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Dear Youth Group Teens and Families,

Welcome to a new year of Youth Group at Christ Congregational Church. Your leaders and I are excited for a year of exploration and growth through worship, conversation, games and retreats with you.

This year we've built the Sunday evening Youth Group program around four areas of focus: worship, social justice, contemporary theology and fun night fellowship activities. The activities for fall came from the spring brainstorming session. This is your program! Over the course of the year you'll have a chance to give feedback and shape our activities. Enclosed is calendar that lays out the weekly focus of youth group, retreats and fellowship activities.

This year we've moved Youth Group dinner to 5:30 pm to give more time for fellowship over dinner and set up for worship. The evening schedule is:

- 5:30 Youth Group Dinner in the Social Hall
- 6:15 Dinner Clean Up and Preparation for Worship
- 6:30 Worship
- 7:00 Youth Group, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL and Covenant Class
- 8:15 Wrap up and Parent Pick Up

We strive for worship to be youth planned and led. It is your time to explore your relationship with each other and the divine through music, experiential meditations, liturgical dance, prayer and rituals. Nae and I will help facilitate worship volunteers and assist them in their planning. Worship volunteers will meet at 5:00 pm the week before they plan to lead worship. Keep an eye out for sign ups.

We'll continue to have a monthly potluck dinner and parent program. Generally, this will be the second Sunday of the month. Check the calendar for dates. This is a great chance to build community. I hope parents will join us for the potluck dinner and stay for worship. Dinner the other weeks will be provided by families. Everyone is asked to provide one dinner for the program year. Look for sign up opportunities at Rally Day, Sunday morning 9/13, Sunday evening 9/20 or contact Kristen Brown. Sign up or be assigned! Thank you in advance for your support of youth group fellowship dinners.

Enclosed are the registration materials for Youth Group. Additional copies can be found on the CCC website. **Please send your registration and signed Youth Covenant to the CCC office today, but no later than Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.** We would like to have an update email list together before Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> so we can continue to increase communication among participants. Thank you for your dedication to the CCC Youth Group.

Blessings,

Kristen Curlee

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