

YOUTH MINISTRY

OUR MISSION

FPC HAMPTON YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Hampton welcomes all youth grades 6 to 12 to grow in their faith through action and fellowship. We are committed to creating a nurturing space for young people to gather and build meaningful relationships with each other and with God. We work to provide opportunities to serve God through service projects, relevant Bible lessons, and exciting activities throughout the year as we explore our faith and what it means to live a Christ-filled life.

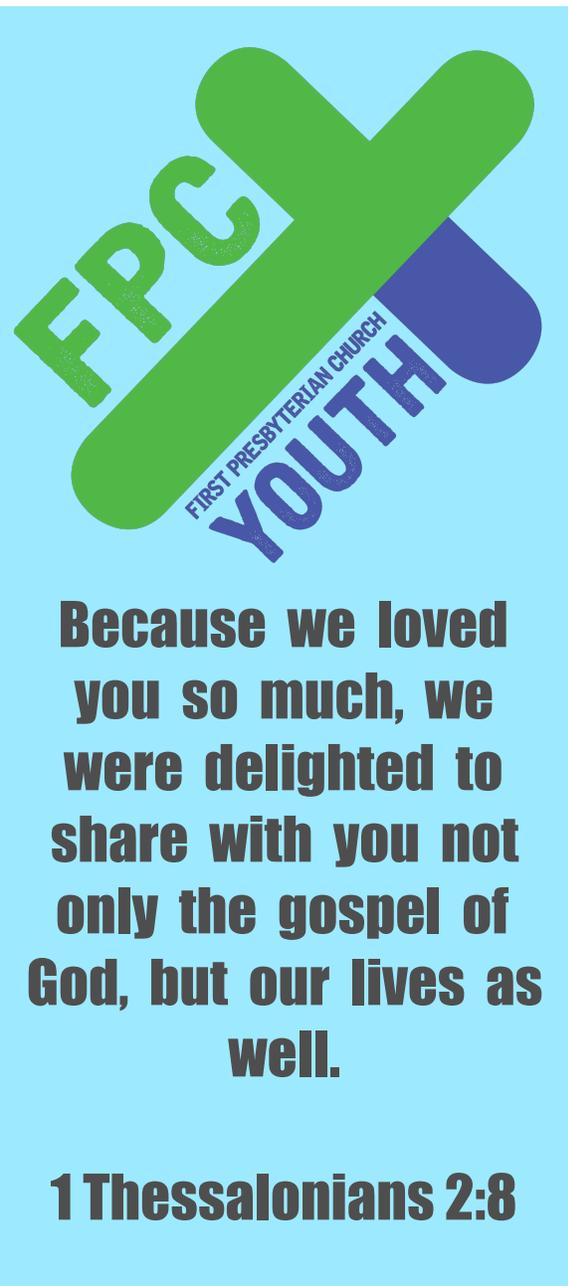
Youth & Parent Handbook



Join us this year as we continue along our faith journeys together at FPC!

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:8



FALL 2016

Youth Group meets every Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted. Youth and adult volunteers gather together at 5:30 for a small bite to eat and recreation before our fun, fellowship, and great conversation begins at 6:00. This is a wonderful place to bring friends and energize before the week begins!

We have four areas of focus for our weekly Youth Group Programming: Service, Fun/Fellowship, Worship, and Study.

Once a month, the Youth have the unique opportunity to participate in the 9:30 or 11:00 AM Worship Services; signup details will be announced the week before the service.

Each event, activity, study, or worship will be detailed in the Youth Happenings email each week; be sure to connect with us to ensure that you and your youth are in the loop!

NEW THIS YEAR: The third Sunday of the month is Starbucks Sunday! All Senior High Youth are invited to join us as we travel to Starbucks (Peninsula Town Center) to kick back, relax, and talk about the world around us while enjoying a classic handcrafted beverage*!

*Although youth pay for their purchases, they are welcome to come enjoy the atmosphere and friends free of charge!



SERVE BY THE WORD (SW)

Once a month, FPC Youth will participate in service projects to benefit our local community. Throughout the year, some projects will be denoted as "Serve the Word" opportunities. In order to attend Summer Trips, you will need to participate in at least 3 SW's.

SEPTEMBER

18 - YOUTH KICKOFF

25 - WHAT'S UP, MAKEMIE WOODS?

OCTOBER

2 - **CRAWLIN' CRAB WATER STOP***

EXTREME MAKEOVER: YOUTH ROOM EDITION

9 - FPC'S MINUTE TO WIN IT

16 - **STARBUCKS SUNDAY**

FAITH @ WORK DAY*

23 - GET LOST IN THE MAIZE

30 - TRUNK OR TREAT

NOVEMBER

6 - BIG QUESTIONS

13 - BIG QUESTIONS

20 - **STARBUCKS SUNDAY**

BIG QUESTIONS

27 - NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING

30 - WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

DINNER SERVICE**

DECEMBER

4 - PRAYING IN COLOR

11 - THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

18 - **STARBUCKS SUNDAY**

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

25 - NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY MORNING EVENT

*SERVE BY THE WORD (SW)

**FUNDRAISING EVENT

Youth Group will continue to meet at 5:30 on Sunday evenings and specific activities, events, and lessons will be announced in January 2017!

Highlights of our Spring include...

- **Night's Welcome Meal**
- **Super Bowl Party!**
- **2nd Annual Geocaching Adventure**
- **FPC's Mission Auction**
- **Youth Sunday**
- **And More!**



**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers, in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12**

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
Psalm 139**



2017 SUMMER TRIPS

Middle School Youth will return to...

PASSPORTmissions

When: June 18 - 23, 2017

Who: Rising 6th - 8th Grades

Where: Danville, VA

Cost: \$450

What: It's a fact; we're going back! Passport Missions is a week-long camp of service, fun, and fellowship that brings together youth from all around America to work together and serve the Danville community!

High School Youth are headed off to...



MONTREAT
CONFERENCE CENTER

When: July 9 - 15, 2017

Who: Rising 9th - Graduating Seniors

Where: Montreat, NC

Cost: \$450

What: Join us for one of the greatest weeks of the year! Montreat Youth Conference is a gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of fellowship, worship, and recreation, and service!

FPC Youth Mission Teams



Shining Christ's Light. Sharing Christ's Love.

| Payment Deadlines | November 6 | February 5 | April | May 7 |
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| These dates may seem a little early, but we have deposits to turn in and spaces to reserve! | Initial Deposit: \$75 deposit due to Marilyn for all trips. | A 2nd payment of \$125 is due to Marilyn for all trips. | During April, you will receive a letter with the final amount needed after Fundraising. | Final Payment: A final payment is due to Marilyn by May 7. |

REGISTRATION POLICIES

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Please look over the following registration policies that are set for all trips and off-site events with FPC Youth Ministry.

Registration Process:

- Paper registration forms must be mailed to or dropped off at First Presbyterian Church, attn.: Marilyn.
- Registrations are not complete without the registration form, activity waiver, and deposit, if applicable. (FPC activity waivers are valid for one year.)
- You will be contacted once your registration has been received. If you have not heard from me, I do not have all of your information.

Minimum/Maximum:

- Trips and events may have a minimum and maximum capacity for registration numbers.
- If a trip does not meet the minimum, it will be canceled the day after the registration deadline. All money will be refunded.
- Once trips reach their maximum capacity, a waiting list will be created. The list will be divided by gender and in order of registration. Should a participant cancel, they will be replaced by someone from the waiting list.

Payments:

- Payments are due on or before the registration deadline.
- If you know a payment will be late, please communicate with staff no later than the registration deadline to ensure that your registration will not be canceled.

Cancellation Policies:

- Deposits for trips and events are non-refundable.
- If you cancel after the registration deadline, all monies are non-refundable.

Thank you for understanding and working within the guidelines.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Youth Ministry is a family ministry - we want to involve everyone as we work to nurture spiritual growth in our youth. By being involved, parents and adult mentors send the message to these young adults that the church community is important. We would like all parents to find some way to be involved and support youth ministry. Here are some ways you can help...

Point your kids in the right direction - when they're old they won't be lost.
Proverbs 22:6, The Message



Provide Sunday Night Snacks

If you feed them, they will come! That's an important philosophy for youth ministry, so we provide snacks at our weekly gatherings. We are asking parents and congregation members to sign up to provide snacks for our youth group.

Be a Driver

We often need drivers to help us transport kids to off site events, Starbucks Sunday, and service projects.

Be a Youth Group Leader

Offer your time, wisdom, and energy to our Youth by helping lead youth events, studies, and activities on Sunday nights. Time commitment: Two-hour youth group program, once a month.

Be a Host

Occasionally, our youth group moves off campus for parties. We are looking for hosts for these parties. Party food may be provided by other youth parents through the use of Sign-Up Genius.

Serve on the Youth Ministry Team

We are looking for adults who are able to serve behind the scenes to help our ministry thrive. Serving on this team provides a huge help to our youth ministry! Time commitment: One hour-long monthly meeting in addition to varying time spent planning and organizing events.



CONNECT WITH US

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We want to stay in touch with your family! If you are not receiving communication from us, please contact Marilyn to ensure that your contact information is correct.

WAYS WE COMMUNICATE

Weekly Youth Happenings Email: This is our most important communication tool, full of details and information. Please read this weekly. Gmail Users, this is often filtered into your promotions folder

GroupMe: GroupMe is a texting application that allows immediate communication to all in the group. This method of communication is specific to the youth!

Social Media: Pictures, reminders, and updates; make sure you follow along!

FPC Bulletin Announcements: This is handed out each week in worship and is emailed to all congregation members who are signed up to receive the electronic version.

SOCIAL MEDIA



**FPC Hampton
Youth Group**



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Things to Remember

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Things to Do

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