

# CUMC YOUTH MINISTRY 2018-2019

## PARENT INFORMATION

**MISSION** The mission of CUMC's Youth Ministry is to encourage youth in cultivating authentic relationships with God, each other, and their global community.

**VISION** The vision is that youth will be equipped to embark on a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ.

### VALUES

- Building Christ-like character
- Developing servant leaders
- Teaching Biblical competency
- Providing a safe space
- Encouraging passionate worship

### WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- **AM GATHERING:** Our AM Gathering will continue to meet during the 10:45 service on Sunday mornings. During this time we usually have a time of fellowship, worship, and bible study. High school and middle school will both be meeting in the youth room at this time.
- **PM GATHERING:** Our PM Gathering times are spent in a variety of ways each month. During a typical month we will have one night for a worship night, two nights for small groups, and one night as either a mystery trip or game night.
  - We recognize that the youth look to PM Gathering as a time to unwind, act goofy, and have fun and although we are looking to bring more structure to this time, we still want them to have fun and will also give them a time for games and other activities to release energy on small group nights.
- **WEDNESDAYS @ WEGMAN'S** Join us most Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm throughout the school year for an informal time of fellowship at Wegman's in Waugh Chapel. Bring homework, games, or just yourself!

### ANNUAL EVENTS & TRIPS

- **FALL CAMPING TRIP** // October 5-7, 2018 // a weekend of camping, fellowship, worship, hiking, and dang good food!
- **ZETEO CONFERENCE** // February 1-3, 2019 // a weekend of moving worship, engaging teaching, compelling drama, and challenging break-out seminars at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. For more info, visit >>> <https://snlym.com/events/zeteo/>
- **SPRING CAMPING TRIP** // May 3-5, 2019 // a weekend of camping, fellowship, worship, hiking, and dang good food!

- **HARRISBURG MISSION TRIP** // June 23-28, 2019 // a weeklong service trip where we seek to connect with a number of community outreach organizations in an effort to support and assist the great work they are already doing. For more info, visit >>> <https://snlym.com/missions/harrisburg-mission-trip/>
- **IMPACT FESTIVAL** // July 24-29, 2019 // an outdoor camping festival that combines powerful praise and worship sessions, challenging breakout seminars, ambitious athletic and outdoor activities, life changing lessons from God's Word with seven main stage gatherings, and a relational emphasis through group building and campfire settings. For more info, visit >>> <https://snlym.com/events/impact/>

**PERMISSION SLIPS & COVENANT** All parents/guardians are REQUIRED to complete a Registration/Permission Form for their youth, to be kept on file with the youth leaders. We must have this form on file in order for your youth to participate in ongoing onsite and offsite gatherings. A new permission slip MUST be completed for every new program year. A blank permission slip is available at <https://cumc.net/youth-ministry/> Additionally, all adults and youth (and their parents) will be expected to agree to and sign our covenant, which you can find attached to this packet. A blank covenant is available at <https://cumc.net/youth-ministry/>

**CELL PHONES** Although cell phones are a convenient form of communication today they are often a disruption to ministry, especially during extended programs such as retreats and service trips. We will make a decision on whether cell phones will be allowed depending on the trip. In the event that phones are allowed, they must be turned off and put away except during the specifically stated times for that trip. Youth are asked to be fully present during our events. Emergency contact numbers will be provided to parents if they need to reach their youth during a program or event. Phones are made available to youth if needed during a program. Additionally, cell phones may be collected during our AM and PM Gatherings if they become a distraction.

**FEES** Some of our events have a cost associated with them. All youth are welcome, regardless of their ability to pay. If you would like to participate, but need some assistance, we are fortunate enough to be able to provide that assistance through a memorial fund for a former youth, Lucas Wells, specifically created for that purpose. Please talk to any youth leader for more information.

**VISITORS** Youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends of appropriate age (whether members of CUMC or not) to youth events at any time. Youth should let their friends know of appropriate norms and rules before they come. We will ask for emergency contact information and if the visitor attends regularly or is leaving the church premises with us, we will have them fill out a permission slip

**PARENT-LEADER COMMUNICATION** Parents are encouraged to communicate with the youth leaders and director for information on AM & PM Gathering, special events, and to keep us informed about:

- Achievements of child (sports, academic, extracurricular, etc.)
- Illness or hospitalization
- Family issues (death, accident, divorce, etc.)
- Youth issues (school, peer, dating, etc.)

This information enables us to offer the best care for your youth. We can celebrate in their achievements and support and pray for them through their struggles.

**EMAIL/SOCIAL MEDIA** We want to keep you informed of what's happening within the ministry so we send out information frequently. We have joined the rest of our church in focusing our attention on The City. We ask for your cooperation in registering and transitioning over to The City. If you need any help signing up or understanding The City please reach out to us. If you have any questions or feedback you may still email us. The youth email account that we all have access to is [cumcgathering@gmail.com](mailto:cumcgathering@gmail.com), or you can find our individual emails on the next page. We will still post on Facebook (CUMC Youth) and Instagram (cumcgathering) on occasion, but you need to be watching The City to ensure you don't miss anything! And keep in mind, you may want to set your notifications for this group to 'Everything' so you will know immediately if there is a last minute change, as this does happen at times!

## **SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES**

**The City:** The Gathering Youth & Parents on [cumc.onthecity.org](http://cumc.onthecity.org)

**Instagram:** @cumcgathering

**Facebook:** CUMC Youth

## **YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

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