pizza, Wonder(ful), 4 Square, Color Ball Competition, Parking Lot Art, Basketball, Kickball, Ice Cream, Fun & Fellowship

Saturday May 15th 8:00am-2:00pm Adirondack Extreme Adventure

What a Glorious Day In The Mountains Zip Lining And Rope/Obstacle Climbing followed with Lunch and Ice Cream At Martha's Lake George. Praise God!

Sunday May 2nd 7:00pm-8:00pm Workcamp Planning Meeting For Parents and Youth

So Grateful For Our Mission Workcamp Opportunity Again This Year - May God Bless Our Trip

Saturday April 24th 9:00am-Noon Green Up Clean Up At Church

Great Fellowship with about 40 from our church family of all ages serving with cleanups and gardening around our church buildings.

Sunday April 18th 5:00pm-6:30pm Outside Gathering At Church

Celebrating being able to gather together in-person outside. Pizza and Candy. Thanks PJ for mini cakes! Welcome Meg! Shared what we have been doing through 2 truths and a lie, further developed our schedule, looked forward to our Mission Workcamp. "How Am I Living" Checkin. Who Is Leading Our Movements Circle Game.

Sunday March 21st 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Conclusion

We worshiped together, reviewed our Retreat Sessions, Lecrae Testimony (Living In Faith, Not As A Performer), and reflected on our theme "How Am I Living". Shine Your Light! Personal Reflection Question - How Am I Living? "Live Like Ur Loved"!

Sunday March 14th 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Session III

Am I Living As a Disciple Of Christ? Fellowship, Faith Community, God's Will (Skit Guys), Imperfection Striving For Perfection, Hannah Lee's "I Am Second" Testimony, You Raise Me Up Reflection Song

Sunday February 14th 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Fellowship

Fun and Fellowship! Family Feud With Love Themed Questions.

Sunday January 31st 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Session II

Amazing Grace For Me? Are We Searching For Something In Our Lives? Where's Bernie? Verbally Shared Our Talents, What Is Grace (Skit Guys)? Scriptural Reflection On Grace, Trash Skit Video - Are We Holding On To Our Trash?

Sunday January 24th 11:00am-Noon Retreat Snow Sledding Long Kill Park

Safe fun outdoor fellowship on a cold but sunny beautiful day. A blessing to be able to do an in-person activity!

Sunday January 17th 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Session I

Good News! Good News Video Discussion, Mandisa's Good News Song Reflection, Why Did God Create Me?, Scriptural Reflection, Sadie Robertson's Good News Podcasts Review Video (How To Live Advice From 2020 Guests), What Hit Home?

Sunday January 10th 11:00am-Noon Virtual Retreat Introduction

No Martin Luther King Weekend Long Retreat This Year - Next Best Thing! A Virtual Retreat Spread Out Over Several Weeks Mirroring Our Traditional Retreats. Wisdom Of A Third Grader Video Inspires Our Virtual Retreat Theme - "How Am I Living". What Is Discipleship?

Thursday December 24th 3:35pm-4:35pm Lighting Luminaria Around Church

In the midst of rain and wind the light overcame the darkness. Thanks to all that participated in helping light 250 luminaria around Jonesville UMC.

Weekends In December Before Christmas - Luminaria Selling Stations

Thanks to the 15 families that took turns safely selling at our two neighborhood Parks. Our 38 year tradition of helping our neighborhoods spread the light on Christmas Eve remains alive and well. We raised \$1,849 to support youth activities including workcamp trips serving those in need! Praise God!

Sunday November 29th 5:00pm-6:30pm Luminaria Prep

Luminaria Spirit - The light shall overcome the darkness! Making Signage and Product! What a way to kickoff the Advent Season!

Saturday November 21st 7:30pm - Sunday November 22nd 6:00am Rockathon

16 Youth and Leaders rocked in rocking chairs throughout the night and raised over \$6,395 to buy winter coats and other clothes, along with toys and gifts for families supported by Schenectady City Mission. What a Blessing!

Sunday November 15th 6:00pm-7:00pm Zoom Gathering

Staying Connected! Thanks Sarah for leading! Control? God vs Us - What's our responsibility?

Saturday November 7th Daytime Church/Community Service Projects

What a Glorious Day! 28 Middle School & Senior High School Youth and their Leaders completed 13 projects. How We Love Others Is How We Love God!

Sunday October 25th 5:00pm-6:30pm Senior High Gathering At Church

Social Distanced Fellowship including dinner. Thanks Ella for leading!

Sunday October 18th 5:30pm-8:00pm Movie Night At The Church

What an emotional movie! "Clouds". We enjoyed popcorn, candy, and drink in fellowship with each other. God created us to use our gifts and talents to live fully and to make others happy. Relationships are more important than things, starting with our relationship with God through Christ!

Sunday October 11th 12:30pm-5:30pm Alpine Slide and Adventure Park

Glorious Day on the mountain as our group of 29 enjoyed the adventures always putting safety first. Ice cream was good too!

Sunday October 4th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night

Fun and safe night outside! Thanks Julie for your pre-packaged dinners (main ingredient - Love)! God moments, frisbee golf, basketball shooting, colored ball relay, marshmallow dodgeball. It's dark, but we're the light!

Sunday September 27th Noon-2:00pm Vischer Ferry Preserve Walk

What a beautiful day to revel in the beauty of God's creation and have a picnic! The stone skipping challenge rocked. Remember nothing is written on stone - unless it is.

Saturday September 19th 8:30am-11:00pm All Day Skye Farm Retreat Our Kickoff event for the new season.

What an awesome social distanced safe gathering of our faith community! 16 youth and 6 adult advisors enjoyed a beautiful day on the mountain reflecting our our theme "Community" and setting the vision for our new season. God is Good!

Wednesday September 9th 7:00pm-8:00pm Zoom Retreat Planning

The leaders gathered virtually with the 10th-12th graders to discuss new season and plan our kickoff Retreat. We chose the theme "Community" and broke down into teams for follow-up session planning. Such a blessing being able to connect again!

Looking Back at 2019/2020 Season

Sunday July 12th 1:00pm-3:30pm Social Distancing Summer Gathering At Walt's

What a Blessing to be able to gather in-person! We did it safely with masks and social distancing and plenty of hand sanitizer. Food was served individually. Fun and Fellowship! Gigi's 16th Birthday Celebration!

Saturday June 13th 11:00am-12:00pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Romans 12:3-6, Why Did God Create Us, Movie Emojis, Christina J. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday June 6th 11:00am-12:00pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, 1 John 13:17-18, God's Calling

Saturday May 30th 11:00am-12:15pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Do The Right Thing, Majority Rules Game, Victoria F. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday May 16th 11:00am-12:30pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Let Your Light Shine, Riddles Game, Matt C. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday May 9th 11:00am-12:30pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, God Inspired Quotes, Wheel Of Fortune, Gigi G. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday May 2nd 11:00am-12:15pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, 10 Ways To Love According To Scripture, Scavenger Hunt, Adam S. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday April 25th 11:00am-12:15pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Romans 15:13 Connect To The Hope, Family Fued, Ella W. wins family pizza dinner

Saturday April 18th 11:00am-12:30pm Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Sarah M. Leads Remembering Our Blessings Staying At Home (Ps 23:5), Scattagories, Zach C. and Gabi H. awarded family pizza dinners

Saturday April 11th 11:00am-Noon Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing, Gigi G. Leads Facing Temptations Staying At Home (1 Cor 10:13), Bible Bingo

Saturday April 4th 11:00am-Noon Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Would you rather..., Being real with our feelings to ourselves, each other, and God! Ella W. Leads Finding Purpose Staying At Home (1 Cor 10:31, Phil 4:13, Jer 29:11, Col 3:23)

Saturday March 28th 11:00am-Noon Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - Sharing Emotions, Emoji Game, God's Comfort

Saturday March 21st 11:00am-Noon Zoom Virtual Gathering

Staying Connected - We are not alone, "Do Not Be Anxious..."

Sunday March 8th 5:00pm-7:00pm Game Night (Invite a friend for a night of games, dinner, and ice cream!)

Great night - Pizza and catching up on what everyone had been up to. Nice discussion of future events on the MYF calendar. Fun game night with a raucous night of Broomball (Jeff and Mike playing goal). Even squeezed in some Sardines (aka Christians in Catacombs).

Sunday March 1st 5:00pm-7:30pm Movie Night At Church (Who doesn't like movie fun and fellowship?)

Lots of food and fun were had by all. A good sized crowd as we watched the movie The Duff. Lots of interesting discussion followed.

Sunday February 23rd 12:50pm-2:30pm Ice Skating At CP Arena (Friends welcome for this fun event!)

There were thrills, some minor spills and some chills! And lots of hot chocolate and whipped cream for all. We had a nice group mixed with Middle School and even had friends able to join along with Pastor Youngjae and the girls!

Sunday February 16th 5:00pm-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

Great Dinner provided by Heather of Baked Ziti and Salad. Scott brought great soda! Lesson by Adam and Kara about why God Made us. Great discussion had by all. A scavenger hunt thru the Church to help center and remind us of all God has provided!

Sunday February 9th 5:00pm - 7:00pm Winter Beach Party

Winter Fun had be All in our combined Event with Middle School Youth and Leaders! Nice Warm thoughts and fun to be had in the middle of Winter!

Sunday January 26th 1:30pm-3:15pm Make Decorations With Nursing Home Residents

Celebrating God's Love, Chatting with Residents, Helping Make Stuff, Having Fun and enjoying Fellowship!

Sat.-Sun. January 18th-19th 8:30pm-3:30pm Retreat At Saratoga Marriott And Mair's House

Fully explored "Why Did God Create Me?" theme, Fun Eating and Walking Saratoga, Games, Swimming, Sledding, Contagious Love!

Sunday January 12th Noon-2:15pm SkyZone Fun

Fun Time bouncing, dodging, and zipping!

Sunday January 5th 5:00pm-7:00pm Winter Beach Party

Postponed To February 9th Due To Facility Maintenance Delays

Tuesday December 24th 3:35pm-4:35pm Lighting Luminaria Around Church

Lighting The Way For Christ With 300 Luminaria. The Light Overcomes Darkness!

Saturday December 21st 9:00am-12:30pm Luminaria Sales

We finished our routes distributing Joy to our community!

Saturday December 14th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

14 MS youth along with 9 SH youth selling. Our Luminaria Tradition is alive and well. Thanks Mair for a nice Ziti lunch!

Sunday December 8th 12:15pm-3:15pm Cookie Decorating At Mair's & Ornament Painting At Nursing Home

Thanks Mair For Hosting. We Were Well Fed Physically and Spiritually! Contagious Love! Celebrating Christmas Season with Residents Of Schyuler Ridge!

Saturday December 7th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

11 MS youth along with 13 SH youth distributing Joy through the maze of snow banks!

Saturday November 30th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Sales

Luminaria Spirit Is Alive!

Sunday November 24th 11:45am-12:30pm Luminaria Packing

6,000 candles plus 6,000 bags converted to 500 dozen quality approved luminaria - all in 45 minutes! Thanks to all the youth and families that helped!

Saturday November 16th 9:30am-Noon Food Pantry Sorting (Scout Food Drive)

Representing God's Love As Our Community Comes Together

Sunday November 3rd 5:00-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

Food, Fun, Fellowship, Sarah Mehta Well Done Leadership - Anger and God

Saturday October 26th 3:45-8:30pm Serve Turkey Supper

Smiles! Many Compliments From Community! 460 sit down meals served by 35 youth including 17 Senior High youth! Way To Represent!

Sunday October 20th 5:00-7:00pm Game Night

Tacos (Thanks Julie), Fun, Games, Pastor Appreciation Notes, Forgiveness, Ice Cream, Fellowship!

Sunday October 13th Noon-2:30pm Laser Tag

Practicing God's Love! Defend Your Base! Fun and Fellowship!

Sunday October 6th 5:00-6:30pm Gathering

Dinner, Fellowship, Gratitude/Worries, Ella's Amazing Leadership

Sunday September 29th 5:00-7:00pm Miniature Golf

A beautiful evening of fun golf and ice cream showing love to one another!

Sunday September 22nd Noon-5:30pm Alpine Slide Kickoff Event At Jiminy Peak

We joined the MS for an amazing 80 degree sunny day on the mountain enjoying the beauty of God's Creation! Nice Adventure and who doesn't like ice cream?

Sunday September 15th 10:00am-1:00pm Jonesville UMC Worship Picnic

What a blessed day of connection as youth help lead games during the picnic following outdoor worship.

Sat.-Sun. September 7th-8th 8:30am-11:45am Skye Farm Retreat

Amazing time together! Our group of 19 explored our theme "Flourish" and pondered our vision for the year.

Looking Back at 2018/2019 Season

Saturday-Sunday September 8th-9th 8:30am-11:45am Vision Retreat At Camp Pinnacle

What an amazing weekend we had! Our group of 18 enjoyed much fun and extreme fellowship while focusing on the questions "What is God's Revelational Love" and What is our group's vision for the new season!

Sunday September 16th Noon-5:30pm New Season Kickoff

Our group of 37 (including MS) had a fun filled adventure packed time on the mountain and enjoyed ice cream on the way home!

Sunday September 30th 11:30am-1:30pm Shenantaha Park

What a glorious time as the youth lead and participated in games. Loved our Church Service and Picnic focused on connecting to the Joy as a faith community!

Sunday October 7th 5:00-7:00pm Game Night

Great meal, fun games, and ice cream to top it off

Sunday October 14th Noon-2:30pm Laser Tag

Why does the Alpha vest have secret powers? What an amazing afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Saturday October 20th 3:45-8:30pm Turkey Supper Serving

Way to REPRESENT! Many compliments from the community on the fine serving job by our 17 high school youth!

Sunday October 28th 6:00-8:15pm Haunted Hayride Adventure

14 from our senior high group enjoyed Holiday fun and fellowship! One true Spirit - The Holy Spirit!

Sunday November 4th 5:00-6:30pm Gathering including dinner

Dinner, burping, sharkplane, toilet shooting, girl with rooster, good teens/bad teens bible jeopardy. Nice leadership by Sarah, Kara, Christina!

Saturday November 10th 8:30am-5:00pm Albany District Retreat At Voorheesville UMC

Love Broke Through! Branching out in Love! Amazing Youth Leadership!

Saturday November 17th 9:00am-Noon Sort Food As Part of Scouting For Food Project

Serving by sorting - Helps supply our Shenendehowa Food Pantry at Jonesville UMC. Boy Scouts Are Great!

Saturday November 24th 9:00am-1:00pm Experience Luminaria Spirit!

Our 4 teams did an amazing job. Way to represent to our community!

Saturday December 1st 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria Packing and Distribution

5 teams this week spreading Luminaria Spirit. Letting our light shine! Sharing lunch with the Alpha Team.

Saturday December 8th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria selling continues

7 teams this week spreading love throughout the community. Thanks MaryEllen for the Ziti Lunch!

Saturday December 15th 9:00am-1:00pm Luminaria selling continues

3 teams this week finishing our routes and connecting our community to the Joy!

Monday December 24th 3:45-4:45pm Light Luminaria Around Church

Lighting Christ's Path with 400 Luminaria around our church!

Sunday January 6th 4:00-7:00pm Winter Beach Party

We had 93 participants from 5 Albany District churches celebrate all things summer! Fun and Fellowship sharing God's love! Marshmallow Dodgeball, Beach Ball Volleyball, and much more!

Sunday January 13th Noon-2:30pm Roller Skating

Some things remain unchanged over generations like skating at Guptill's. Old school fun becomes new school!

Saturday January 19th 8:30am - Sunday January 20th 3:30pm Retreat at Marriott Courtyard Saratoga

God's Grace Is Amazing! Our major snow storm couldn't stop us!

Sunday January 27th 5:00-6:30pm Gathering including dinner

Wings, Pizza, Ice Cream, Affirmation, Rae Leads, We Grow, Toxicity Should Be Avoided, Not always that easy!

Sunday February 10th 5:00-7:00pm Game Night

A great joint game night with the Middle School. A delicious meal of homemade Mac and Cheese courtesy of the Hechts!

Tuesday February 19th 5:15-8:00pm City Mission Schenectady Clothes Sorting

Great night of Service, helping to sort Girls and Men's Clothing for the Mission. Lots of fun remembering what Child Sizes are what. A guest appearance by Mike as part of the group of 12.

Sunday February 24th 5:00-6:30pm Gathering Including Dinner

Great fellowship and socializing with the Middle School group before homemade Ziti (Thanks MaryEllen!) and a nutritious salad courtesy of Scott! A symbolic burning of what we offer to God as a deep lesson ensues.

Sunday March 3rd 5:00-7:30pm Movie Night At Hendrickson's House - Always Amazing Time!

Nice discussion of the Movie Juno! 12 students and adults for a great night.

Sunday March 10th 12:50-2:30pm Ice Skating At Clifton Park Arena - Time To Flex Or Not?

18 Students and Adults went ice skating. Minimal flexing on the ice, instead many showings of Agape love- sharing of gloves and helping each other learn to skate!

Sunday March 17th 11:30am-12:30pm Workcamp Mission Table At JUMC Mission Fair

Way to represent one of our important missions of our church!

Saturday March 23rd 3:00-10:00pm Coffee House

What a Party for all ages! Coffee, Desserts, and Entertainment in our transformed Fellowship Hall! Special Shout Out To Emmaus Youth and their Dance Troupe for joining us! PJ - nice youth feast! Over \$1,000 raised toward SH Youth Mission Workcamp Trip in July!

Sunday March 31st 5:00-6:30pm Gathering Including Dinner

Fun and Fellowship! The Prodigal Son and the Salad Bowl Game!

Friday-Sunday April 5th-7th 4:10pm-3:30pm OUTWARD Conference Retreat In Syracuse

Digging Deep and Branching Out - God is Love! We love God how we love others! Fun, Fellowship, Praise Music, Worship, Service, DJ's 18th BD Celebration, Basketball, Peddle Trolley, Park, Great Food, Games, Glow Stick Capture The Flag, Tip It, Gaga Ball, 4-Square, Open Mic, CCYM Leadership, Juggling, Practicing Love!

Sunday April 28th 5:00-7:00pm Game Night

Pizza, Ice Cream, Practicing God's Love, Fun Games

Sunday May 5th 7:00-8:00pm Mission Workcamp Prep Meeting

Youth and Parents gathering to hear about and sign up for our Mission Workcamp Trip June 30th - July 6th to Millersville, MD - May God bless our trip!

Thursday May 9th 4:00-6:00pm Plant Sale Setup

Enjoyed Fellowship as we received a variety of over 6,000 plants and setup Fellowship Hall for Saturday's Sale.

Saturday May 11th 9:00am -1:00pm Plant Sale

Love this community wide event! Connecting over the beauty of God's creation! Way to represent!

Sunday May 19th 5:00-6:30pm Gathering With Dinner

Nice leadership Ella! Leading an exercise on how to study scripture!

Sunday June 2nd 5:00-7:00pm Game Night

Pizza, Ice Cream, Marshmallow Dodgeball By Popular Demand (Middle School takes down Senior High), 4-Square, Apples to Apples, Sardines, Practicing God's Love

Friday June 7th 4:30-7:30pm Serve Dinner At Schenectady City Mission

We served almost 200 meals following our calling to love one another!

Sunday June 9th 12:30-4:30pm Party At Hendrickson's

Thank you MaryEllen and Paul! Amazing Fun, Delicious Food, Extreme Fellowship, Volleyball, Lawn Twister, Ladder Ball, Frisbee Jam, Hot Tub, Dunk Booth, Water Balloons, God's Love All Around!

Sunday June 16th 8:00-10:30am Workcampers serve At Men's Breakfast

We are very grateful for the United Methodist Men that generously donated the proceeds from this breakfast and more to support our Mission Workcamp Trip in two weeks!

Sunday June 23rd 9:00-Noon Youth Service, Workcampers Commissioning

Way To Represent! God's Unfailing Love!

Sunday June 23rd Noon-6:00pm Adirondack Extreme Adventure

High And Extreme!!!! Rewarded with Ice Cream At Martha's Lake George!

Saturday June 22nd 6:00 - 7:00pm Workcampers Pack Vans

Nice Job - Completed in 38 minutes

Sunday June 30th - Saturday July 6th 5:00am -3:00pm Mission Workcamp Trip to Millersville Md

God's Relentless Love! What an amazing fun week of service, growth, and relationship building! Practicing Loving One Another! We are Blessed!

Saturday July 27th 1:00-4:30pm Pool Party At Mehta's

Thank you to Beulah, Manny, Josh, Sarah, and Hannah for welcoming us into their beautiful home! God blessed us with a nice sunny day to enjoy pool and lake fun, basketball, good food, and fellowship! Josh can sure play basketball! We also got to celebrate Mike and Ella's Birthdays! God is Good!

Wednesday August 21st 7:00-8:00pm Skye Farm Retreat Planning

We came up with our theme "Flourish", our Session titles, and broke into follow-up workgroups. May God bless our September 7th-8th Vision Retreat as we look forward to another season of fellowship and growth!

RISSE Backpack Project

On August 8th, 2018 our Senior High MYF assembled about 2,000 school supply items into 100 backpacks/bags. RISSE (Refugee Immigrant Support Service of Emmaus) provides homework help and social services to kids of families in their program. The backpacks are going to these kids in kindergarten through grade 7 fulfilling an important need. In March, the SH youth participated in a rockathon raising \$4,327 toward the project. With an additional \$224 in donations this summer, we were able to purchase \$4,551 in school supplies and backpacks to fulfill the Albany School District requirements for each grade level. The backpacks were presented to the RISSE kids on September 6th, their first day of the new school year. They were received with much excitement and gratefulness! Thanks to everyone who participated or donated to this project!