

FPCC Youth Ministry

2025-2026 Ministry plan for both middle school and high school

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

Our goal at FPCC youth ministry is to create a safe space for youth to learn and explore their faith while partaking in the works of Jesus through giving back to their church and community. We strive to fulfill this mission through weekly meetings that include fun activities and open discussions, volunteering and fun retreats!

Curriculum by the month

We will be using the Uncommon Junior High Group Study: The Life Of Jesus for our curriculum October-January. The curriculum for February going forward will be announced in January.

1. **October:** Dead Man Walking, The Main Thing, The Biggest One, Believe It or Not
2. **November:** Do You Want It?, Telling It Like It Is, How To Worship God
3. **December:** Listening to God, Faith, Gifted by God
4. **January:** Living Our Faith, Forgiveness, Service, How to Understand the Bible

STRUCTURE AT A GLANCE

1. Weekly meetings
 - a. Meetings will be 1 hour in length from 11:30-12:30 every Sunday unless otherwise noted via email
 - b. Beginning of the meeting will start with going in a circle and discussing our highs and lows for the week (5 minutes)
 - c. We will then do an introduction activity to lead into the discussion for the day (craft, video, sport, game) (20 minutes)
 - d. We will gather back together to discuss the lesson for the day (15 minutes)
 - e. We will end the meeting in prayer and kids will have free time to play games, do crafts and spend time with their fellow youth (20 minutes)
 - f. Meetings will include pre-packaged snacks and water bottles, youth are invited to bring their own snacks if they prefer (we just ask that the snacks be nut-free to be fair to those with allergies)
2. Monthly volunteer opportunities
 - a. Volunteer opportunities will include both in church volunteer work and

outside of church volunteer work

- b. In-church volunteer opportunities will include assisting with tasks around the church such as decorating, and reading scripture during church
 - c. Youth will have a virtual volunteer activity log where we can keep track of their volunteer activities throughout the year. Their volunteer hours will be calculated at the end of the year and they will receive certificates noting their total volunteer hours (helpful for youth applying into colleges or other academic programs).
3. Events **(more may be added throughout the year)**
- a. Welcome back s'mores party
 - b. Game night
 - c. Movie nights
 - d. Costume Party
 - e. Trunk-or-treat
 - f. Bowling
 - g. Friendsgiving
 - h. Christmas party
 - i. 30 Hour Famine retreat
 - j. Easter event
 - k. Service project
 - l. End of season party
 - m. Pool party

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- 1. Volunteer Log
- 2. Snacks
- 3. Supplies for activities
- 4. Worksheets for lessons
- 5. Pens/pencils/markers

VOLUNTEERING/CHAPERONING

Volunteers/chaperones must be approved by Carol Thee the church secretary before volunteering

- 1. To sign up to volunteer and for more information please email Kayla Abella at youth@firstprescranford.org
- 2. If you cannot make it to your assigned day to volunteer please provide 48 hours notice for day events at 72 hours notice for overnight