

WINTER 2012

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

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## WHAT A BLESSING!

It's time for a bit of trivia. **Question 1:** Who became famous for her ability to turn those massive block-letters (back when they were actually turned and not digital) on the classic game show, Wheel of Fortune?

**Question 2:** What is the newest member in the family of Student Ministries Transportation? The answer... VANna White! (See what we did there?)

Thanks to a generous donation, St. Stephen's Student Ministries was able to purchase a 2010 Ford 15-passenger van (see photos below). We can't express enough how grateful we are to the anonymous giver of this incredible gift. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will afford the ministry. For larger trips, we currently have to spend hundreds of dollars in van rentals. Owning two vans will eliminate this added cost and allow us to put those funds toward reducing trip prices for students.

Also, this couldn't have come at a better time. Our current van has been faithful for many, many years, but is obviously aging. VANna has given us a rejuvenation of excitement and a much younger face to the travel fleet (Did you see that shiny, sparkly grill?) Be sure to read the bulleted list noting a few of the great features of this new beauty.

Again, we are sincerely thankful for this incredible gift and the positive ways it will affect the way St. Stephen's does ministry. We are looking forward to all the future trips and memories with VANna.

God Bless,

**Doug Raeder**

*Director of Student Ministries*



### **VANna White features:**

- 2010 Ford
- Seats 15 comfortably
- Cleaner, comfier, safer
- More spacious
- All-around way more awesome!

# Senior High Calendar of Events

*Sunday School and Cellar resume January 8, 2012.*

*Student Worship resumes January 15, 2012.*

## Student Worship

Student worship is a service designed with Senior High students in mind. We have a great worship band, some funny videos and messages crafted just for you. Sundays, 11:15 a.m. on the third floor of the Henning House.

## Cellar

This is a time of fellowship, good conversation in small groups, fun games and powerful worship. Don't miss out. Sundays, 6:15 to 8 p.m. in Promise Land.

## Sunday School

Meet on the Second floor of the Henning house for a time to meet, share and learn. Sundays, 10:15 to 11 a.m.

## Breakfast @ Bruegger's

Tuesday mornings before school, 6:45 to 7:30 a.m. Grab some coffee, have a bagel and let's chat! We will give rides to school if you need them.

## Rooted

Rooted is a group of students committed to seeking God. We spend time learning about God's plans for our lives, while taking a serious look into what our faith means and how to grow in our relationship with God. Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## Lent Dinner

During the Season of Lent we will share a meal together on Wednesday nights then transition to our **Rooted** program. Please bring something to share. Wednesdays, February 29 to March 28.

## College Transition Class

All current seniors are invited to the second floor of the Henning House for conversations about the transition from high school to college. Please join us as we help you prepare for the fall. Sunday morning, 10:15 to 11 a.m., March 4, 11 and 18.

## Center for Hope Meals

We will serve meals at The Center for Hope in Ambridge on January 19 and February 16. Meet at the church at 4 p.m.

## Talent Show

During the dark days of February let your star shine as we laugh and enjoy the church Talent Show. Contact Doug if you have a talent to share and would like more information.

## Ski Trip

On January 27 thru 29, we will be staying at Laurelville Retreat Center and traveling to Hidden Valley for a day of skiing. The cost is \$165, which includes transportation, housing, most meals, lift tickets, rentals, and lessons



(if needed). This year is going to be AWESOME! Only **28 spots available** so make sure you sign up early!

## Senior High Girls Retreat

Come on a weekend just for the girls. Don't worry, girls always have more fun! Cost TBA. February ????

## Man vs. the Wild

A weekend of man camping April 27 to 29. Who knows what kind of crazy things we will do or explore. All high school guys welcome. Cost TBA

## Stay Connected

Check us out online at [www.facebook.com/seniorhighministry](http://www.facebook.com/seniorhighministry).



# Middle School Calendar of Events

## Weekly Events

After Christmas break, Pulse and Sunday School resume Sunday, January 8, and Wed. Night Bible Study resumes Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

## Pulse

Awesome people, crazy games, tasty treats and a challenging lesson – if you can handle it all, join us Sunday nights from 6:15 to 8 in the Henning House.

## Sunday School

How does the Sunday lesson make sense in my life? We'll figure it out together with a creative activity and discussion on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Do you want an even deeper look at scripture and faith? Wednesday Bible studies provide a more intimate setting to learn about Jesus' "Good News" for us. The night begins as one group for a time of fun and a snack. We then divide into smaller gender-specific groups for our study. Expect to be challenged!

## Welcome Back Bash

To help bring in the New Year, we're hosting a Middle School dance on Friday, January 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. Complete with awesome tunes and dazzling lights, it is sure to be a hit! Cost is \$3 and refreshments will be provided. Invite all your friends!

## Ski Trip

We're once again hitting the slopes! We'll be heading to Hidden Valley the weekend of February 10 to 12 for three days of powder-packed fun. Price is TBD. Stay tuned for more details.

## Spring Retreat

Wanna get away? Join us March 9 to 11 when we head back to Seneca Hills Bible Camp for our annual Spring Retreat. We'll spend time having fun and growing together in our understanding of God and our relationship with Him. Cost is \$150.

## Revolve Tour

Revolve Tour is coming to the Burgh on Saturday, March 17. This event is open to all girls. We will hear great speakers and rock out to great bands. We will leave at 7:45 a.m. and be home around 5 p.m. The cost is \$65, which only covers admission. You will be responsible for lunch

## Friday Night Flick

Our movie nights have been great, so we're keeping them coming! On January 27 and March 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., we'll be showing a film on the big screen on the third floor of the Henning House. Cost is free, so bring a friend and your favorite snack. Movie selection is TBD. Fun is guaranteed.



## Outdoor Adventures

We want to fulfill all your exciting, outdoor wants and desires. Stay tuned for more information on climbing, fishing, and hiking trips. God gave us the outdoors – we're going to enjoy them!

## Confirmation Class

This year's class will begin March 18 and run through Confirmation Sunday, June 3. The goal of the class is to educate students on fundamental Christian truths so they can personally confirm the vows that were made for them in baptism. Students from eighth grade up who wish to be confirmed this spring should talk with Seth Zimmerman.

## Stay connected!

Check us out online at [www.facebook.com/middleschoolministry](http://www.facebook.com/middleschoolministry), or e-mail Seth or Kevin for more information or questions.



## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6 Welcome Back Bash	7			1	2	3	4	
8 Cellar Pulse	9	10 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	11	12	13 Girls of Grace	14	5 Cellar Pulse	6	7 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	8 Routed Bible Study	9	10 Ski Trip	11
15 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	16	17 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	18 Routed Bible Study	19 Center for Hope	20	21	12 Student Worship Cellar Ski Trip	13	14 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	15 Routed Bible Study	16 Center for Hope	17	18
22 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	23	24 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	25 Routed Bible Study	26	27 Ski Trip Night at the Movies	28	19 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	20	21 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	22 Routed Bible Study	23	24	25
29 Ski Trip Pulse	30	31 Breakfast @ Bruegger's					26 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	27	28 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	29 Routed Bible Study			

The goal of St. Stephen's student ministries is to produce spiritually maturing adolescents, who are fulfilling the Great Commission as they reflect Christ to those they encounter

## MARCH

## APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		Breakfast @ Bruegger's	Routed Bible Study	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4 Student Worship Cellar Sp. Retreat	5	6 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	7 Routed Bible Study	8	9 Spring Retreat	10	8 Student Worship Cellar	9	10 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	11 Routed Bible Study	12 Baby Raeder Due	13	14
11 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	12	13 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	14 Routed Bible Study	15	16	17 Revolve Tour	15 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	16	17 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	18 Routed Bible Study	19	20	21
18 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	19	20 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	21 Routed Bible Study	22	23 Night at the Movies	24	22 Student Worship Cellar Pulse	23	24 Breakfast @ Bruegger's	25 Routed Bible Study	26	27	28
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Red = Senior High event    Blue = Middle School event    Purple = Both Sr. Hi and Middle School event