



7th-12th grade YOUTH GROUP @ Brooklyn Presbyterian

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Fall 2017

Sept 17 FALL KICKOFF PARTY: Stop by the kitchen, pick up your lunch and bring it to the youth room, AND GET READY FOR SOME FUN!.

Wednesday Sept 28 SEE YOU AT THE POLE: Today (BEFORE school), millions of teens around the country will be praying at their school flagpoles, and you can do the same! You can pray for anything that's on your heart. Even if you don't speak, you can join the movement by showing up and praying silently. This isn't an official youth group event, but it's sooo important to gather with other believers at school... don't miss it! **TIME:** Ask your school office, as times vary. When you find out your school's plan, help spread the word on snapchat & stuff. Maybe you can make posters to hang at school!

Oct 1 CHANGE: Stop by the kitchen, pick up your lunch and bring it to the youth room. After we eat, we will head to the parking lot to learn about change. Wear comfortable clothes.

Oct 15 OFF-SITE ACTIVITY: We will be heading to McDonald's for lunch and then going to the Brooklyn Living Center to play games with the residents. You may even see a few people you know! **COST:** Bring \$ for lunch at McDonald's. **TO SIGN UP:** Sign up on the clip board or call or email the church office at 517-592-2801 or bpreschurch@gmail.com



Fri-Sun Nov 3-5 URBAN PLUNGE WEEKEND MISSION TRIP: Travel to a different city (Lansing) to participate in God's work with a bunch of other youth groups from our Presbytery. Enjoy team bonding time and meeting new friends, sleep in a church, and rack up some community service hours. (right now, it appears the signups will be due around Oct 15, but it's hard saying at the time of printing). More information will be emailed when it's available, but since they tend to send it last minute, please save the date! **TO SIGN UP:** Follow the instructions when they are given out later.



Nov 19 HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS: Stop by the kitchen, pick up your lunch and bring it to the youth room. We will be talking about ways that we can assist those who are facing hunger and homelessness. **Please bring 3 items to donate to the food pantry and any plastic grocery bags that you have.**



Wednesday Nov 29 HANGING OF THE GREENS: After enjoying pizza with the decorating crew, we will help make the church beautiful for Christmas. You have been so helpful the last couple of years, they keep asking you to come back! **TIME:** 6-8 pm (come for the whole thing, or any part that works for you).



And now, ladies and gentlemen, the fine print:

Who is this youth group for? You, if you are in 7th-12th grade, want to grow in your faith, meet people from different schools, and have fun. You don't have to go to this church. Just try it out! You can bring friends!

What happens at meetings? After church on Sundays, we grab lunch at the kitchen window, (Parents, if you would like to provide a meal, PLEASE contact the church), then we relax in the youth room until Cross Notes (teen choir) rehearsal ends, and get started.

What time are meetings? Generally from 12-2, unless otherwise noted on the schedule. Anyone who doesn't go to Cross Notes between church and youth group can start eating at 11:30, so if you are getting dropped off and want to come at 11:30, go for it! With respect to your busy lives, we try hard not to go past the posted time, but on the rare occasions it happens, we ask for understanding.

Do you want to participate in outings? Please fill out (and sign) the attached permission slip (we need a new one every school year) and return it at your first meeting. That would be SO amazing!

Want to know what's up? Youth group updates are sent out frequently. Parents (and/or students) should get on the email list. Teens, if your parents get behind on their email (life is busy, just wait, haha!), you should definitely get on the email list as well as your parents. When you fill out the permission slip, include the relevant emails and phone numbers, and you will automatically be signed up. Anytime you would like to be removed, just say so. 😊

Can I just show up for stuff? Usually! But, some events require advance signup, so it's best to read the schedule ahead of time. **There are some events that require signing up. They have yellow highlighted signup dates in their descriptions, so at least check them out real quick and mark the signup dates on your calendar.** To sign up for something, all you have to do is email or call the church and tell them you are coming before that date and you're in! Or, add your name to the signup sheet at meetings, if one gets passed around. There may also be forms & money to turn in, but not always. Sadly, if you are late signing up, you will have to miss out. We believe in grace (thus all of the advance notice & at least one reminder), but also in accountability (thus the "better luck next time").

Do I have to provide my own ride to trips and special events? No, the youth leaders provide transportation as long as you sign up in time. Just get to the church or wherever we are leaving from. Parent help may be needed from time to time if the group is big enough. Church insurance requires that all drivers are at least 25.

What if I don't have the money? Sometimes money is needed for events and meals out. When you sign up, ask a leader for church scholarship money if you need it, and know that the conversation will remain private. The church has money available for **anyone** who needs help coming to events, so please ask! People at this church love kids so much they literally donate money for you to go to stuff!



What are mini missions? We love sharing God's love! Throughout the year, we will enjoy reaching out in our community through a bunch of mini missions, which are marked with this icon.

Who can I contact with questions? You can call the church office with any questions at 517-592-2801 or email bpreschurch@gmail.com. For urgent matters or after hour emergencies, you can call or text Jody Thompson at 517-403-3204.

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for
the whole family

STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

BROOKLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Effective September 17, 2017 through September 1, 2018

Thanks
for filling
out a new
form
yearly

STUDENT COVENANT

I agree to obey all instructions given to me during youth group events. I also agree to do my best to make the experiences enjoyable for everyone in attendance. I understand that my personal behavior is my responsibility. My parents will be notified, and I will be sent home at their expense for any non-compliance during youth group events.

First student _____ Signed _____
Grade & school _____ email _____ cell # _____

Second student _____ Signed _____
Grade & school _____ email _____ cell # _____

Third student _____ Signed _____
Grade & school _____ email _____ cell # _____

Fourth student _____ Signed _____
Grade & school _____ email _____ cell # _____

PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT, RELEASE PHOTOS, and AUTHORIZE URGENT MEDICAL DECISIONS. This includes any overnight trips with our church.

I give Brooklyn Presbyterian Church permission to transport my child/ren listed above to church activities. I agree to hold church staff, volunteers, and Brooklyn Presbyterian Church harmless during field trips or activities. I have read and agree to the student covenant above.

During church activities, I give Brooklyn Presbyterian Church permission to photograph my child/ren listed above for the church's use (including but not limited to brochures, website, or Facebook).

I give full consent for my child/ren listed above to participate in church events. If my child needs any medical attention, I give my full consent for the adult advisors to make decisions on my behalf as to the extent of that medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian's name _____ email _____ phone _____

Family's address _____

Second parent's name & address _____

Family's home church (if any) _____

Alternate emergency contact _____

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy/Group/Contract #s _____

Allergies/Medication/Medical conditions/Helpful info about my child/ren: _____
