

Senior High Youth

9th – 12th grades

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

UMYF is our time to gather together with the purpose of making more and better disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. During UMYF we use fellowship, worship, and discussions to grow closer both to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and to God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Guider.

Sunday Night Youth

4:30 – 5:45: Activity Time – Through fellowship we discover new ways to interact with one another using games, activities, and conversations, discovering ways that God communicates His grace to us through our youth community.

5:45 – 6:15: Snack Supper – A light super is prepared for the youth with an opportunity to gather for fellowship around the table to enjoy a meal together, filled with conversation and laughter.

6:15 – 7:00: The Branch – (Youth lead worship service) By worshiping together we praise the God who created and loves us, submitting ourselves to Him and His Kingdom.

Wednesday Night Youth

5:30 -5:45: Gathering time – The youth meets together in the youth room to meet and great each other before going to dinner together.

5:45 – 6:15: Wednesday Nighter – The youth gather, with the rest of the FUMC family to enjoy fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall.

6:15 – 7:30: Small Group Studies – Youth are separated by age and gender into small groups Bible studies. Discussing who Jesus is and how we are created to follow in His path, we become better equipped to live our lives the way God intended us to.

Mission Opportunities

Summer Mission Trip – In June the youth load up and embark on a mission to be the hands and feet of Christ. We work to provide relief, support, and love for those in need.

Food Pantry – Once a month, the youth can volunteer to help at the neighborhood food pantry.

Other Missions – Throughout the year different opportunities to serve our community and those in need arise, and when they do, FUMC youth are there to help. We value serving our community and those in need.

Resurrection

Each year over 12,000 come together to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Through the message of a nationally-known gifted speaker and worship led by a nationally-known contemporary Christian band, young people worship together for a weekend. The Resurrection event is composed of 4 worship and speaker sessions that challenge you to commit their lives to follow Christ.

Retreats

We typically take a spring and fall weekend retreat. This weekend retreat gives the high school students an opportunity to remove themselves from their everyday stressors and struggles and refocus their minds and hearts on Christ. During this time, the students participate in various outdoor activities and opportunities to learn how to take care of themselves spiritually. This is a great time to connect with the student community in youth group and to find rest in God!

Fundraisers

Evening on Spring Street – Sometime around Valentine's Day, the youth host a formal dinner for the friends and family of First Church.

Waffle Bar – Youth host the 5th Sunday breakfast 2 times a year.

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