

Our summer campers focused on Psalm 139 and knowing that God is always with us, wherever we are! We practiced listening for God's presence in different places at camp, and learned about the Bible as an open book. For some this was an introduction to Scripture; the book of Psalms was our centerpiece.

The summer curriculum was written for us and taught to our staff by retired Rev. Laura Loving. We were blessed to have spiritual support throughout the summer led by: Rev. Deb Heino (NMU Relevant campus ministry); Rev. Laura Loving and Rev. Bill Humphreys; CLP Brenda Ransom; Rev. Ryan Donahoe; and Rev. Nancy Barkat.

Day Camp was a blessing as we partnered with two local organizations, Ishpeming's Salvation Army and Love INC (In the Name of Christ), to reach out into the community. The Salvation Army had young people excited to come to camp, but who needed transportation. Love INC found volunteers to drive them each day. We had two teens at our Leadership Camp the same week who learned and worked side-by-side with our staff as Counselors-in-Training (CIT's). The CIT's returned to help at other camps later in the summer.

Senior High Camp included new friends from the Wauwatosa, WI Presbyterian Church. Their Mission Team of retired seniors led campers in several camp maintenance projects. Campers learned new skills including: how to make cabin curtains using patterns and sewing machines, how to replace boards to repair picnic tables, and how to refurbish the beach buddy board and the entrance flower box. It was a joy to watch the teen campers as they chose to work on their projects instead of an evening field game, as they worshipped and had lively Bible discussions with their elders, and as they invited their guests to the Talent Show.

Throughout the summer our campers participated in mission projects, learning new skills with direction from their counselors, what tools to use and how to clean up. They were proud of their team efforts and how they were able to make a difference at a place they love.

Camp is a place for fun and recreation, to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of this place, but it is also where we meet new people - of all ages and backgrounds - who help us see that God is always with us, that we can reach out for help when we are in need, that we are here to support each other in good times and not so good times. We are intentional in conversation with campers and all guest groups at camp to explain and know that:

Presbytery Point is a place of community. At the start of each camp session we intentionally talk about the name of our camp, what presbyter means, and how each of us can minister to each other through love and support, to build each other up as we build our week of camp community. We talk about how, as we practice this, we are preparing ourselves to take this back to our homes, schools, and wherever we go, to share with and teach to others.

God is always with us!

Respectfully submitted,
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