

Hosting a Tintern Friday Night Connect

Thank you for your family's interest in hosting a Friday Night Connect! Friday Night Connect is a monthly, family-friendly event to which everyone from the congregation is invited. We want to use this time to provide a night each month where everybody learns about/interacts with God, connects with others, has a spiritual or meaningful conversation, has a bite to eat, and has fun. We think a core value of FNC is the opportunity for intergenerational connection, and we definitely want this to be a focus! I, Megan, am happy to help wherever you need me. At the same time, we think this is a valuable time for you and those in your family (including any kids you may have!) to collaborate to come up with a topic, idea, passage of Scripture, spiritually formative practice, etc. that you'd like to engage with during FNC, and think of a way we can do an activity and connect with one another. (I think we may all be surprised with what the children in our congregation come up with for us to share together!) That being said, let me know if you need anything from me in this planning process! So, what does hosting a Friday Night Connect entail?

Who

- Anyone can host! You don't have to have young kids to host a Friday Night Connect! And everyone from the congregation is invited.

When

- Unless there is something on the calendar that prevents us from being able to meet, FNC will be the second Friday of whatever month you choose!
- It will be from 7-9 *p.m.* If you'd like it to have a different time, let me know what times you'd like it to be at least 2 weeks in advance so I can be making announcements.

Location

- We will assume that this is taking place *at the church building*. If you'd like it to be elsewhere, let me know where you'd like it to be at least 2 weeks in advance so I can be making announcements.
- If your plan is to be outdoors, make sure you have a plan B in case the weather is not nice!

Components of a Friday Night Connect (these can be in any order)

- *Fun activity or experience* (ex: soccer baseball, board games, pumpkin carving, movie, making cards for sick members of the congregation, etc.)
- *Spiritual component* (discussion questions, prayer experience, dwelling in the Word, etc.)
- *Food* (I know providing food for an unknown number of people is daunting, so we recommend just planning for 50. Snacks/finger foods are just fine; no pressure to make or buy meals. I will be responsible for bringing the allergy-safe food.)
- Feel free to combine these or rearrange the order. These are not hard and fast rules, just a guide.

Misc.

- If you buy anything for FNC and you'd like to be reimbursed, give me the receipt(s)!

- If you want to plan/host, but your family doesn't want to be the ones to be the talking heads up front the day of, (i.e. lead a prayer, instruct the groups) no problem! We're still happy to have you plan, and one of the ministers can do all the leading the day of.
- If you need any help brainstorming, collecting/purchasing materials, getting food, setting up the event, etc., let me know.
- Whatever month your family decides to host, please let me know or sign up *at least* a full month ahead.
- You can sign up to host and see what's already been taken via the link below OR on the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board by the bathrooms:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q47JNJMx-HuUb0ZwlAQ2eHOLgDPFI5H7ikxk0nRAhgc/edit?usp=sharing>