

Church camp is truly a magical place. A place to go swimming, to go horseback riding, or to make smores around a campfire. It's a place where your daughter could design her own clothing line or your son could participate in extreme rock climbing. Camp Wanake, Asbury, and Aldersgate could be one of the best experiences in their life.

Church Camp is still one of my favorite memories. It gave me the ability to meet new friends, get away from mom and dad for a week, and pick up new skills. Something that is special about Church Camp is that they have tailored individual programs to fit everyone's idea of a good time. For example, if your kid is interested in the outdoors, they could enroll in the ultimate adventure camp. If the outdoors isn't really their thing, there is a video games camp offered. I can guarantee they have the perfect summer program for your needs; in fact, I dare you to find the perfect summer camp by picking up a brochure after the service.

Not only do camps vary in their agenda but they also vary in their length. There are weeklong camps and three day long camps. So if you or your kid is hesitant about a week long camp there are shorter options. However, I will warn you, in second grade my parents sent me to a shorter camp and when I got in the car at the end of the week, I was upset that they didn't sign me up for a week long session. I had so much fun that I wanted to stay longer!

While the camps may vary in length or interest type, a capstone of every option is the Church aspect of Church Camp. In a world where we are constantly surrounded by technology, it is nice to get away and to experience God through nature. Church camp is one of the pivotal points in my relationship with Christ.

One barrier that stops many kids from going to camp is the cost. Faith United Methodist Church believes so much in the power of church camp that we have multiple scholarships available to help alleviate the costs. Do not let financial difficulties hold you back from a life changing experience! Pick up a scholarship application today! Also, if anyone feels called to support our Camp scholarship fund, please contact Kathy Schmuker or Kathy Myers. The deadline for early registration and scholarships is May 1st. See Kathy Schmuker or Kathy Myers for more information.

Now that you know what the best summer activity is, what are you waiting for? Pick up a camp brochure and start planning your summer adventures after the service.

I now invite the ushers to come forth and receive the offering.