

2018/2019



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Each and every one of us carries a memory tucked away somewhere close to the heart, of the first time someone, somewhere, took us seriously and gave us enough time to amaze and astonish them with our questions and answers.



**PROGRAMMING FOR
YOUTH IN GRADES 7 - 12**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF NATICK
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



First Church Natick offers a rich calendar of youth events throughout the year. There are social events for the youth once a month ranging from movie nights, to sledding parties, to “lock-ins” at the church. There are numerous outreach program opportunities for our youth throughout the year and members of the youth groups also participate in worship leadership during Sunday morning worship.

Our youth are divided by school grade into two groups. Our Junior Youth Group, for those in grades 7-8, meets two Sundays a month and our Senior Youth Group meets once a month. See the church calendar for details. These meetings provide time in a safe space with their peers and leaders where they can form deeper relationships with one another; share stresses and challenges of their lives; celebrate their victories and milestones; learn to look for God in unexpected places; experiment with a relaxed, interactive style of worship; grow in faith and leadership; and serve their community together.

We alternate every other year between the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program and Confirmation. This year we will offer the OWL class to our 7th and 8th graders.

The comprehensive OWL curriculum provides the youth with accurate and complete information, equipping them to make healthy, life-enhancing choices in their sexual lives. In OWL, our youth learn that God desires health and happiness for all parts of their lives, including their sexual lives! These classes also include time to deepen relationships and share ideas about faith, values and justice.

Confirmation will be offered next in 2019/2020. Confirmation is an in-depth, year-long process of discernment and articulation of faith values with monthly meetings and a week-long pilgrimage that guide the youth in the discernment process in preparation for confirmation in the spring. Confirmation provides the opportunity to explore questions and make discoveries about the role of faith in our lives.

For more information about our youth programs and updated schedules, please contact Sarallyn Keller (sarallyn@firstchurchnatick.org; 508-653-0971).



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