

Outdoor Ministries:

St. John United Church of Christ is part of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC). The Ohio Conference offers a full list of Outdoor Ministries experiences from Golf, Hiking, Swimming, Music, Drama and much more. A full brochure is available every year or you may visit www.ocucc.org.

Confirmation Classes:

Typically, we wait until there is a substantial number of youth to share the confirmation class together. Youth are typically at least 13 years old (eighth grade) or older. Contact Pastor Keith for plans and schedules for the next class.

National Youth Event (NYE):

Every four years the denomination hosts a NYE. Other years there are regional events.

Visit UCC Youth Web Page:

<http://www.ucc.org/youth/>



Illumination Youth Ministries

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YOUTH at St. John

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.

(Matthew 5.15-16)



WELCOME to St. John United Church of Christ! This brochure has been created to help youth find their way into the life of St. John Church and welcome all youth as full participants in this faith community.

**Youth are not the future
of the church;
they are the church now!**

Illumination Youth Ministries

Illumination Youth Ministries is a youth program for youth in Middle School and High School (6th through 12th grades). It is a joint effort of several congregations in the area. Currently these are the participating congregations:

- **Christ Church,
United Church of Christ**
15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
- **First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**
1031 Alexandria Pike
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
- **St. John United Church of Christ**
520 Fairfield Ave.
Bellevue, KY 41073

Illumination Youth Ministries is governed by the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) made up of youth, pastors, and lay leaders from each participating congregation.

Illumination Schedule

Typically, Illumination meets on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month. Contact the Director for the current schedule.

A Sample Weekday Gathering:

5:30p Dinner

6:00p to 7:30p Spiritual formation program, fun activities, prayer, devotions, interactive Bible encounters, etc.

Parents/Guardians are expected to come in to sign in and sign out with their child/ren. Pick up is promptly at 7:30p.

Schedule and Locations:

Schedules are published monthly in the *Prevues*, e-newsletter. The location rotates between congregations. Contact the Director for current details.

Special Events and Programs:

Special spiritual, educational, service, and social events are scheduled from time to time. And Summertime provides a different schedule of events than the school year.

Participation in Worship:

Youth are invited and encouraged to participate in the worship life of the church. A young person may serve as an Usher/Greeter; sing solos or in the choir or other groups; lead as a Liturgist (worship leader who reads the scriptures and other parts of the service); or take part in dramas, dance, playing instruments, serving as an Acolytes (candle lighter) or participate in other ways in worship. If you are interested in serving and leading in worship contact Pastor Keith at 859.261.2066 or Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or write a note on your Sunday morning Information Card and drop it in the offering plate.

Bible Studies & Spiritual Growth:

Each year Pastor Keith designs a Spiritual Growth Series which is planned with youth in mind. And Weekly Bible Encounter on Sundays at 9:00a is planned for Youth and Adults. Check the e-newsletter, *Prevues*, for the latest classes and opportunities available.

