

# September - December 2021 Youth Faith Formation


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## SEPTEMBER


- Sun, Sept. 12 • Celebrate Sunday @ 12PM - Program registration, Parents Q&A, Popeye's Chicken + freebies!
- Fri, Sept 17 • Friday Night Kickback (6th-12th) - Bowling & Pizza @ Pinstripes 5:30-7:30PM
- Sun, Sept 19 • Confirmation Orientation for Parents + Youth (7th+ grade) @ FPC 12-1:30PM (lunch provided)

## OCTOBER



- Sun, Oct 3 • Youth Group (6th-12th) @ 10AM // World Communion // Joshua Bennett Event @ FPC 4-5:30PM
- Sun, Oct 10 • Confirmation Session One @ FPC 12:15-2PM (lunch provided)
- Wed, Oct 13 • Food Not Bombs Volunteer Orientation 6-6:30PM on Zoom (one-time requirement)
- Sat, Oct 16 • Habitat for Humanity FPC Youth Volunteer Day (age 16+) 9AM-3PM
- Sun, Oct 24 • BIG Little Free Pantry Donation Drive // All Church Fall Festival @ FPC 12PM 
- Sun, Oct 24 • Volunteer @ Food Not Bombs 2-4:30PM

## NOVEMBER

- Sat, Nov 6 • NEOCH Immersion Day (6th-12th + parents) 10AM-5PM (lunch provided) 
- Wed, Nov 10 • Food Not Bombs Orientation 6-6:30PM on Zoom (one-time requirement)
- Sun, Nov 14 • Confirmation Session Two @ FPC 12:15-2PM (lunch provided)
- Sun, Nov 21 • "Hanging of the Greens" @ FPC 12PM (cookies + cocoa in the youth room for volunteers!)
- Sun, Nov 28 • Volunteer @ Food Not Bombs 2-4:30PM

## DECEMBER

- Sun, Dec 5 • Youth Group (6th-12th) @ 10AM 
- Sun, Dec 12 • Confirmation Session Three @ FPC 12:15-2PM (lunch provided)
- Sun, Dec 19 • Youth (6th-12th) Christmas Party @ FPC 12-2PM (lunch provided)
- Fri, Dec 24 • Christmas Eve Worship
- Sun, Dec 26 • Christmas Sunday 

More info, registration, required forms, and updates online:

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*DISCLAIMERS: mask required for all indoor activities, eating will take place outdoors whenever possible, standard social distancing protocols will be in place for all indoor/outdoor programs, events are subject to change based on COVID-19 risk assessment by FPC Staff and Session*

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# Program Overview

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## Youth Group

Junior and senior high youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to gather in the youth room on the first Sunday of each month at 10AM before worship at 11AM. Youth Group gatherings are relaxed, safe spaces for youth to engage in wonder-and-meaning-filled friendship and conversation. Come as you are and be yourself. Each session will present a new theme or topic with a short video or other form of media and scripture reading, followed by group discussion and/or interactive activities.

Whenever possible, middle and high school students will be broken out into separate groups for age-appropriate discussion. Topics will be selected in response to youth-expressed desires and concerns, or are relevant to the flow of both the academic and liturgical year. Following, all are highly encouraged to attend worship, sitting with family or as a group with leader(s).

## Confirmation - "Big God, Big Questions"

Confirmation meetings will take place on the second Sunday of each month between September and May. This nine-month journey is for youth entering 7th grade and above. No confirmand journeys alone. Both Pastors Jessie MacMillan and Lindsay Harren-Lewis, and Director of Youth + Adult Faith Formation Kate McFadden, are all available for prayer and support. Additionally, each confirmand works closely with two key persons: an adult and peer mentor (10th-12th Grade). In the spring, both youth and mentors will write about their unique faith in their own words.

*"Confirmation is not meant to be a crash course in Christianity, but an opportunity to welcome youth into an intentional time of discernment and conversations about faith, exploring the BIG Questions so that the confirmands can make a faithful response." - Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith PC(USA)*

The word *confirm*, from the Latin *confirmare*, means "to strengthen." At Confirmation, the Spirit and the church's prayers strengthen those who are being confirmed. This strengthening includes preparing youth who were baptized as babies to share their faith and intent to take part in the life of the church. For those not baptized, Confirmation would include both Baptism and a profession of faith. For youth who complete the Confirmation journey, but choose not to be confirmed, the Fairmount faith community will offer a blessing and affirmation of unconditional love and support.

## Food Not Bombs

This is a new community partnership for FPC youth programs inspired by the spirit and ethos of the Little Free Pantry. Food Not Bombs (FNB) is a volunteer run, grassroots, mutual aid organization that shares free food worldwide. FNB gives away fresh produce and bread on a grassy lot at 6321 St Clair Ave., in Cleveland every Sunday. Once per month, FPC youth will work as a team to help carry out the food share from 2:00 to 4:30PM. A brief 30-minute Zoom orientation prior to volunteering is required. We will work outdoors in the elements, so dress appropriately for the weather.

The name "Food Not Bombs" comes from the belief that food is a human right and poverty is a form of violence. Their team of volunteers serve people year-round in all weather conditions. No ID, proof of residence, citizenship, family size or income is required to receive food. Everybody eats.

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