

Youth Events

Our Director of Youth Ministry, Lydia Gajdel, along with the Board of Youth Ministry, organizes events for our youth from September to June, culminating in the annual Mission Trip.



Middle School Programs

Sunday School – Every Sunday during 9:30 AM Service

– Together, teens delve into the Bible and examine their Christian faith and its relevancy in today’s world. Probing questions such as, “What exactly does it mean to be a servant of Christ?” and “Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people” are explored, helping students deepen their relationship with God. Amidst the dialogue and laughter, strong friendships built on respect, honesty

and acceptance develop, the kind that last.

Middle School Youth Group – Every Sunday 2:30 – 4:00 PM – Middle schoolers enjoy snacks and group bonding activities that teach trust, acceptance, honesty and love. Biblical lessons and meaningful discussions explore issues that teens face—school and home life, friends and bullies, insecurity and confidence, and life’s daily stresses—from a Christian perspective. The group also shares its spiritual gifts outside of the church by collaborating on community service projects, as well as going on group adventures to places like Lake Compounce, high ropes and outdoor adventure courses, and retreats.



High School Programs

Confirmation Class – Twice Monthly 12:00 – 1:00 PM

– A time for reflection, 9th graders and above spend their confirmation year discerning what faith means to them and the ways in which they are called to bring God’s love into the world. Confirmants delve into the beliefs and traditions of faith, considering how Christianity impacts their own lives. While deeply personal, confirmation is also a time of shared experiences and enduring friendships. Students join the

church as full members on Confirmation Sunday, a church as full members on Confirmation Sunday, a memorable and celebratory service lead entirely by the confirmation class. See website calendar for exact dates.

High School Youth Group – Every Sunday 5:30 – 7:00 PM – Provides students with an opportunity to discuss issues that matter to them, to respect one another while expressing their own views and to grow together as a faith family. High School students gather to

enjoy dinner, thought-provoking conversation, high spirited group games and community-service activities.

Our Mission Work

A mission trip is a call to Christian service that connects us with God and others in life-changing ways. We go to provide a hand-up rather than a hand-out. To share our incredible blessings with others in need of grace and love. To discover first-hand that we are all children of God, equally loved, equally valued, equally worthy. WCC's mission trip experiences are formative and enduring. Working in adult-lead teams, teens rise early and work throughout the day to repair homes, replant gardens, and integrate into the communities in which they serve. Along the way, they cultivate relationships with the people they meet, interacting with adults over dinner, with children on the playground, with the community during prayer and worship in the local church. Together, teens and their partner community explore faith in a rich and transformative exchange.

The work is hard and the rewards many. Fascinating side trips offer opportunities to explore new regions and cultures. And fun evening activities inevitably result in laughter and gratifying down-time. Teens leave with a changed perspective on their lives and the challenges that exist in the world beyond their own backyards.