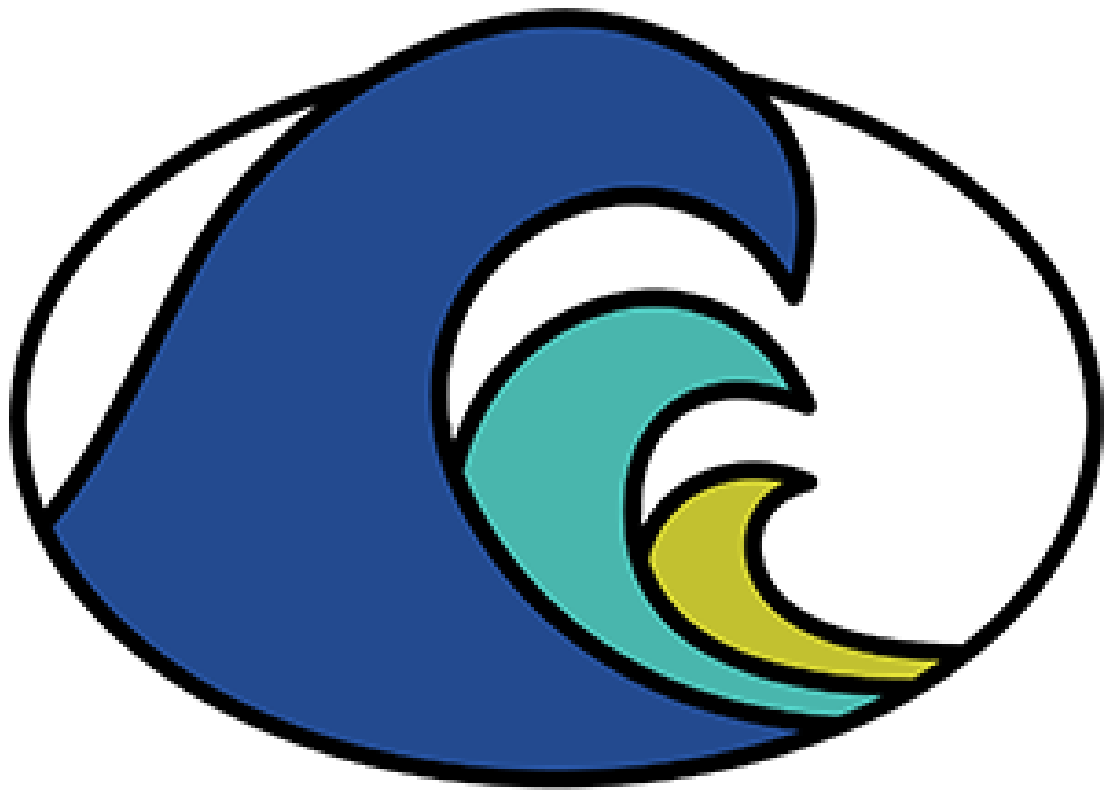


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CONTACT INFORMATION

You can reach me anytime through the following ways:

E-mail: matt@southharbor.org | Facebook: Matt Koomen | Cell Phone: (616) 886 - 2582

For information about upcoming youth group nights and events I will send out information through the following:

E-mail: Constant Contact

Facebook: Like our page – “South Harbor Student Ministries”

If you are not connected, but would like to be just let me know so we can make sure you are getting weekly updates.

MEET THE LEADERS

CHAD BUCHHOLZ

I'm a Police Officer for the city of Grandville. I enjoy fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and football. We have been attending South Harbor since 2015. I am passionate about youth ministries because high school is often where young people start to develop their own faith base and begin to understand what it means to walk with the Lord. I hope to be a guide and influence as each student develops that relationship.

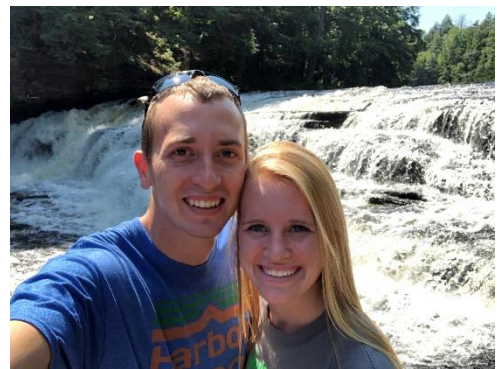


BECKY BUCHHOLZ

I'm a Nurse Supervisor at Spectrum Health. I love running, family camping trips, hikes with our pup, and reading thrilling novels. We have been attending South Harbor since 2015. I love student ministries because it is the time in my life that I can attribute taking true ownership of my faith, and the leaders that were involved my journey really helped facilitate that process. In being a high school leader, I hope to help high schoolers define faith for themselves and take the lead on what it looks like in their own life.

JILYNN KOOMEN

Hello, I'm Jilynn and this is my 5th year helping out with South Harbor's youth group. I love being able to help with high schoolers, because high school was when I started making my faith my own. I love seeing kid's personalities develop as they grow closer to God and I'm excited to help with that again this year! I currently work in Human Resources for ITW Drawform. A few of my hobbies are playing with our dog, Kolby, scrapbooking, reading, traveling and enjoying the great outdoors!



JAKE WINTERS

Hi, my name is Jake Winters, and this will be my 4th year being a leader with the youth group. I am currently a student at Calvin College with an Education Major and I currently work for South Harbor as the Elementary Kids Ministry Coordinator. Some things I enjoy other than youth group would have to be watching sports, playing sports, going out to eat, and camping. I really enjoy going on vacation to different places all around the country also!

MEET THE YOUTH PASTOR: MATT KOOMEN

My name is Matt Koomen and I have been attending South Harbor for 5 years now. I originally started as an intern in 2013 and have been the Youth Pastor for 4 years now. I have a Youth Ministry and Bible Theology degree from Kuyper College, and last fall I started at Western Theological Seminary to pursue a MDiv. I am very excited to continue my education to help students grow closer to God!



In my free time, I enjoy being outside whether it is hiking, hunting, boating or skiing. I also enjoy going to auctions and buying and selling items. On most Saturdays, you will either find me in a hunting blind or traveling West Michigan looking for an auction!

As much as I enjoy going to auctions and being outside, my deepest passion is for students. I grew up in a Christian family where church was my second home. I went to youth group all of my life, but it wasn't until a special experience with my youth group that I finally made my parents faith my own. My heart breaks when students leave their parents, go off to college, but don't really know who God is for themselves. Sticky Faith organized a study of students who were actively engaged in their youth programming. The statistics show that only 50% of the students who were engaged in church will actually stick with their faith through college. That terrifies me and I hope it terrifies you.

With your help, and the help of all our leaders, I want to put an end to that. During events like youth group, youth week, and retreats my goal is to create an experience for students to not only learn more about God, but to make a commitment to Him. I believe there is a huge difference between knowing information about God and actually having a personal relationship with Him – I want your kids to have the latter. By leaders building relationships with your students, by learning more about God, and by learning how to make disciples, student ministries can help foster that relationship.

There is one thing I ask of you as parents – consistency. The leaders that we have in place for your students will be consistent. They are there for your kids and will walk alongside your kids through some difficult years. In order for myself and our leaders to build deep and lasting relationships with your student, I am asking to create a habit that Sunday night is youth group night. I know life is busy; I know that your children have homework, sports, band, choir, and many other activities to juggle. I think having youth group as a constant in a student's life is how we can get rid of a majority of the youth leaving the church during their college years. If we are able to show them what a life living for Christ is like and our relationships with Him, I think they will continue to want the same.

FUNDRAISERS

In order to reduce the cost of trips students go on, there will be some fundraising opportunities. Students will be paid for the hours they work at fundraisers. The money they earn will go directly to their student account which can be used for trips.

MYSTERY DINNER | WINTER 2019

In the winter we will plan a mystery dinner, where guests are invited to solve a mystery as they eat. Students will be able to earn money by either acting in the cast or preparing food/serving!



Please do not let financial issues stop your student from attending a trip or event. We have a scholarship fund set up for students who would love to go on a trip, but are not able to come up with the money. We love to see that all students are able to go on a trip so please talk to me about how the church can come along side you and get your student on the trips!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Our profession of faith process involves your student being paired with a mentor to discuss questions about their faith and taking part in a class where they learn what it means to be part of the church. If your student is interested in learning more information, please e-mail me! I'd love to talk with them about taking the next step in their faith.



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CALENDAR |

SUNDAY NIGHTS

MEETING TIME: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

We will meet and have a meal at church every Sunday night! Below is a list of Sundays we will not be meeting or are combining with Middle School:

August 26: Fall Kickoff - Footgolf | Meet at Church | 6:00PM – 8:00PM

September 2: No Youth Group – Labor Day

October 27 (SATURDAY): Church Trunk or Treat; Youth Group Haunted Maze at 7PM

October 28: No Youth Group

November 25: No Youth Group – Thanksgiving Break

December 23: No Youth Group - Christmas Break

December 30: No Youth Group - Christmas Break

February 3: No Youth Group

February 8-10: Winter Retreat | Camp Geneva | Time TBD

February 10: No Youth Group – Winter Retreat

March 31: No Youth Group – Spring Break

April 7: No Youth Group – Spring Break

May 5: Last Youth Group

