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## Transcript

Middle school volunteers these are the Wednesday night volunteer announcements for the week of Wednesday, October 16.

The theme is night night. See what we did there? So here's how we're going to implement that theme. Everybody is encouraged, but not required to wear pajamas. We're going to have milk and cookies because that's a great nighttime snack that you have before you go to bed. We are also going to have a time of story time where we will have a bedtime story read to us.

And then there's going to be a service project. We're going to have the opportunity to bless the harvest hoedown by doing some setup for them, the harvest hoedown is happening on Friday, October 18, and it's it's a fun experience for adults and teenagers who have special needs, and it's going to be at the Valley Community Center. We're going to help support that event this Wednesday, October 16, by helping set up all of the carpet rectangles that need to be placed on the gym floor in order for them to have that activity. If there's a couple of people working on putting down carpets, it takes like a couple of hours, but with all of our middle school students and mobilizing them, we can knock it out in like 10 or 15 minutes. So we'll explain that night how we're going to make that all happen, but be prepared for a service project and to motivate your kids to help out just for 10 or 15 minutes.

This will be the final week in our Holy Spirit series. I'm trusting and hoping that you've had good conversations during your small group spiritual time, breaking down the talks about the Holy Spirit.

And then the next couple of Wednesday nights are unique. So next Wednesday, October 23rd is the Great Pumpkin Party. So we do not have Wednesday night programming that night. Students are encouraged to serve that night, then, on Wednesday, October thirty, we are going to do something new, something different. We're going to have a gathering that night called Open gym and movie night at the Valley Community Center. Normal time, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. I know that is beggar's night in central Iowa, and so I know some students might choose to do that, but I wanted to offer something fun, something different. So. I'd like for

you and our students to be there on Wednesday, October 30th, Open gym and Movie Night. The movie that we're going to watch is TBD.

Some of you might have been hoping to do a small group night, a special activity with just your small group on that night on October 30, if so, you may still do that. Let Jodi or I know what you're wanting to do. We'd be willing to help you find space, contact parents of students in your small group if you want to do a special activity for your small group that night.

But for all of us, we're doing open gym and movie night on Wednesday, October 30 and it's gonna be a fun night for all of us to just be together and hang out at the Valley Community Center. And then we'll return with regular once and net programming on Wednesday, November 6.

So just a quick recap of the next couple Wednesdays, this Wednesday, October 16, normal Wednesday night, that is night night and then October 23rd, we are off for the Great Pumpkin Party. October 30, we are back, but it's a special Wednesday night. We're going to do an open gym and movie night and then we're back with regular programming on Wednesday, November 6th.

Middle schoolers have the opportunity to sign up to help at the Great Pumpkin Party. They can run Carnival games under the big tent, which will be out in the front lawn of the Valley Community Center. That's October 20, 21, 22, and 23. Students can sign up to serve on the middle school events page. You are welcome to sign up to help as well. There's lots of ways you can help a great pumpkin party as well.

And then don't forget about blitz all nighter. It's coming up on Friday, November 1st. Our slots for middle school students are filling quickly. Please sign yourself up if you want to stay up with us all night. It's going to be a great event.

Finally, for our leader tip, it's more of a question. As I encourage you throughout this year to reflect on what God has been doing in you and through you and around you, just something for you to think about. Pastor Quinton asks this question of us staff almost every single Monday morning. How have you seen God work in the past week? I'd encourage you to take some time and ponder that---it's good to recognize and be aware of how have you seen God work in the past week, in you or in the people around you.

Thanks for serving in middle school ministry. We'll see you on Wednesday night!