



**Generosity 2026:
Growing
In
Faithfulness &
Thanksgiving**

Our MPC Youth, Families, and Leaders
Their Own Words
about Growing in Faith

MPC Youth Planning Retreat

A newer tradition with our youth program is having a retreat at Massanetta Springs in January to begin planning for Youth Sunday worship.

At our winter retreat, the last evening has become one of my favorite peaceful moments with the youth. Hannah sets up prayer stations where she weaves our Youth Sunday theme into meditative stations. A fire burns in the darkened candlelit room... utter peace.

- Sarah Rimer (Youth Leader)



Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

MPC Youth know how fortunate they are to have the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in their own backyards. Our middle schoolers have long loved the middle school conference.

The advocates [high school aged leadership] always have energy and always include everyone. I saw God in the way that they lead us.

- Avery Scheidt (7th grade)

Each year there is a noticeable change in the relationships among the middle school youth who attend the conference. The immersive and energetic environment fosters the kind of bonds that can be difficult to form anywhere else.

- Gus Scheidt (Youth Parent and Leader)



Montreat High School Conference

Our youth have participated in the Montreat High School Conference annually since 2022

Every worship service at Montreat is full of joy and praise. It brings everyone together and closer to God. - Riley Scheidt (12th grade)

During the candlelight service (we had to do it inside), it was lightning and thundering which really lit the place up. It was like God was present with us. - Ainsley Hargens (12th grade)



Summer Mission Trips

In the last few years, our youth have participated in summer mission trips to Baja, Mexico, Asheville, NC, and Craigsville, VA. Here are some reflections on the 2025 Baja Trip.

I saw God's spark in the eyes of people we helped, and how they lit up when they realized they mattered. - Paige Hargens (10th grade)

On the Baja mission trip, I saw God at work in ways I didn't expect. I saw Him soften hearts—including my own—as people stepped out of their comfort zones to serve others. I saw God move through relationships, even when language barriers made communication difficult. Cultural differences, and unfamiliar surroundings didn't stop real connection. Smiles, shared meals, prayer, and simple acts of service became a common language. It reminded me that love doesn't need words. I saw God in the joy of the community we served, there was generosity, gratitude, and faith. - Paul Weve, parent of Emma (11th grade)



I saw so many smiles and joyful interactions that came from spreading God's Word. I was able to see a group of people from places all around the world join in worship. This led to so many new connections and friendships, creating an experience we will remember forever. - Hannah Markowitz (11th grade)

God is at work in the people who live and worship Him in Baja. They do not have modern conveniences we have at home. They often don't have the basic necessities we take for granted every day. However, the joy in their worship and praise was overwhelming. - Kelli Roberts, parent of Grace (11th) and Avery (8th grade)



God of Abundance, help me to be intentionally generous, growing in faithfulness and thanksgiving.