



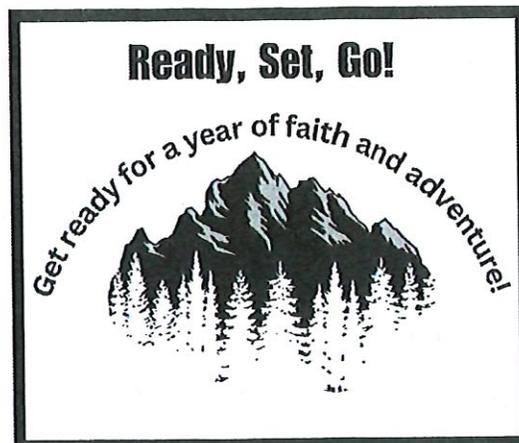
YOUTH MINISTRY

FAIRPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our primary work in Youth Ministry at Fairport UMC is to walk with youth in their journey to know Christ by creating an environment in which youth can experience Christian community, hear the gospel, know God's love and respond in faith by loving and serving others....for in all of this we are making disciples in Jesus Christ.

The underlying component of community is relationships. Deep relationships need time and space to develop, and form best in a space that feels safe. We each covenant to create that safe space every single time we are together and in all of our interactions—face-to-face or otherwise. Spiritual growth also happens in a climate of intimacy and emotional safety. Church is community, community is church. Each time we come together, we leave stronger and endeavor to take our best spiritual selves out into the world—our community, our families, our schools and our activities.



FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

The Components of Youth Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Junior High (6-8) Class and Senior High (9-12) Sunday Schools both meet on Sunday mornings at 9am. The Junior High class uses the *Colaborate* curriculum which allows students to discover more about the Old and New Testaments using proven learning methods such as problem-based learning. The Senior High class uses a mixture of curricula based on youth interests, the lectionary, and current events. A highlight on Sunday mornings is the breakfast treats that are brought in by different youth families.



YOUTH GROUP

Junior and Senior High Youth also gather on scheduled Sundays (and sometimes an occasional Saturday) for youth group. These more informal evening meetings are an important part of a youth's spiritual growth. The purpose of these group meetings is to build community, explore questions about faith and spiritual issues, as well as to relax and have a lot of FUN in Christian community.



CONFIRMATION

Those 8th graders who choose to be confirmed in the spring of the 8th grade year meet monthly with Pastor Richelle and use the *Colaborate: Methodist Confirmation* curricula. Confirmands delve into learning more about Methodist history and doctrine. Each confirmand will have a Friend in Faith (an adult member of FUMC) who will serve as a mentor to the youth. Together, they will pray, support and encourage one another on the confirmation journey. Youth confirm their baptismal vows in the Pentecost worship service in the spring and become full members of Fairport UMC.

Airport United Methodist Church in 2023-2024

SERVICE and MISSION

Youth are given many opportunities to serve our local church, our communities, and the world.

- Usher
- Choir (youth or bell choir)
- Communion Server
- Beyond These Walls shelter visits
- Gleaning
- Mobility Worldwide
- Scripture reader
- Instrumentalist in worship
- Sunday Dinner Ministry
- FACTS Halloween Party
- Recycling efforts
- PLUS other opportunities that arise

If your youth/family would like to learn more and serve in any of these or other ways, please let us know.

Our BIG mission event which youth ministry looks forward to is our annual Bike Trip. The purpose of this trip is two-fold: #1 - to raise money for Mobility Worldwide (an organization that makes and delivers personal mobility carts to individuals around the world who are unable to use their legs) #2—to build connections and community with each other while growing in our faith. Late July, youth bike 50 miles from church to Hamlin Beach State Park, camp for 4 nights and bike back on Sunday. With the help of adult volunteers, all aspects of this trip are taken care of...Support and Gear (SAG), Bike Ride, Food, Equipment and Programming. Highlights of this trip include small group Bible study, beach swimming, ultimate Frisbee, campfires with singing, s'mores and doughboys, Saturday skits, and MORE!!!! Information about this year's Bike Trip starts to be shared in January.

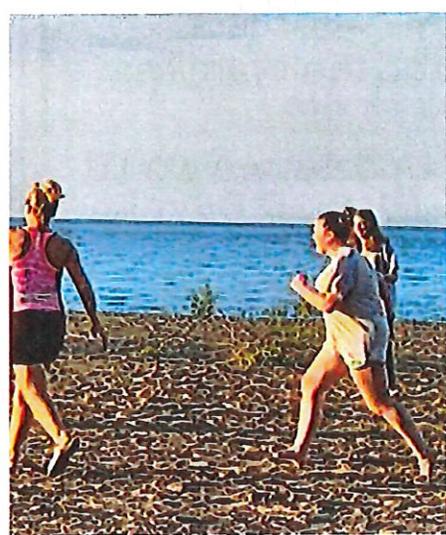


SHARING LAUGHING ACCEPTING PRAYING READING SERVING SUPPORTING BUILDING WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Growing in Christ through...

COMMUNITY LAUGHING PRAYING WORSHIPPING SHARING BUILDING SERVING PLAYING LEARNING

COMMUNITY HELPING ACCEPTING SHARING LEARNING SUPPORTING GROWING SINGING PRAYING BUILDING WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY



Communication

Email

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Text

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585-748-5961
Feel free to text questions or concerns

Joy does send text reminders and alerts regarding upcoming events. Be sure she has your cell # so you can stay up to date.

Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards outside the Junior High and Senior High rooms stay up to date with what is happening in our youth ministry space. Check those out each Sunday so you can see what's coming up!

Family Ministries Update

Each week (usually Thursdays), a Family Ministries Update is emailed to all families whose email we have.

This update shares youth news, schedules, and sign up links. Be sure to read it each week so that you stay informed.

Our youth community wants to be in touch with families so that everyone knows what service projects, events, and opportunities are coming up. These are the ways we communicate with the youth and their families.

If you are not currently receiving the Family Ministries Update, we would be happy to add you to the distribution list.

Email Joy Leinenbach or call 223-9560 and leave a message with our church administrator and/or Joy Leinenbach.

While we try to keep our schedule as consistent as we can, that is not always possible due to new opportunities, inclement weather, the need for volunteers, etc... For these reasons it is very important to regularly review the Family Ministries Weekly Update, texts, youth bulletin boards and go to the Sign Up Genius links to let us know YES or NO if your youth will be attending. Those RSVPs allow us to make sure we have enough food, materials, chaperones and/or drivers. We do our best to keep everyone updated on any changes that need to be made.

Youth Calendar

As of 09/08/23

Generally 4-6

Date	Junior High	Senior High
Sept 10	Parent Meeting	Parent Meeting
Sept 17	Youth Group Kickoff	Youth Group Kickoff
Sept 24	Church Picnic	Church Picnic
Oct 1	YES	YES
Oct 8		Sr High Retreat
Oct 14	YES	YES
Oct 21	YES	YES
Oct 28	26-27 Sleepover	
Nov 5	YES	YES
Nov 12	YES	YES
Nov 19		YES
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Weekend	
Dec 3	YES	YES
Dec 10	Cantata Weekend	
Dec 17	YES	YES
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	
Jan 7	YES	YES
Jan 14		YES
Jan 21	YES	YES

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Date	Junior High	Senior High
Jan 28	YES	27-28 Sleepover
Feb 4	Winter Carnival	Winter Carnival
Feb 11	Super Bowl	
Feb 18	Winter Break Start	
Feb 25	YES	YES
Mar 3	YES	YES
Mar 10	YES	YES
Mar 17		
Mar 24	YES	YES
Mar 31	Easter	
Apr 7	YES	YES
Apr 14	YES	YES
Apr 21		YES
Apr 28	YES	YES
May 5	YES	YES
May 12		10 th - Fondue Party
May 19	YES	YES
May 26	Memorial Day	
Jun 1-2	Canal Days Parking Fundraiser	
June 9	YES	YES

Bike Trip 2024: Wednesday, July 24 - Sunday, July 28

FAIRPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Family Ministries Director – Joy Leinenbach

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YMST (*Youth Ministry Support Team*)

Chairperson: Tobin Woodruff

Team Members: Joy Leinenbach, Eric Leinenbach, Alice Moon, Will Pardee,
Rev. Paul Robinson, Betsy Stull, Laura Woodruff

YONK (*Youth Organizational Navigational Council*)

Youth Leaders: Laura Woodruff and Will Pardee

Youth Members: Tyler Fischer, Emily Pedersen, Faith Putnam

Senior High—meets in Room 207

Sunday School Teachers - Cathy and Ken Fischer, Alice Moon, Tobin Woodruff

Youth Group Leaders - Alice Moon, Suzanne Putnam, and parent volunteers

Junior High—meets in Room 214

Sunday School Teachers - Eric Leinenbach, Becky Priest, Katrina Relyea

Youth Group Leaders - Eric Leinenbach and parent volunteers

Confirmation —meets in Room 214

Leaders: Pastor Richelle, Joy Leinenbach, Katrina Relyea

