

# Youth @ Grace • 2020-21

Welcome to youth ministry at Grace UMC for grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. WE usually meet in person but, this year is SPECIAL. We are all online. Each Sunday, we will have the Wesley Singers Zoom from 4:30-5:30, then a break from computer until youth group begins at 6:30-7:30 pm. Each week the zoom id will be sent in the weekly emails. Please contact [office@umcgrace.org](mailto:office@umcgrace.org) to be added to the email list. Things are bound to change... please be flexible! We are attempting to keep the rhythm the same.

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2020

<b>Aug</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Drive Through Blessings and Student Ministries back to school package pickup!</b>
<b>September</b>		
	6	YOUTH WORSHIP Topic: <b>H O P E</b> : focus on interactions and encouraging! 5 pm on ZOOM Back to school focus.
	13	Look for the HELPERS! Guest Speaker: Emily Cappuccio ICU Nurse
	20	Small group discussion time, HOPE, scriptures in the bible about new beginnings
	27	BARF fun online game night
<b>October</b>		
	4	YOUTH WORSHIP
	11	Small group discussion- Topic: INCOGNITO- fending off fear
	18	Don't be afraid: Guest Speaker: Barbara Barrick, Jail ministry
	25	BARF Clever Costume Contest, fall fun!!!
<b>November</b>		
	1	YOUTH WORSHIP
	8	Small group discussion time- Topic: Thankfulness- Gratitude for what we have
	15	Life without a classroom Guest Speaker: GCLC rep (Susan Bardwell)
	22	BARF
	29	No youth group, Thanksgiving Break
<b>December</b>		
	6	YOUTH WORSHIP
	13	Small Group Discussion- RACE relations: Guest Speaker
	20	Virtual Caroling at the Oaks of Wellington
	27	Night off!!! Enjoy Christmas Break!

2021

<b>January</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>May God Bless 2021! Happy New YEAR, no youth group</b>
	10	YOUTH WORSHIP
		Confirmation Classes begin at 9:45
	17	Topic: Recalculation turning back to the MAP
	24	Guest Speaker
	31	BARF
<b>February</b>		
	7	YOUTH WORSHIP
	14	Topic: Love your neighbor as yourself
	21	Guest Speaker Meg Carroll Georgetown South
	28	BARF
<b>March</b>		
	7	Youth Worship
	14	Topic: Reconciliation: Conflict Resolution (stress and testing)
	21	Mission Guest Speaker Jen Wollard Professor
	28	Palm Sunday <small>No youth group</small>
<b>April</b>		
	4	Easter Sunday, Christ is ALIVE!
	11	Youth Sunday preparation
	18	YOUTH SUNDAY, ALL HANDS ON DECK!
	25	BARF : Bunny Olympics
<b>May</b>		
	2	YOUTH WORSHIP
	9	Confirmation Sunday Mother's Day No youth regular youth group
	16	Guest Speaker: Mark Cross GROWTH
	23	The Wesley Singers Spring Concert TBA
		Barf
	30	No youth group
<b>June</b>		
	6	Graduation Sunday
	9	End of year PARTY
	16	Father's Day No youth group

**Monthly 4 week Rotation:**

- Week 1: Youth Worship- Youth led music, prayers, scripture reading and sermons.
  - Week 2: Small Group discussion with topic
  - Week 3: Guest speaker and roundtable discussion
  - Week 4: BARF, Bring a Real Friend ... fun night.
- CHECK OUT: [UMCGRACE.org](http://UMCGRACE.org) for more insight into the explanation behind what we do.

## Youth Council 2020-21

Lay Leaders:

Olivia Dann, Shannon Gagarin  
Nalin Theodore, Jackie Hertz  
Caleb Dixon  
Ally Hudson  
Amelia Swingle  
Ryan Davis  
Elaina Harrison  
Nick Codd, Victor Bodine

Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development:  
Risk Taking Mission:  
Radical Hospitality:  
Extravagant Generosity:  
AV/Technical Support:  
GotHYMN? Coordinator:

Youth Council is the governing body that plans youth group events. These student leaders meet the first Sunday of each month to plan and discuss youth group. If you are interested in coming to a meeting to see what leadership looks like, feel free to attend. The meetings are held at 3:30 pm. The meetings end at 4:40 pm sharp so that students can attend Wesley Singer practices. I thank God for the students and their parents that make youth group a priority and a learning environment for leadership.

Got Hymn? Is our youth praise Band. We are accepting new members. Please contact [dcali@umcgrace.org](mailto:dcali@umcgrace.org) to let Debbie know you are interested. All instruments and singers are welcomed.

WE are searching for someone eager to learn about Audio Visual. Please let Debbie Cali know if you are interested in working on the website, documenting pictures of the year or helping prepare for youth worship.

**The Wesley Singers-** This wonderful group of students 6-12 grades is a learning and growing choral group. Each Sunday, beginning Sept 13, they will meet at 4:30-5:30 pm on zoom. Please contact Mrs Jost, Director, [ljost@umcgrace.org](mailto:ljost@umcgrace.org) to begin receiving weekly emails with updates and zoom ids. There is a concert that is tentatively scheduled for May 23. If you enjoy singing and want to ask someone about the program please contact Mrs. Jost or one of the following Choir Representatives.

### The Wesley Singers CHOIR REPRESENTATIVES

High School reps: Meridian Blanchard and Nalin Theodore

Middle School reps: Ada Husband and Ethan Morgan

**Confirmation** begins for interested students and their parents on Sunday, January 13, 2021. We meet (almost) every Sunday for the spring to help students explore Christian faith and the United Methodist Traditions so that they can decide for themselves about "confirming" their faith. This class is designed for students in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above that are willing to explore their next step, claiming their Christianity for themselves. As this is a priority of the pastors, they will team-teach with the director of student ministry. Besides the weekly classes, the students are encouraged to go to a **Confirmation retreat**, help lead the **Ash Wednesday** service (Feb 17, 2021) and meet with a member of the Church to talk about what Grace has meant to them...**CONFIRMATION is on Sunday, May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)**. This is planned to be held virtually but will be eager to pivot to in person as it becomes safe to meet.

**Adult Volunteers** - without these amazing volunteers, youth group would not be possible. Each is background checked and seasoned as a leader. Please join me in acknowledging their passion for God and our youth.

Fred and Molly Mentzel	Bobby and Shari Hart	Debbie Cali
Brandon Cali	Jenna Pataluna	Riley Moran
Doug Glysson	Julie Berry	

If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact Debbie Cali to pray and discern.

### Mission Trips

Mission opportunities will be decided, as we get closer to the summer. So much is changing in the pandemic world; we will have to keep you informed in ways we can do ministry safely.

Junior High- WE do have a mission trip to Jeremiah Project for our Middle school students booked for summer of 2021. Please consider donating to this ministry as it has been hit hard from the pandemic, [jeremiahproject.org](http://jeremiahproject.org).

Senior High- We do have a mission trip to South Carolina for Hurricane relief booked for summer 2021. Please consider sending funds to UMCOR for Hurricane relief.

More information and updates will be given as information is available.

## Contact information for Debbie Cali, Director of Student Ministries

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Please feel free to contact me for help, prayers or concerns.