

July 25, 2017

Dear Youth,

Faith on Fire, CUMC's youth praise band, is now recruiting members for the 2017-2018 school year. FoF performs Christian music in a variety of popular styles, including rock, pop, folk, and praise. Membership is open to junior high and senior high school students who sing or play an instrument suited to worship music. Membership is also open to students who have an interest in live sound and video production.

As you would expect in any Christian music group, our foremost goal is to enable you to develop a closer relationship with God by sharing a real part of yourself through music. Many of the musical selections are not only fun to play due to modern arrangements but also contain a valuable lesson in the lyrics. At the same time, we hope to foster a fellowship with your fellow band mates, CUMC youth and the congregation.

There is no need to audition, however it is expected that you have some experience and continue learning your instrument/voice outside of FoF. This may be participation in a school choir or band, private lessons, or other form of instruction. We assure you that we will work diligently to help develop your voice and/or instrumental chops to their greatest potential. Your commitment involves practicing your part outside of rehearsal, attending weekly rehearsals, performing in worship services monthly, and participating in special events as needed.

The first rehearsal will be **Thursday, August 17th from 7:00-8:30pm** in the Youth Room. As is custom, the doors will remain open until 9:00pm for fellowship –meaning hanging out, snacks, foosball & air hockey, and jamming some music.

Please refer to the enclosed schedule for rehearsal and worship dates. If you have any questions, please feel free to email, call or text one of us. We truly look forward to a great year of music and growth with you!

In His service,



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2017-2018 Rehearsal & Worship Schedule

August	17: 7-8:30pm 24: 7-8:30pm 31: 7-8:30pm	January	11: 7-8:30pm 18: 7-8:30pm 20: 4-5:30pm Sound check 21: 8am-noon WORSHIP 25: 7-8:30pm
September	7: 7-8:30pm 14: 7-8:30pm 16: 4-5:30pm Sound check 17: 8am-noon WORSHIP 21: 7-8:30pm 28: 7-8:30pm (prioritize over rummage prep)	February	1: 7-8:30pm 8: 7-8:30pm 15: 7-8:30pm 17: 4-5:30pm Sound check 18: 8am-noon WORSHIP 22: 7-8:30pm
October	5: 7-8:30pm 12: 7-8:30pm 14: 4-5:30pm Sound check 15: 8am-noon WORSHIP 19: 7-8:30pm (FoF fun night) 26: 7-8:30pm	March	1: 7-8:30pm 8: 7-8:30pm 10: 4-5:30pm Sound check 11: 8am-noon WORSHIP 15: 7-8:30pm 22: 7-8:30pm
November	2: 7-8:30pm 9: 7-8:30pm 16: 7-8:30pm 18: 4-5:30pm Sound check 19: 8am-noon WORSHIP 30: 7-8:30pm	April	5: 7-8:30pm 7: 4-5:30pm Sound check (in gym) 8: 9am-noon WORSHIP (Celebration Sunday) 12: 7-8:30pm (FoF group photo) 14: 4-5:30pm Sound check 15: 8am-noon WORSHIP
December	7: 7-8:30pm 14: 7-8:30pm 17: 6pm- 7pm Quiet Christmas WORSHIP (volunteer small ensemble groups)	May	

All rehearsals are in the Youth Room. All sound checks are in the Sanctuary.

On WORSHIP Sundays, you must arrive at 8:00am for an 8:15am final run-through. Faith on Fire will play during the 9am and 10:30am services. All members are required to stay for load-out (return equipment to the Youth Room) after the second service until noon.



Youth Praise Band Registration Form

Please print all information.

Name _____ Birthdate _____

School _____ Grade (circle) 7 8 9 10 11 12

Address/City/Zip _____

Youth's email _____ Youth's mobile # _____

Mother's name _____ Mother's mobile # _____

Father's name _____ Father's mobile # _____

Parent's email _____ Home phone # _____

Voice (SATB) _____ Years of experience _____

Instrument 1 _____ Years of experience _____

Instrument 2 _____ Years of experience _____

Photo Consent

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby give my permission for my son/daughter's image and/or voice to be used by Christ United Methodist Church for promotional and educational purposes.

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Medical Treatment Consent

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby authorize adult workers with Christ United Methodist Church to consent to any examination, x-ray, anesthetic, medical, or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is rendered under supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital.

Further, as parent or guardian of minor named above, do hereby expressly consent that my son/daughter may receive emergency treatment from any physician, hospital, or other medical center without the necessity of first notifying me, and do further agree to hold blameless any physician, hospital, or other medical center for rendering such services.

Insurance Company _____ Group # _____

Name of Participant _____ Policy # _____

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Parental Acknowledgement of Youth Commitment

Because participating in the youth praise band is a significant commitment, we ask that you talk with your son or daughter about how to work together to help them be consistent in attendance and service. Please sign this sheet to let us know that you have reviewed the information letter, schedule, and *Youth Praise Band Agreement* with your son or daughter.

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Date _____



Youth Praise Band Agreement

1. The band member must be enrolled in the 7th – 12th grade.
2. The band member will be on time and participate in all scheduled rehearsals and worship services. Arriving late and/or leaving early will be considered a partial absence. If rehearsal absence affects a band member's knowledge of the music selections, the band member may not be eligible to perform in the next worship service or performance.
3. The band member will practice and learn their music outside of rehearsal time.
4. The band member will give a 7-day notice to a band director if a significant conflict occurs and is therefore unable to attend a scheduled rehearsal. Exception will be made in cases of sickness and emergency. Remember your absence directly affects the success of the entire band, so please be accountable to your band mates.
5. The band member will work cooperatively with band directors and other band members.
6. The band member will respect the decisions of the band directors regarding rehearsals and worship services, song selection, instrument & equipment assignments, and event planning. These decisions are made with input from the band members.
7. The band member with a parent or guardian will complete a *Youth Praise Band Registration Form*. The form will be signed and returned to a band director before participating.
8. The band member is welcome to participate in all activities of the CUMC Youth program. The band directors will work closely with the youth director to inform the band member of other CUMC Youth events and service projects.
9. By signing this agreement, the band member signifies that they understand their involvement is to provide a way to worship God and allow their gifts to be used by God to complete that purpose.

Youth Commitment

With God's help, I desire to be a faithful praise band team member and will make every effort to consistently attend weekly rehearsals and monthly worship services. I also realize that if I am unable or unwilling to stay committed to the praise band responsibilities, I will be asked to step down from the team.

Youth signature _____

Date _____