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Greetings and Peace to All,

“For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

These words from the Apostle Paul, written to the young church in Ephesus (*Eph. 2:8-10, NRSV*), give us grounding and inform our theme for the 2021/2022 Young Adult Ministry program year, “***Created for Good***” Throughout the past year (plus), headlines and supper conversations have been dominated by ‘bad news.’ Pandemic woes, economic recovery versus recession, racial tensions and riots and protests and monuments... It’s often hard to hear the good through all the noise.

This year, we will celebrate and praise God remembering that we were each “***Created for Good***”, recalling Paul’s words from our theme scripture for the year (*Eph. 2: 8-10*) with a full calendar of activities and ministry opportunities designed to help us witness to God’s wondrous creation. With the launch of our brand-new weekly Young Adult Sunday School class, we’ll track with Pastor Patrick’s sermons in scripture theme, learning along with the whole church while being in our own, recently renovated Sunday school room (Chill Room). Regular fellowship events (happy hour, breakfast) will provide an opportunity for us to cover a variety of topics and activities, with special focus on mission, fellowship, and spiritual development. We also experience many outdoor events, such as **hiking, ice skating, apple-picking**, as well as other items not yet on our calendar. Service is big on our agenda this year, from planning **mission opportunities** to serving meals at the Valley Mission and beyond. A complete calendar of events is included in your packet today.

My goal for the upcoming year is to aid in your development into the most faithful, knowledgeable, servant-leader disciple you can be. Whether you are a college student, a young parent, married or single - this ministry is here for you.

Let us not forget, as we move into a new year of opportunities to serve, fellowship, and love one another, that we have each been “***Created for Good.***”

We are what He has made us. *Thanks be to God!*

Blessings always,

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