



**YOUTH
GROUP**

9th - 12th grade

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2020 Winter/Spring Schedule

- Jan 12** Parent and Student Meeting – Meet in the Fellowship Hall after 10:30am worship service for a lunch meeting to create a youth group covenant and plan our upcoming Fundraiser.
- Jan 19** Winter Jam – Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids. This event is open to all youth 6th-12th grade and ALL families. (Youth 5th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult chaperone) Tickets are \$25 for youth and \$35 for adults. Sign-up deadline and payment due by Sunday, January 5, 2019.
- Jan 26** Meeting - Responsibility
- Feb 7-9** Winter Fest at United Church in Big Rapids. A high-energy weekend of skiing, snowboarding, swimming, recreation games, guided art activities and Christian fellowship activities for 6th -12th grade students. \$25 Registration is due by Sunday, January 12. (*Ski and snowboard equipment rental will be an additional cost)
- Feb 23** Meeting – 1 Timothy
- Mar 8** Mission Work (We will vote on this at the January 26th meeting)
- Mar 22** Fundraiser to support Montreat Youth Conference
- Mar 29** Sky Zone Event with Lake Michigan Presbytery Youth Groups
- Apr 25-26** Lock-In (More info to come!)
- July 12-18** Montreat Youth Conference – A unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. (MYC) is designed for high school students, entering freshmen through graduated seniors, and for their group leaders. Information on the youth conference is available at the Montreat website <https://montreat.org/events/myc-2020>. Registration and cost info to come.

Watch for more upcoming events and activities happening this summer!



Who is this youth group for? You, if you are in 9th-12th grade, want to grow in your faith, meet people from different schools, build relationships 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 scheduled Sundays, stop by the kitchen window and grab lunch, then head to the youth room. After that, we do activities together, have discussions (some light and some deep) and build relationships. Some meetings will be combined with the 6th – 8th grade youth group, but we will break into small groups by age/grade for discussion.

What time are meetings? Generally from 11:30am-1:30pm, unless otherwise noted on the schedule. If you are involved in Cross Notes Choir, just drop in after practice.

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.

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? The youth leaders will arrange transportation. Parent help may be needed from time to time. 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!

Who can I contact with questions? You can call the church office with any questions at 517-592-2801 or email jodyt9023@gmail.com. For urgent matters or after hour emergencies, you can call or text Jody Thompson at 517-403-3204.

Parents and caregivers... Are you interested in providing a meal? Chaperoning an event? Driving to an activity? Volunteers are needed and appreciated to make youth group possible. If you would like to make a donation of your time or resources, please contact Jody Thompson at 517-592-2801 or email jodyt9023@gmail.com. Thank you!

Use one form
for
the whole family

STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

BROOKLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Effective September 8, 2019 through September 1, 2020

**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 _____ Grade & school _____
Birthdate _____ email _____ cell # _____
Signed _____

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

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

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: _____

