



**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:**

- **Upcoming Wednesday Youth Groups, 6:00-8:00pm**  
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.

- **Jason** Jason Vanderlaan, Youth Ministries Leader, [jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org](mailto:jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org)

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**\*First Church & College Street Youth are participating  
in the 2022 CROP HUNGER WALK on October 16**



**1 in 4** people globally is food insecure.

**2.2 billion** people live without access to safe drinking water.

**258 million** children and youth still do not attend school.

**TOGETHER** we can create a world where there's #enough4all.



Our Burlington UCC Youth Group is teaming up with the South Hero youth group to raise funds and awareness for the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk, and we're inviting you to join us!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally AND around the world. Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people could walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to show solidarity and to bring awareness while raising funds for permanent change.

You can join us on the walk on October 16, 1pm at the Congregational Church of South Hero and/or sponsor us on our walk. To do so, please visit this website and click "Join the Team" to sign up for the walk, or click "Make a Donation" support us: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/youth-group> If you prefer to donate with check/cash, please contact Youth Leader, Jason Vanderlaan at [jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org](mailto:jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org)

Thank you so much for your support!

*-Jason*