

GROW: Youth Ministries

Bethesda United Methodist Church
washmorefeet.org

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to be part of BUMC's youth ministry. We offer opportunities for youth to explore their faith, get together with friends for fun and fellowship, go on mission trips, use their musical talents, and participate in meaningful ways in the life of our church. **Questions? Email Kara Peace (kpeace@washmorefeet.org), Director of Student Ministries.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet each Sunday from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation (6th, 7th & 8th Grade)

Chapel (lower level)

Confirmation class is offered every other year (a new class started **September 2021**). Classes take place once a week during the Sunday School time, concluding in June 2022, when the youth will have an opportunity to affirm their faith for themselves at a special worship service. In preparation, class participants will spend the year learning more about the Bible, their faith, and ways they can put their faith into action. In addition to class-time, participants are asked to attend a weekend retreat, several field trips, and complete a service project. Our Confirmation Sunday is topped off after worship by a celebration to which the youth invite their family and friends for lunch, dancing & games. **Contact: Rev. Scott (scott@washmorefeet.org)**



High School (9th - 12th Grade)

Youth Room (lower level)

Our Sunday School class for older youth encourages them to deepen their faith through shared conversation as we discuss social issues and current events in light of the Bible and Christian teachings.

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MUSIC: COMMON GROUND



Common Ground, the youth praise band, welcomes new singers and instrumentalists of all types. We rehearse on **select Mondays at 7:00**

p.m., (about twice a month) in the Sanctuary and occasionally lead the music at the morning services. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to be part of the group.

Contact: Dave Welch (davidwelch@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUP (UMYF)



Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to be part of our Youth Group or UMYF, which meets on **Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:30 pm**, with occasional activities scheduled at other times/days. Youth Group

offers an opportunity for youth to have fun, build new relationships (we have youth from at least 15 different schools in the area), perform service in the community and beyond, and grow in their faith in a supportive, encouraging environment. Previous UMYF gatherings have included game nights, a fall hayride and bonfire, meal preparation for a local shelter, discussion/Bible study night, movie night, lock-ins, 30 Hour Famine, a Live Nativity and more!



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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Faith in Action Mission Trip



BUMC offers at least one *Faith in Action* mission trip for our youth in the summer. A team of youth and adult leaders travel to a community in need, where they spend a week repairing homes and assisting the residents in a variety of ways. Planning for the trip begins in the fall

and spaces can be reserved with a deposit. Several fundraising events will be held throughout the year to help offset some of the expenses. Community Service hours are available.

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Volunteer at VBS

Each summer, BUMC hosts a Vacation Bible School for children from our church and surrounding community. Although we are not sure yet, what format VBS will take next summer due to the ongoing pandemic, we always have opportunities for youth to volunteer. Volunteers should register online (there will be a link to the registration site on our website, www.washmorefeet.org) beginning in the spring. Annual Safe Sanctuaries training is required for all VBS volunteers. Our 2022 VBS is taking place on June 20-24.



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