

***The Halifax United Methodist Church Youth Ministries has the following vision and mission for the youth in our community:***

**VISION:** Youth Ministries that are Biblically focused and functioning for the church of Jesus Christ.

**MISSION:** Helping youth become committed disciples for Jesus Christ.

***THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY APPLIES TO THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER:***

1. Youth are unique individuals with God given interests, gifts and talents.
2. Youth are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Youth Center.
3. Through involvement in the activities of the Youth Center, youth are encouraged to interact with other showing respect and concern for them.
4. Through activities and interaction at the Youth Center, youth will develop committed friendships with peers and adults.
5. Through involvement in the activities at the Youth Center, youth will be in a relationship with adults who care! These adults believe in a God given power and purpose beyond themselves and encourage youth to believe in the power and purpose God has available for them also.

6. Youth will find through the relationships they develop with adults, that the adults will accept and love them even though they (adults) may not always agree with their (youth) words and/or actions. The adults, with God's help, will present themselves as role models through both their words and deeds.
7. Youth are encouraged to discover their God given interests/talents/gifts, to develop them and to determine how they can use them to the benefit of others and the community.
8. Youth are encouraged to demand the best from themselves while demanding the best from others. As a result, youth help each other achieve their best for the honor and glory of God.

***HOURS/DAYS OF OPERATION***

Prior to beginning of each month a daily schedule for the Youth Center will be published.

Copies of the schedule will be distributed as follows:

- Posted at the Youth Center
- Copies available for students at Youth Center  
Halifax High School Office  
Halifax Middle School Office
- Copies mailed to applicable Mentors/Volunteers scheduled for the month
- Posted on the Halifax United Methodist Church Bulletin Board

***STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE***

Grades 6 through 12  
(Middle School and High School age youth)

***"NORMS" OF CONDUCT***

- No alcohol, drugs or smoking – Strive to maintain a healthy mind and body.
- Find non-violent solutions to your arguments; no swearing – Strive to interact with others showing respect and concern for them; avoid creating a disturbance or acting violently; avoid swearing and inappropriate language.
- No stealing – Strive to be honest; no lying, no cheating or taking anything that is not your property.
- No throwing, hitting or in any way abusing furniture or equipment – Strive to demand the best from oneself while demanding the best from others.
- Follow the directions of all Youth Center Staff – Youth will be in a relationship with adults who care; ask for help if you need it.
- Registration/sign-in/sign-out is required at the Youth Center; trash should be placed in the receptacle containers provided – This is to further insure a safe environment for everyone and to allow for effective responses in the case of emergencies.

## ***TYPES OF ACTIVITIES/EVENTS***

“**Drop In**” time provides the opportunity to engage in activities such as: Pool, Ping-Pong, Darts, Board Games, Card Games, Piano and electric Piano Playing, Magazines, Video Viewing, Homework (school), Touch Football (outside), Volleyball (outside), Basketball (outside), Play Station II, and X-box Games.

**Computer Room:** Available when computer literate adult supervision is present in the room. Internet access is available. Computer oriented games, puzzles, etc.

**Tutoring:** Scheduled as mentors with expertise are available.

**Tournaments:** Scheduled as resources, time and personnel allow. Tournament possibilities: Pool, Ping-Pong, Chess, Volleyball, and 3 vs. 3 Basketball.

**Special Events/Training:** Scheduled as mentors with expertise and/or skills are available.



## ***STAFFING AT YOUTH CENTER***

Full Staff is three persons

- One Mentor in Basement area
- One Mentor on First Floor
- One Mentor or Volunteer at the  
“Central Location Station”

The Youth Center will not be open with less than two staff persons on duty; note, at least one staff person must be a Mentor. If two staff are not available, a sign will be posted at the Entrance Door stating, “I am Sorry – Youth Center Temporarily Closed Due to Lack of Staff.”



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