

Sr. & Jr. High Ministry

Our Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry essentially has 2 main parts. A Sunday morning time of study and Sunday evening Youth Fellowship.

The Sr. High (grades 9-12) youth Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 9am. We rotate approximately 8 topics of study over the course of the 4 years that student are in our Sr. High ministry. Subject matter will be focused on the concerns and issues that Senior High students face in everyday life and what role our faith plays in the decisions and choices we make.

Our focus at the Junior High level is to learn about ourselves and our God given gifts as well as develop fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. We encourage community building and acceptance. The Jr. High (grades 6-8) youth will meet on Sunday mornings for the study portion of their program. We offer classes at both the 9am and 10:30am hours. The 6th grade class will complete a study called *Through the Bible*. This study will provide them with a basic working knowledge of the Bible and will acquaint them with some of the important themes in the Bible.. The 7th & 8th Grade students will study basic faith topics utilizing a resource titled *Claim the Name*. This study reviews church history, offers insights into church belief and tradition and encourages the students to begin to define their own beliefs.

Jr. & Sr. High youth will also gather from 6:00-8:00pm on scheduled Sundays. Jr. High will typically meet 2 times per month. Sr. High will meet most Sunday evenings. The more informal evening meetings are a very important part of a youths spiritual growth. The purpose of these group meetings will be to build community, to explore questions about faith and spiritual issues as well as to relax and have fun in Christian community.

Confirmation preparation classes are offered for youth in the 8th grade and older. These classes are led by Margaret Scott, one of our pastors, and take place on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. They are held the weeks that we do not schedule Jr. High youth fellowship. A commitment to regular attendance at Sunday morning classes and evening sessions is necessary.

We are also exploring a mid-week study and fellowship opportunity for the Sr. High students. Groups would meet in a home on Wednesday mornings or evenings.

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Student Leadership

We invite all interested students to join our Student Leadership Team. This group is involved in the planning and implementation of Youth Group programs. The team meets once per month for about 2 hours. During that time task groups are formed to complete plans for a particular event. Everyone is welcome!! Please call 223-9560 and leave a message in the Youth Voice Mailbox if you would like to join the team, or watch the newsletter for the date of the next meeting and arrive ready to work.

Adult Leadership

Youth Ministry at FUMC has a large Adult Leadership team. A full time staff position is currently held by Pam Renfro. She, in partnership with Youth Council, pray about, then plan and implement the many facets of our ministry. We are blessed with a large team of adults who have responded to God's call to work with youth. If you would like to join our team please call the church and ask to speak with John McNeill, Margaret Scott or Pam Renfro.

Communication

The church publishes a monthly newsletter detailing our meetings and events which can be delivered to your home by mail or email. If you receive the church's newsletter, you will find the youth news there. If you are not currently receiving the church newsletter, we would be happy to mail or email a copy to you. Call 223-9560 and leave a message in the Youth voice mailbox. Each week we publish more detailed information about our events through email. If you do not have internet service please let us know and arrangements will be made to mail information to you. We also post a calendar and details for an event on our two youth bulletin boards. One is located outside the Sanctuary and one is on the 2nd floor just outside the elevator.

Please call or email to make an appointment with Pam as office hours fluctuate. In all cases call 223-9560 and leave a message in the Youth Voice Mailbox and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

We welcome all thoughts and concerns you may have as we strive to do God's will in our youth ministry.



Youth Ministry

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Youth Ministry Vision

Our Youth Ministry exists to help youth and families to:

Find and accept Jesus in our daily lives.

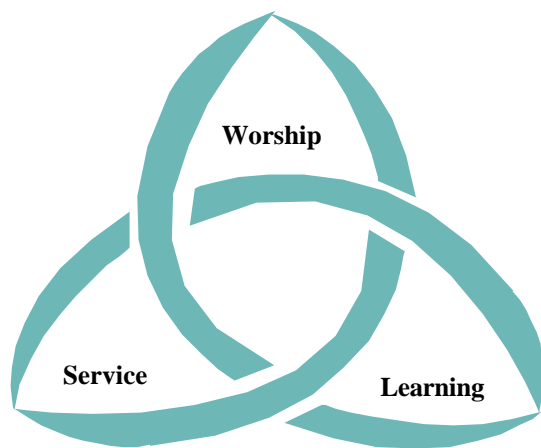
Order our lives around Christ's teaching and example.

Reach out to others with God's love.

Know that we are not alone & that God loves us always.

Share in God's work letting God guide us.

We will honor God with our lives by choosing the right forks on life's journey.



Worship

The regular, corporate worship of God is the center of our congregational life at FUMC. In worship we are nourished by God for a life of faith and discipleship. Through praise, confession, and forgiveness, through affirming our faith together, through hearing the biblical story read and listening to interpretation of it, through sacraments, through our rededication to Christ as disciples...in all of these ways we are refreshed and renewed for the journey. We urge youth and their families to develop a pattern of regular worship of God, both with the congregation and individually.

Service Opportunities

At Fairport United Methodist Church:

- Ushers
- Readers
- Acolytes
- Nursery Volunteer
- Communion Servers
- Choirs – Chancel, Youth and Bell Choirs
- Drama during some worship services
- Instrumental worship service music
- Sunday Dinner Ministry

In Our Community:

- Grace Urban Ministries
- Perinton Food Shelf
- 3rd Weekend Outreach Ministry
- Tutoring in the Fairport Community
- Local monthly projects

And Beyond

- 30 Hour Famine – Friday-Saturday in February/March
- Wheels for the World Bike Hike – 5 days in late July or early August

Mission Trips

- Reach Workcamp – 1 week each Summer—Sr High
- Flower City Workcamp - April Break—Jr & Sr High

Friends Welcome!!

Throughout the year we plan fun events for the Jr & Sr High Groups. These are great meetings to invite friends to join. If they wish to then become further involved they can join us for our learning, service and worship opportunities.

Our Commitment to Family

We, the members of the Youth Ministry team at FUMC, see ourselves as guides, role models, mentors and a means to support youth and their families. We encourage parental involvement as we seek to become partners in the area of a youth's spiritual development. We want to support and interact without interrupting what the family is currently doing in the area of spiritual development. We want to uphold healthy family traditions and commitments.

Activity Expenses

Estimated costs per youth for planned activities

- Sr. High Fall Retreat (October) - \$50
 - Flower City Workcamp Registration Fee (Nov.) - \$25
 - Reach Workcamp Registration Fee (Dec.) - \$50
 - Activity during 30 Hour Famine (Feb/March) - \$10
 - Junior High Activity (Time TBD) - \$10-20 1-2x per year
 - Senior High Activity (Time TBD) - \$10-20 3-4x per year
 - Sr. High White Water Rafting/Retreat (May) - \$75+
- These are estimated expenses for entrance fees only. Additional funds may be necessary depending on the activity.

If expense for an activity becomes a burden there are funds available for scholarships. If you desire consideration for a scholarship please call John McNeill or Margaret Scott at 223-9560. Our intention is to handle such arrangements confidentially.

In most cases funds will be collected and deposited in the UMYF checking account. Payment then is made with one check for our activity. Checks can be made payable to FUMC.

Occasionally there will be a student study book fee associated with a Sunday School class. These materials usually run between \$5-10 per person.

Fundraising

- We will conduct 4-6 fundraising activities during the year. These events raise funds primarily for the large expense activities such as the Bike Trip and the Mission Trips. All active members will be encouraged to participate in these events.

Registration Deadlines

Each offsite activity and some activities planned at church will have published deadlines. These deadlines are established so that we can plan for an adequate number of drivers and/or food. On occasion we have to purchase or reserve a set number of tickets or spots for our group. We also are required to have an adult for every 8 students at any activity. Please make note of deadlines and reserve on time. It is our goal to have all who would like to attend activities be able to do so.

You can make a reservation in many ways. You may use the sign up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board outside the Sanctuary, you can call 223-9560 and leave your reservation in the Youth Voice Mailbox or you can sign up at a UMYF meeting before the registration deadline. You may also register online by emailing your registration to pam@fairportumc.org. If a registration fee is involved you may turn that in at any meeting or on Sunday mornings. In most cases checks will be made