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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 Youth 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 re-launch of our weekly Sunday School classes, 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 rooms. Weekly Youth Group meetings will 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**, not to mention the recreation that will take place at the church throughout our regular meetings. Service is big on our agenda this year, from planning **mission opportunities** to serving meals at the Valley Mission and beyond. And perhaps most exciting are the **retreats, lock-ins, parties, and field trips** planned throughout the seasons ahead. A complete calendar of events is included in your packet today.

My goal for the upcoming year is to further develop the most amazing young faithful, knowledgeable, servant-leader disciples possible - **and you can help!** Please **fill out the Participation/Registration form (front and back!) and the COVID-19 Notice Acknowledgment form, and return them** to me as soon as possible so that I can order your child(ren) t-shirts and count on their involvement for the year ahead.

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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Families of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Youth Ministries,

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Tinkling Spring is working hard to provide the very best in ministry experiences for your children while also making safe and healthy accommodations and recommendations for all. For this reason, each participating family must read and understand our policies regarding health etiquette, hygiene, and care for ourselves and others, then return a signed acknowledgement form for our records.

Our Youth Participation Policy states: (Please INITIAL after each item)

- Anyone presenting symptoms of fever, sore throat, body aches, or otherwise ill should NOT attend events until symptom-free for 24 hours. _____
- Unvaccinated participants must have a face covering and wear it when indoors within 6 feet of one another until such a time as this policy is rescinded. _____
- All participants must practice safe social distancing and hygiene measures, trusting that the program activities will be designed and modified to allow for such distancing. _____

By signing below, I affirm the following statements:

- 1. I have read, understand, and covenant to abide by these policies set forth for Youth Ministry activities sponsored Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.**
- 2. I will agree to hold Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church and it's Staff (including volunteers), Elders, and Deacons faultless should anyone in my family contract any infectious disease from an event sponsored by Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church.**

(Name - Signed)

(Date)

(Name - Printed)

Please list all family participants in the program:

(Child)

(Child)

(Child)

(Child)