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OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



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Making a place for All God's Children

Our annual "All God's Children" camp, for children of incarcerated parents, is just around the corner! Nov. 3-5, Overlook will welcome up to 30 campers to enjoy the love of caring mentors as we celebrate harvest, Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays, and more! A counselor, a prison chaplain, and a juvenile parole officer from our community will come to offer strategies to deal with angry feelings, share what a day in prison is actually like, and talk about how to avoid entanglements with gangs and other trouble.

In partnership with caring donors, we provide campers with everything they need for this weekend. They receive linens, pillows, toiletries, and many gifts of agape love! If you'd like to partner with us in this amazing ministry, give us a call. We can provide you with a current list of needs to preparing the space for these special children.

If you know a child who would benefit from this ministry (must be 2nd-6th grade, no exceptions, and have at least one parent currently incarcerated), please contact the camp office for a registration form. Spaces are limited so don't delay! (540) 269-2267



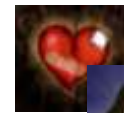
Walk to the Manger and Family Winter Soiree

SATURDAY, December 16th, let us bring the story of Christmas to life for you and your family! As you arrive at camp, the Roman soldiers will direct you to the census-takers in Bethlehem. You'll be recruited by a shepherd to help find some missing sheep, but your mission might get side-tracked when angels appear to tell you the Good News. The crisp night air will be filled with the sounds of the stable animals as you search out the holy family and find the precious Savior. Continue your journey past three kings and help point them toward the treasure they seek.

Adventures begin continuously between 6 and 8pm and last roughly 35 to 40 minutes. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This experience is **FREE** and is our Christmas gift to our community!



Want to continue your Christmas experience? After your journey through Bethlehem, bring the whole family to stay in a room at Blessings Lodge (4 twin beds per room, feel free to bring what is needed for additional children to sleep on the floor). Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while we share in Christmas songs and games around the table. A pancake breakfast will be served Sunday morning. You'll be on your way by 9am. Register online. **\$75 per room and breakfast for the whole family.**



Wounded Hearts, Healing Love

December 1-3

Have the circumstances of life returned you to singleness, perhaps through separation, divorce, or death.

Plan now to join us for a special time apart with other singles as we explore the trials, the hurts, and the loneliness of being single again, and search for the road leading to healing and wholeness.

\$105.00 per person (some financial assistance available). More info and registration found online at:

www.campoverlook.org

You will make some wonderful new friends, but the weekend is not a time to seek or start new dating relationships.

Every Church has someone who has experienced recently becoming single again. Give them some encouragement and support and send them to this healing weekend!

Paul Bunyan Day

Calling all lumberjacks and willing workers. We need your help on **Saturday, Nov 11** between 8:30 am and lunch (lunch provided) to stock up wood to warm winter buildings and hearts who are meeting God on the mountain at Overlook.

We encourage you to bring your own equipment and work gloves as Overlook has a limited supply. Please let us know to expect you so we can adequately prepare for lunch!



Upcoming Events:

Women's Emmaus	Oct. 12-15
All God's Children Camp	Nov 3-5
Paul Bunyan Day	Nov 11
Wounded Hearts	
Healing Love	Dec 1-3
Walk to the Manger	Dec 16
Winter Camp Soiree	Dec 16-17

Help Wanted:

Overlook continues to be in need of additional kitchen help - both cooks and servers/dishwashers.

Given our need for staff is mostly on weekends and always dependent on the need of our groups, our cook positions are best suited for someone with full-time employment who would like to make some additional income, or a retired person looking for some spending cash.

Our server/dishwasher positions are well-suited for high school and college students because the hours are flexible.



United Methodist Women's Christmas Banquet

Monday, December 4th, at Blessings Lodge.

The Lodge will be ready for Christmas with a nativity, a beautiful tree, and subtle instrumental music with familiar carols.

Gather for fellowship around the punch bowl and then settle in for a delicious, festive holiday meal. Everything is included, from the punch bowl to dessert. \$15.25 per person

Enjoy a time of contemplation and singing with the Overlook staff as we reflect on the meaning of the season.

This event is open to all UMW groups so space is limited. Make reservations for your group today!



Faith Cabin Renovations Continue!

After weather-related hurdles last spring, and the need to halt construction during the summer camp season, we are finally able to continue the Faith Cabin renovations. Plumbing is installed and we are ready for the concrete floor to be poured. Many thanks to Mike Miller, Stan Michael, John Packard, and Dana Armentrout for their hard work in pushing this project along. So much of what we are able to accomplish at Overlook is thanks to our wonderful volunteers!



Overlook Summer Camp Parent Survey

We are getting ready to create the programs for summer 2018 and we want to hear from you, as parents/guardians of school-age children! Please complete this short survey by email before October 10th.

1. School grade of your child(ren)?
2. Church and District?
3. What do you find most attractive in a summer program for your child? What do you think a faith-based experience should include?
4. If your child has attended a Camp Overlook summer program in the past, do you feel the curriculum format of LIVING OUT the Scriptures is an effective method of sharing the love of Christ with your child?
5. If you are a parent/guardian of an upper elementary- age camper, would you prefer to send them for a whole-week program, a half-week program, or a day-camp program? Why?
6. What, if anything, makes you anxious about sending your child to a camp?
7. If you are the parent/guardian of a middle or high school-age camper, what adventure opportunities would you like them to have?

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the many individuals and churches who contribute financially to the ministry of Overlook! We couldn't do it without your help!

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January 5-6, 2018
Annual Tri-District UMM Retreat at Blessings Lodge

