



What: Youth Group for
7th & 8th graders!

When: Sundays 4:30-6:00 pm

Where: Zoom, for the
foreseeable future

<https://zoom.us/j/774116020>

SUNDAY EVENING STRUCTURE

- 4:30 pm – Sign into Zoom
- 4:35 pm – Circle up: joys & concerns → Pray
- 5:00 pm – Set up: Introduction to the evening's activity
- 5:05 pm – Activity
- 5:40 pm – Housekeeping: Debrief, announcements & agenda for next week.
- 5:50 pm – Looking Forward: what is something you are looking forward to?
- 6:00 pm – Sign out

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? LIVING INTO OUR VALUES THROUGH OUR ACTIONS!

- Fellowship
- Exploration
- Service
- Inclusiveness

FOSTERING & NURTURING CONNECTION & RELATIONSHIPS

Now, more than ever, it is important to think about creating opportunities for connection. Youth group is a wonderful way that we can do that with input and creative ideas from all who are involved. Creativity and open minds will be key to making this year meaningful!

ROTATIONAL YOUTH GROUP MODEL

Even though we will be meeting virtually, our meetings and the activities planned will rotate between fellowship, exploration, self-care and service (in creative ways!) We seek to intentionally live into our values and meet the needs of our youth, through a program that gives all of our youth a wholistic and meaningful experience.

- **Fellowship** – activities primarily designed to promote a welcoming and inclusive community among our youth as well as healthy and supportive relationships with trusted adults.
- **Exploration** – there is still so much we can learn and explore together in a virtual setting. We hope to have guest speakers and engage in learning and discussion about topics and issues that are important to our youth and in our world today.
 - **Self-Care** – (an extension of exploration) this is especially important given our current context. We will continue to offer opportunities to learn about it and experience it. Self-care is entirely possible to learn about and practice through zoom
- **Service** – this is another aspect of our program that will require some “out-of-the-box” thinking. There may be opportunities for community clean-up projects, but I hope to put together a Pen Pal Program between our youth and elderly members of our congregation.

COMMUNICATION...

You will receive a weekly e-mail sent by me, Alicia Reese. Please make sure I have your correct email address so you don't miss anything!

GroupMe, is a messaging app that is used regularly to communicate with youth. It is extremely helpful and beneficial for them to have access to this app for informational purposes as well as to keep them connected with the group.

BRINGING GUESTS...

If you would like to have a guest join us for youth group, please send me a message ahead of time to let me know they are coming. If they plan to attend again, please be sure to connect me with their parent or guardian.

FINANCES...

At this time, there is no cost associated with having your child participate in youth group.