

2016 - 2017



YOUTH PROGRAMS



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

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

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.



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.

This year our Junior Youth Group, for those in grades 7-8, meets two Sundays a month from 5:00-6:30 PM for the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program. This comprehensive curriculum provides our 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! OWL is taught by Sarallyn Keller, director of Spiritual Vitality and Congregational Care and Jean Sniffin, a retired nurse with a passion for public health. These meetings will also include time to deepen relationships and share ideas about values, faith, and justice.

The Senior Youth Group for High School students meets once a month from 7:00-8:30 PM to spend 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.

Our Confirmation class is offered every other year for our 10th and 11th graders. (It will be offered next beginning in 2017.) Confirmation is an in-depth, year-long process of discernment and articulation of faith values that begins with the youth pilgrimage during the summer and continues throughout the year with monthly meetings that guide the youth in the discernment process in preparation for confirmation in the spring.

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



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