

Registration

Registration deadlines are two weeks prior to the start of each camp. Space is limited so don't delay! Contact the camp director for specific questions concerning your camp.

Scholarships

Scholarships up to 75% of the total camp fee are available for Retreat House camp weeks. The camper provides 25% or greater toward their full registration fee. Contact Rev. Sandy Dodson for more information.

Camp Leadership

Camp directors, cooks and counselors are members of the congregation experienced in working with children and youth. All the directors and most of the counselors have had prior leadership roles with CCC summer camp. All directors complete a camp leadership orientation. We follow Safe Church practices which are guidelines and mandates for respectful and appropriate conduct. There is a designated first aid responder at each camp. Swimming and tubing is supervised by a qualified lifeguard.

i thank you god for most this amazing day;

*for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a
blue true dream of sky;*

*and for everything which is natural which is
infinite which is yes.*

e.e. cummings

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2008

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Summer Outdoor Ministries

Overnight Resident Camping



Christ Congregational Church
loves to pray and play together!
We believe that the best way to learn
about God's world is to be actively
engaged in it. CCC outdoor
ministries provide unique
opportunities to explore ourselves,
creation and their sacred union.

Camping at the Retreat House Property

This summer things are changing for our Retreat House camping program. We are continuing our evolution into being a destination for spiritual renewal and community building. We have outgrown the Retreat House for safe, code compliant overnight sleeping.

This summer's youth campers and counselors will stay in large platform tents using bunks or cots. The tents will be located in areas near the Retreat House. The Bunkhouse will also be utilized. The Retreat House has been modified to include one downstairs bedroom for adult volunteers. The upstairs rooms are activity areas for crafts, games, and conversation. The kitchen and dining room will remain the hub for meals.

The CCC Retreat House is located near Yellow spring, WVA on 54 acres of rolling farmland. The nearby Cacapon River provides tubing, variable water hikes, (depending on rainfall and season), and a swimming hole. The surrounding mountains offer hiking and plenty of beautiful scenery.



What Happens at Camp

Summer Camp at the Retreat House property means learning about and living in Christian community. Christ bids us to love one another, to serve one another, to be forgiving of one another, and to care for all God's creation. Each day campers take this command to heart as we share the blessed ordinary and extraordinary together. Mornings are generally a time of activity oriented bible study. In large and small groups, campers link scripture with their own lives, discovering that Christian faith is alive in the here and now. The afternoons and evenings are filled with age appropriate games, crafts, hikes, campfires, rest and reflection. Daily worship highlighting the religious theme of the day is planned and led by the campers.

This summer's program theme is *Handle With Care*. Based on curriculum from the National Council of Churches, each day unwraps a dimension of our relationship with the earth and God. Our faith, our God and our world are relationship oriented. So too is summer camp! This year's camps will explore what relationship looks and feels like through focusing on creation. Daily themes, stewardship, simplicity, the web of life, conservation, and eco-justice connect with practicing trust, making choices, valuing life, honoring relationships and loving God.

Camp Dates 2008

Senior High Camp. July 6—12
Youth completing 9th-12th grades.
Gather for some well deserved time with friends playing and praying away from life in the fast lane. Whether this is your first or tenth summer at the Retreat House, you will love the opportunity to "unplug". There's nothing like a week of letting God do the talking while we do the listening.

Director: Chris Walters
Registration Deadline 6/22/08 Fee: \$200



Middle School Camp. July 13—19
Youth completing 6th-8th grades
And God said, "This is GOOD!" We are going to create a world in 7 days in which everyone is valued and celebrated. Come join the chaos of creation as we explore God's world together.

Co-Directors: Sandy Dodson and Cory Gray
Registration Deadline 6/29/08 Fee: \$200



Elementary School Camp. July 20—26
Youth completing grades 3rd-5th.
Bring a friend and meet new friends! Discover the fun of doing things together—things like crafts, hikes, dishes, swimming, and singing! Discover the fun of being outdoors, listening to what God has to say

Co-Directors: Kathie McConnell,
Anne Nicotera, and Stephanie Helsing
Registration Deadline 7/6/08 Fee: \$200