

Dear Manchester Youth families,

We are so excited in the youth department that the church plans to move to Phase 3 on April 10! (If you missed that communication, [you can read it here.](#)) This email outlines how that specifically impacts youth programming moving forward.

To briefly review the protocols for Phase 3, we will still be required to wear masks and practice social distancing of six feet. However, we will now have access to the inside of the church building. More details about specific safety protocols in Phase 3 will be sent soon.

Youth Group

Youth Group will continue to meet at staggered times on Sundays until March 28. However, there will no longer be a sign-up required. None of our small groups are big enough to exceed the room capacity limit even if everyone shows up. Beginning April 10, we will continue to offer a 7:00 pm Zoom option for those who are quarantined or choosing to stay safer at home.

Schedule:

Feb 28 – No Youth Group (special event the previous day)

Mar 7 – In-Person at Schroeder Park (various times) and Zoom at 4:00 pm

Mar 14 – In-Person at Schroeder Park (various times) and Zoom at 4:00 pm

Mar 21 – No Youth Group (Spring Break)

Mar 28 – In Person Youth Group at 4:00 pm on the Parking Lot, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Apr 4 – No Youth Group (Easter)

Apr 11 – In-Person Youth Group inside Manchester UMC at 4:00 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Apr 18 – In-Person Youth Group inside Manchester UMC at 4:00 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Apr 25 – In-Person Youth Group inside Manchester UMC at 4:00 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

May 2 – In-Person Youth Group inside Manchester UMC at 4:00 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

May 9 – No Youth Group - Mother's Day

May 16 – In-Person Youth Group inside Manchester UMC at 4:00 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

May 23 – End of Year Party – Details TBA

Middle School Meet-Up

Middle School Meet-Up will continue to meet every other Wednesday from 5:45-6:45 pm in-person AND from 7:00-8:00 pm on Zoom until April 10. Our location will shift in March due to room availability at Schroeder Park. In March, we will shift and will instead meet on the second floor of Manchester City Hall. (This location is not handicap accessible.)

After April 10, we will resume the original 6:15-7:30 pm schedule.

Schedule:

Mar 3 – In-Person MSMU at 5:45 at City Hall, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Mar 10 – Off

Mar 17 – In-Person MSMU at 5:45 at City Hall, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Mar 24 – Off (Spring Break)

Mar 31 – Off

Apr 7 – In-Person MSMU at Manchester UMC in Parking Lot at 5:45 pm, Zoom at 7:00 pm

Apr 14 – Off

Apr 21 – In-Person MSMU inside Manchester UMC from 6:15 – 7:30 pm, Zoom at 5:00 pm

Apr 28 – TBA

May 5 – In-Person MSMU inside Manchester UMC from 6:15 – 7:30 pm, Zoom at 5:00 pm

May 12 – Off

May 19 – In-Person MSMU inside Manchester UMC from 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm, Zoom at 5:00 pm

Confirmation

Confirmation will continue to meet on their times and dates as scheduled. Until we make the switch to Phase 3 on April 10, we will continue meeting on Zoom OR will move back to the church parking lot if weather permits.

Once we move to Phase 3, we are not planning to offer an alternate Zoom option for in-person gatherings because there were no expressed safety concerns in the fall. **If anyone currently has a safety concern about meeting in person on the parking lot Mar 28 or 31 or in-person at the church after April 10, please contact me as soon as possible so we can make accommodations.**

There is ONE upcoming Confirmation meeting where we are scheduled to attend Youth Group before Phase 3 begins. Confirmands have the option of choosing in-person Youth Group or Zoom Youth Group. In-person groups meet at two different times. Shaeleigh and Joan's Group (Diane and Paul) meets at 12:30 pm and Patrick and Jaedyn's Group (Chuck and Alan) meets at 3:30 pm. (If your youth can't recall which group they are in, please contact me.) Zoom Youth Group is for all grades and meets at 4:00 pm. When Phase 3 begins, Youth Group will be in person at church at 4:00 pm OR on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Schedule

Mar 7 – Attend Youth Group (12:30 pm in-person at Schroeder Park, 3:30 pm in-person at Schroeder Park, or 4:00 pm on Zoom)

Mar 10 – Confirmation on Zoom at 6:15 pm

Mar 28 – Baptism on the Manchester UMC Parking Lot 6:00-7:15 pm. This is a family event. Families are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend but not required. Confirmands are required.

Mar 31 – Confirmation on the Manchester UMC Parking lot at 6:15 pm (Zoom if inclement weather.)

Apr 11 – Attend Youth Group at 4:00 pm inside Manchester UMC

Apr 14 – Confirmation at 6:15 pm inside Manchester UMC

Apr 18 – Attend Youth Group at 4:00 pm inside Manchester UMC

Apr 25 – Confirmation Sunday (details TBA)