



**2022- 2023 Youth Programs**  
**A Burlington UCC Collaboration:**  
*The College Street Church & First Congregational Church UCC*



**YOUTH PROGRAMS:** We are happy to share that our collaboration with the College Street Church will be on-going with [Jason Vanderlaan, Youth Ministries Leader](#), now officially serving on the staffs of both First Church and the College Street Church! The fall calendar for youth programs is taking shape. For details (see below) – and please make sure that you [subscribe to our Church Newsletter](#). Families with middle and high school youth are encouraged to contact Hilah Clarke, Director of Faith Formation ([hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org)) to be added to the e-list for youth program updates.

***Here's the latest from Jason:***

With the new school year comes some new changes to our schedule. As the youth groups from both College Street and First Church combine more officially, we're excited to be creating space for continuing to pray and play together.

Youth group – for middle and high school youth – will start on Wednesday evening August 21! Our new schedule will be meeting **every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm**. We'll begin by sharing a meal together (probably pizza!) for the first 30 minutes, before moving into our activities for the night, which will vary from week to week, but will include combinations of: games, service opportunities, Scripture and prayer, discussions, etc.

**One really fun addition** to the schedule is that one Wednesday a month, instead of regular youth group, our pastors, Elissa and Ken, will be leading an intergenerational youth group where parents, family, and adults are invited to join the youth to pray and play together!

In addition to weekly Wednesday gatherings, **there will also be one youth group meeting a month on a weekend**, to accommodate for those with different schedules and to make space for different service opportunities or longer youth groups - things like the Spectrum Sleepout, movie nights, an overnight lock-in, etc.). **Our current plan looks like this:**

- **Wednesday Youth Groups, 6:00-8:00pm**  
September (Location: College Street): 21, 28  
October (Location: 1st Church): 5, 12, 19, 26  
November (Location: College Street): 2, 9, 16, 30  
December (Location: 1st Church): 7, 14, 21
- **Weekend Youth Groups**  
October 16 (Sun, after church): Crop Walk in South Hero  
November 13 (Sun, 10am-2pm): Fall Retreat, Location TBA  
December 10 (Sat, 6-8pm): Christmas Party, Location TBA

I'm really looking forward to what this new school year holds and hope you're enjoying your summer. Let me know if you have any questions and I'll see you soon.

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