

YPOG NEWSLETTER

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

New Youth Director – Jenna Bents

Hi, my name is Jenna Bents and I am very excited to join the church staff as Youth Director! I am originally from Windom, MN; graduated with a Physical Education Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern in Orange City, IA. I have worked the past 5 years at the Worthington Area YMCA teaching aerobic classes and working various special, youth and adult events. I also was an administrative assistant there for 1 year.

In 2013, my husband Andrew and I were wed here at St. Matthews. Worthington is his hometown and he has worked for the past 5 years as a Veterinarian for VMC, specializing in Swine. In 2015, my husband and I welcomed our son Samuel to the world. My role switched to being mostly a stay-at-home mom. I love to run ... I ran the Twins City Marathon 9 months after my son was born (and yes he was pushed in the stroller for many of those training miles!) I also enjoy painting, reading, volunteering at the Y, and being in fellowship with other moms and friends at MOPS, mom's group and ECFE.

Going on a run one morning changed my life! I prayed specifically that morning for God to open up a service opportunity for me in the church. I met with Roxie that day and filled in the vacant chaperone position on the New Orleans National Youth Gathering Trip. I came back on fire for these kids! I started coming on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings to be with the kids. One thing led to another (God putting the pieces together) and here I am ... the new Youth Director for St. Matthews. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the youth and their families in the months to come! My Email – stmattyouth@frontiernet.net

Calendar of Events

Nov 2.	Youth Group (5:30-7:30 pm)
Nov. 2	Parent's Meeting 5:30 PM at church
Nov. 6	Worship & Sunday School
Nov. 6	Harvest Dinner
Nov. 9	Youth Group
Nov. 13	Worship & SS
Nov. 16	Youth Group
Nov. 20	Worship & SS
Nov. 20	Youth Bake Sale
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Nov. 27	Worship – NO SS
Nov. 30	Youth Group with Service Project

Service Central

- *Nov. 6 – Youth are needed to help with the Harvest Dinner
- *The last Wed. of every month during Youth Group there will be a Service Project.
- *Nov. 20 – Youth will be having a bake sale as a fundraiser for summer mission trip. More details to come!

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THANK YOU to ALL who supported the youth HOAGIE FUNDRAISER. Thanks also to those youth who gave their Wednesday afternoon to serve and the adults who helped. A special thank you to Kim for organizing and ordering all of the food to make the hoagies.

Worship & Sunday School:

Youth, we want to see you in worship on Sundays!
Join us at 8:00am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Contemporary).

Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the youth room. We hope to see you there! We are working through a series on discipleship titled Believe.

Wednesday Night Youth

Come and join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Youth Room. We will eat great food, enjoy Christian fellowship and a time to share!

Hy-Vee and Fareway Cards

The Youth are continually selling Hy-Vee and Fareway gift cards. The cards are sold dollar for dollar and our youth receive money for each card sold. These funds help support our ministry and upcoming mission trips. Our youth will be selling them on Sunday mornings (after early service, during coffee hour and before 2nd service). You can also stop in the church office during the week.

Youth – We need you to sell Hy-Vee and Fareway cards on Sunday mornings! This is an excellent fundraiser for us. There will be a sign-up sheet in the youth room to sign-up for Sundays to sell.

YPOGS Parent Meeting:

When: Wednesday November 2nd

Time: 5:30 PM

Where: Church Basement (Dinner will be provided)

Why: To go over 2016/2017 calendar, discuss upcoming summer mission trip, fill out parental consent forms, update contact information, etc.

Please get a hold of Jenna if you can't attend or miss the meeting. Thanks!

Jr. High Social Event:

All 5th-8th grade youth are invited for a fun night of games, pizza, swimming (optional: bring proper attire) and fellowship at the YMCA on Friday November 11th 6:00-9:00pm. Bring friends along!