

Group Norms & Expectations: Code of Behavior

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor • September 2019 – August 2020

As part of the youth group of the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, I commit to explore the following:

Know God

Here are some ways to do this:

- ✝ Pray
- ✝ Read the Bible
- ✝ Attend Sol Café classes
- ✝ Attend worship
- ✝ Serve communion

Love Others

Here are some ways to do this:

- ✝ Accept others just the way they are
- ✝ Act with kindness and compassion wherever you are
- ✝ Participate in Sunday evening youth fellowship (a.k.a. UMYF)
- ✝ Attend retreats

Serve the World > Community > Church

Here are some ways to do this:

- ✝ Go on youth summer mission trips and/or church-wide mission trips (such as Appalachia)
- ✝ Get pledges and participate in the CROP Walk (October 6)
- ✝ Serve at Cass Community Social Serv. (Nov. 5)
- ✝ Be an actor or help with the set or costumes in the Youth Christmas Theater or help with the reception (Dec. 15)
- ✝ Prepare and serve the J.O.Y. Luncheon for senior citizens (date T.B.D)
- ✝ Visit the Chelsea Retirement Center with us (March 29 tentative date)
- ✝ Participate in other FUMC congregation mission projects such as L.O.V.E. Thy Neighbor, IHN/Alpha House, or Habitat for Humanity as they arise

In order for us to function successfully as a Christian group, we must agree to certain norms of behavior:

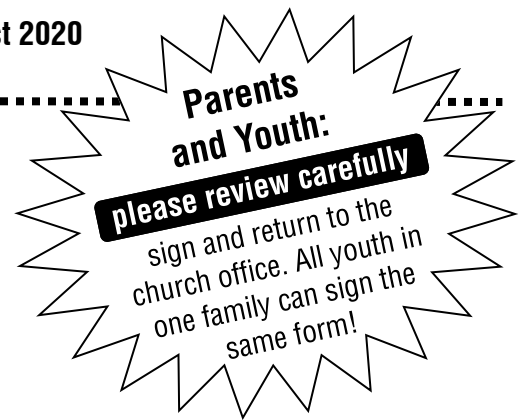
- Refrain from put-downs
- Respect for all persons and property
- Extend politeness and respect to all in our group and everyone we meet
- Appropriate, modest dress – no bikinis or bare midriffs or inappropriate t-shirt slogans, one-piece swimsuits suggested
- Be supportive of all members of the group
- No excessive P.D.A. (Public Displays of Affection!)
- Serve one another in Christian love

Group participation:

- Everyone will be expected to **participate fully** in all group and sub-group activities (i.e., work assignments), unless ill. This includes travel time.
- No cell phones or personal devices will be used during group times.
- Everyone is expected to follow the daily group schedule and be promptly at the designated location for each activity.

For the well-being and safety of the group, everyone agrees to the following:

- Do not leave the group, church, camp, condo, or hotel, without direct permission from the youth director or designated event leader.
- No one is allowed to go anywhere alone, including public restrooms and rest areas.
- Groups of three or more will be given as directives for sight-seeing, athletic activities, and free time.
- Lights out and quiet time must be respected. Drivers are entitled to eight hours of sleep!
- Seat belts must be worn when traveling.
- Absolutely no fireworks or playing with fire.
- Observe the laws of the land.



KNOW *God*
LOVE *Others*
SERVE *the World.*

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Youth Ministry Non-Negotiables*

No harm to self or others

No sexual intimacy or sexual harassment

No possession of weapons

No abuse of legal or prescription drugs

No possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, or vaping products

*Any violation of a non-negotiable item, meaning behavior that is disruptive to the group, or behavior that threatens the safety of self or others, will result in the offending youth(s) being sent home immediately, at the parents' expense. In signing this form, the parent agrees to cover all expenses related to sending their child home.

Audio/visual recordings

Please be aware that video images, photographs, audio recordings, and other visual or audio reproduction may be taken during youth activities to be used, distributed, or shown on the church website, brochures, bulletin boards, social media pages, and/or display in worship.

Please speak directly with a youth director if you have any concerns.

I have read the group policies, expected norms and non-negotiable, and audio/visual statement and agree to abide by them.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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