

youth news

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This year, I've been given a crash course in a thing known as snow. I had my first snow driving experience last year on the day of the inauguration. I remember being very nervous about driving. I asked my colleagues from the North for tips and tricks. We probably spent an hour talking about how to drive in the snow and how no one "down south" knew how to drive in it.

This winter, I've driven in two big snows. The most recent of which is apparently the most snow this area has gotten in at least 10 years. But unlike my first snow-drive, this year, I had confidence that I could do it. Sometimes, the first time we set out on a new task it is a little scary. We get nervous and might focus on what we "don't know" or "can't do." As we practice, we get more confident in our abilities and we gain one of the most important features of growth—EXPERIENCE. The next time you are asked to pray at youth group, to participate in a discussion, or take a look at a new book of the Bible remember that once you've tried it, it gets easier. Just like I never thought I could drive in a snowstorm and learned to do so, you can learn new spiritual practices and forms of prayer. As you try new things, you will gain experience, and the tasks will come easier to you.

As I look out the window at the end of this big snow storm, after the weekend of being stuck in Richmond on our youth trip, I see this white blanket that quiets the winter and that makes us slow down from our busy pace. It reminds me of how much I have grown and that this new experience will help me in the future. I challenge you today to try something new!

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner February 16th 5:30-7:00

Join the United Methodist Men in this pancake fundraiser. The Youth and UMM will split the profits. After the Pancake supper, head over to the Celebration Center for the Upward Basketball awards ceremony and closing celebration. This event includes a comedian, so don't miss out! You will receive a call to help with this fundraiser, please sign up!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

March 7, April 11, May 2 Potato Bars Fundraiser
March 26-28 Beach Retreat
April 4th Easter Sunrise Service
April 16-18 District Retreat
April 30 Open Mic Night
June 20-24 Surge Week at Lake Junaluska
July 5-10 Operation 757 (Mission Week 2010)

*Have you invited a
friend to youth group
lately?*

RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

-Hebrews 12:1-2