

July 15, 2016

Dear Youth,

Faith on Fire, CUMC's youth praise band, is now recruiting members for the 2016-2017 school year. The band performs Christian music in a variety of popular styles, including rock, pop, folk, and praise. Membership is open to junior high and high school students who sing or play an instrument suited to praise & 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 the modern arrangements, but also contain a valuable lesson in their 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 past or present experience. 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 for and attending weekly rehearsals, performing in worship services monthly, and participating in special events as needed.

We are planning to have a year-end performance similar to the VOA benefit and Deer Valley concerts of prior years. This event is in the formative stage and will be announced once enough details are gathered. Additionally, we must complete the original composition started last year!

The first rehearsal will be **Thursday, August 25st 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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2016-2017 Rehearsal & Worship Schedule

August	25: 7-8:30pm	January	12: 7-8:30pm 19: 7-8:30pm 21: 4-5:30pm Sound check 22: 8am-noon WORSHIP 26: 7-8:30pm
September	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 (prioritize over rummage prep) 29: 7-8:30pm	February	2: 7-8:30pm 9: 7-8:30pm 16: 7-8:30pm 18: 4-5:30pm Sound check 19: 8am-noon WORSHIP 23: 7-8:30pm
October	6: 7-8:30pm 13: 7-8:30pm 15: 4-5:30pm Sound check 16: 8am-noon WORSHIP 27: 7-8:30pm	March	2: 7-8:30pm 9: 7-8:30pm 16: 7-8:30pm 18: 4-5:30pm Sound check 19: 8am-noon WORSHIP 23: 7-8:30pm 30: 7-8:30pm
November	3: 7-8:30pm 10: 7-8:30pm 17: 7-8:30pm 19: 4-5:30pm Sound check 20: 8am-noon WORSHIP 25: 7-8:30pm (Friday)	April	6: 4pm Sound check 20: 7-8:30pm 22: 4-5:30pm Sound check (in gym) 23: 9am-noon WORSHIP 27: 7-8:30pm
December	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	May	4: 7-8:30pm (prioritize over rummage prep) 11: 7-8:30pm 18: 7-8:30pm 20: 4-5:30pm Sound check 21: 8am-noon WORSHIP

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 after the second service (return equipment to the Youth Room).





Youth Praise Band Registration Form

Please print all information.

Name _____ Birthdate _____

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

Home address _____

Youth's email _____ Youth's mobile # _____

Mother's name _____ Mother's mobile # _____

Father's name _____ Father's mobile # _____

Parent's email _____ Home phone # _____

Instrument 1 or Voice _____ Years of experience _____

Instrument 2 _____ Years of experience _____

Instrument 3 _____ Years of experience _____

Parent or Guardian

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/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 5-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 and parent/guardian must have a current *UMYF Registration Form* on file with Christ United Methodist Church.
9. 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.
10. 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 _____