



THE PINE SEED

CCSM Family Connections

May 2019

FINALLY, WE FOUND A SHINING STAR!

You've heard how many individuals CCSM has interviewed for youth director and Kibbie's replacement! It's been over a year since Patrick moved and several months since Kibbie warned of her retirement. Finally, we found just the right person, **Sheryl Johnson**. One of our teenagers spontaneously reported, "I *really* liked Sheryl," Mike Mullery described her as "clearly intelligent, energetic, personable, ambitious," AND *all* of Sheryl's references raved about her---who could be better?!? Our transition conversations have already started (→). By June, she will officially start. I truly believe the youth program will blossom under her guidance, sparkle, and enthusiasm and am so excited for CCSM children, youth and their families.



CCSM'S EXTENDED FAMILY

The children at CCSM are loved by a huge community of extra "parents" and mentors, beyond members of CYF. Dave Olson has taught our children on Sunday mornings for over a decade. His sidekick, Bill Dunbar, may hold the same record of commitment. Mike Mullery has facilitated "Sixty Minutes" with the high schoolers forever. Jim Granucci spontaneously organized lawn games at Easter when the Buckham Room overflowed with kids. Recently, Betsy Woodward offered our children barbecue dinner, while Phil Lind split the geodes the children selected. (Deaglan shows his off the geode Phil cut for him.)



Ann Lambertson was thrilled to have Georgia as a partner at the TeamUp to Clean Up last Sunday. Almost twenty children and youth helped out. Maybe all the cigarette butts the kids picked up will discourage them from smoking!



CAMP CAZ EARLY BIRD RATES END SOON

Already our kids are signing up for Camp Caz in July! Current kindergarteners through second graders can go to Caz **July 5-7**. Then it's time for current sixth through eleventh graders to go, from **July 7-13** (two separate camps during the same week at the same location). And finally, **July 21-27**, current third through fifth graders can go to Junior Camp. Scholarships and transportation are available if needed. Click on <https://ncnuc.org/yomc/>.



Lawn games at Easter.
(No, they are not being chased by the Palm Sunday donkey!)



Youth EVENING CALENDAR

MAY 6 – High School YOUTH GROUP

Make your own pizza and then take off on a scavenger hunt throughout the church. Can you find the church elevator? What about the church donkey?

MAY 12 – High School SIXTY MINUTES

Is it ethical to use animals for testing medications and beauty products? Join the energetic discussion about whether it's ethical to use animals for testing (fueled by donuts)

MAY 12 – Mid High YOUTH GROUP

Come meet Sheryl, the new children and youth minister. She is great fun—you can ask her 20 questions (she might ask you 20 more). Help her design your youth group using all your ideas. And try your skills to win best bubble blower.

MAY 19 – No High School Youth Group because of finals.

MAY 26 – No Mid High Youth Group because of Memorial Day.



Mid Highers Zoe and Megan help Lana and Chelsea create Easter crafts.

