



Shepherdstown United Methodist Church
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Dear Parents,

On **July 28** through **August 1** the youth at Shepherdstown United Methodist Church will be traveling to Camp Greene Hills in Alexandria, PA for **IMPACT 2010**. IMPACT is a Christian youth festival where about a thousand junior - and senior-high aged students come together to worship God, to fellowship with each other, to learn more about Jesus Christ, to be challenged to take their faith deeper, and to have fun the entire time! IMPACT is a powerful event that is run by Salt 'n Light youth ministries. You can visit www.snlym.com to find out more about this organization, as well as information on the event.

Each day of IMPACT consists of morning worship, afternoon seminars, and evening worship and concerts, all occurring outdoors. There are contemporary Christian bands, dance teams, and dramas. During free times youth play games, hang out, and depending on the weather visit the creek.. IMPACT is a camping experience and as such it is completely devoid of all technology. There is no internet, TV, and video games. Students are not allowed to take any electronic items (i.e. cell phones, mp3 players, etc) Don't worry though parents, the adults will have cell phones the youth can use if needed and you will have those numbers to contact us. The best thing about IMPACT is that it takes kids away from what they think is important and allows them the time to concentrate on what should be most important. The youth don't have a chance to miss their electronics because they will be having a ton of fun!

The kids had a blast last year. There is always room for chaperones, so talk to Amanda if you are interested. One of the awesome things about IMPACT that was different last year is that we are staying in an area with showers and electric. So even though we are in tents, we are able to be clean (well most of the time!).

It is only May, however we need to have the youth signed up as soon as possible. The spots are on a first come, first serve status. We have a limited number of spots. There is a chance we can get more tickets, but there is no guarantee. In order to sign up, your youth will need to let Amanda know and give her \$40. This will include the youth's ticket. The day we leave, another \$10 will be due in order to cover food costs. That is only \$50 total!!! The actual cost of the event is well over \$100 but the church is covering the rest. What a deal! The other cool thing is that there are adults who are willing to sponsor a youth to go. So if you don't have the money, no sweat! Just talk to Amanda and the only people who will know you didn't pay is Amanda and you.

If you have any questions at all, please ask. No question is unimportant. This event will be a blast. If your youth has any reservations about going, have them invite a friend. Just remember, though, friends need to be signed up asap as well. If you have concerns, want to come along, or just want to chat please contact Amanda. All the contact info is at the bottom. There will be a parent/youth information meeting about two weeks before the event so you get all the contact information and the packing list.

*Please note: If your student is attending Impact, they will be required to fill at least one two-hour spot at Jubilee Day on June 17th. The youth are selling pretzel sandwiches in order to defray costs for their summer activities. If your youth can not attend, you must let Amanda know when signing your youth up for Impact. Other arrangements can be made if your family is away that week.

Thank you for considering letting your youth go to this event that could very well change their life!

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