

# YOUTH NEWS

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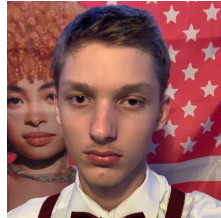
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## The Adult Team



Pastor Golden

## Featured Youth



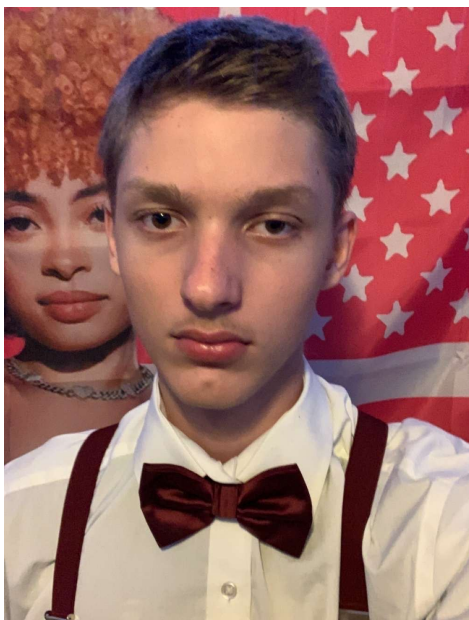
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### Pastor Golden



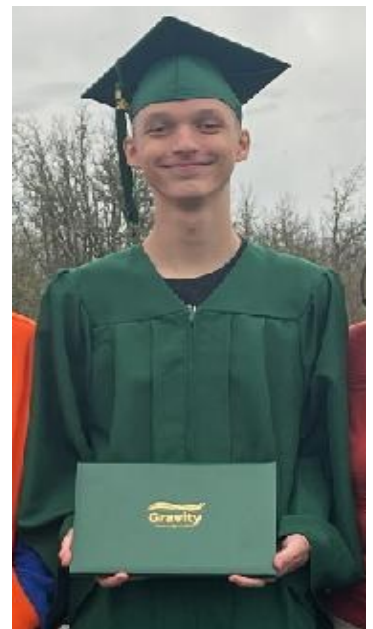
We have had a number of starts and stops with our youth over the past few months. They are getting older and are taking on more responsibility in their lives—Yay. It is our hope to provide them the space and the support as they transition into adulthood. Sometimes this requires different types of interaction to maintain contact. There are times when that interaction is over the phone or brief conversations at their place of work. Our in-person meetings still offer opportunities for dialog, food, and faithful content. In this newsletter, there will be information on up-coming youth events. Some of the opportunities will be located at the church and others will be off-site.

### Devin Wilkinson

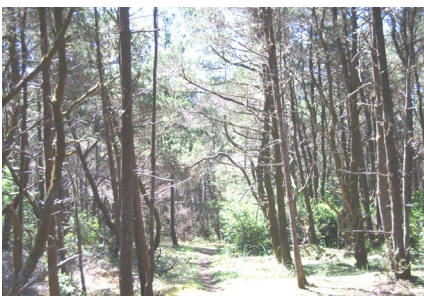


Hello my name is Devin. I am 17 years old and I've been coming to this church for about 2 years now and I've lived in Rochester for over 10 years now. Before that I lived in Olympia and I was born in Aberdeen. Something I am passionate about is aviation and a game I spend to much time on is Warthunder which, is a military simulation game with several different nations and 100s of different tanks, planes, and boats from across several decades from early world war to all the way up to modern day.

Devin has graduated from Gravity with his GED in December. We look forward to honoring his achievement.



### Summer Camp 2025



Summer camp time is quickly approaching. One of the greatest experiences of being a youth is the opportunity to get away from home and spending time with other youth. All four of our United Methodist camps have open registration. All of our camps have passed the standards of the American Camping Association and offer a variety of housing and outdoor activities. Our campers range from those entering grades 1-13 with adult and family offerings. Our camps embrace the diverse tapestry of our community, we celebrate inclusivity and a shared journey towards spiritual growth. Participating youth come from various locations across our state. Some youth have attended camps for many years and for others it will be their first time. **Mailed with this newsletter is a list of available camps including dates and costs.** The camps want to make accessibility to anyone who wants to come. Most of the camps have discounts for **early registration (March 31st)** and scholarships available if this is a hardship for your family. The Rochester church also has funds to assist with registration cost. For more information on our camps and to register go to this website: [www.pnwcamps.org/](http://www.pnwcamps.org/)

**Safety Awareness Training:** The United Methodist Church requires that four local church leaders be trained each year on how to prevent abuse to vulnerable persons. This training requires a background check and online training using **MinistrySafe**. All of our adults working with youth have had this training and this is a requirement for all staff and volunteers at United Methodist Camps and facilities.

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## Meals



Each meeting we have a meal. We are grateful for our volunteers who provide meals for our meetings each month. Our cooks have been Rhoda Vandehey, Alice Flegel, and Amber Kitchen. Our youth recently signed cards thanking our cooks for their dedicated service to our tummies. We are sad that Amber Kitchen has changed employment and will not be providing meals for us at this time. We are also thankful for the monetary contributions that support the "carbonation" fund. These donations supplement the food, snacks and beverages that we provide.

## Movie Night



Another opportunity for youth and their families is Friday movie night. This has been going on for a few months. On the first Friday of the month the church hosts a free movie night open to the public. Previous movies have been "The Wild Robot," "The Polar Express," "Inside Out2," and "Mouna2." The doors open at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7pm in our worship room. Free popcorn is available, as well as a discounted meal package for \$5. Food items available: hot dogs, chips, candy, and soda. There are plenty of soft chairs and the carpeted floor is open for blankets. See you at the movies.

## Bible Challenge



### Know Jesus Project

Memorization is a way to internalize a message. Memorizing Bible verses internalizes God's Word. Memorizing the Beatitudes internalizes Jesus's key message. Internalizing God's message is a way to know Jesus intimately.

The Know Jesus Project encourages kids and youth to memorize the Beatitudes. Encouragement includes a **\$50 reward** for memorizing. No strings attached.

How it works:

The task is to memorize the Beatitudes Bible passage "True Happiness" from Matthew 5:3-14. You can choose any Bible translation.

If you want to team up with another person and memorize half the passage that works just as well. Jesus encourages us to be in community with other believers.

When you are ready, you can recite the passage in person or by zoom. Make arrangements by contacting Carrie at [godsmoneyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:godsmoneyfoundation@gmail.com).

Upon completion your **youth group will receive \$50 for each person** that is able to memorize the Beatitudes.

Enjoy the fruits of memorizing Jesus's words.

## Youth Overnighter



God continually meets us at the crossroads of our lives with a plan to change us and the world.

Join youth from across Western Washington at Kent UMC on April 5- 6 for a 24 hour retreat full of fun, faith, and good food. You'll make new friends and discover where in your life God wants to meet up!

**What:** Overnight Youth Event for Youth Groups in the PNW Conference

**When:** from Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM to Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM

**Where:** Kent United Methodist Church, 11010 SE 248<sup>th</sup> St. • Kent, WA 98030

**Cost:** \$10 per person Dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday will be provided by the host church. Please bring non-nut snacks to share. If you want to attend, contact Pastor Golden @ (206) 653-6810 or [goldshop11@hotmail.com](mailto:goldshop11@hotmail.com).

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