

# First United Methodist Church, Hershey, PA Youth Choir Registration Form and Covenant

Youth entering grades 6 through 12 are eligible.

Please check the group(s) for which you are registering.  
All prospective members must sign the Covenant on the reverse side.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Handbell Choir** – for all youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
(two groups may be formed depending on enrollment)  
Sundays 4:30-5:15pm (beginning Sept 20)

\*\*If a new member for bells, please return this form immediately so  
that room can be planned for you.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Choir** – for all youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Sundays 5:15-6:00pm (beginning Sept 20)

Rehearsals for Fall: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/22, 12/13, 12/20  
11:00 Worship Participation for Fall: Sing on 10/18; Sing & Ring on 11/15, 12/24 (Christmas Eve)

Please print clearly and fill in all information or mark "n/a" if applicable.

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions or allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that if you wish to be excluded from group photographs used for publicity in newspapers or on the church website, you will need to fill out an exclusion form. Check here \_\_\_\_\_ to receive a copy of this request form.

Please return this form to the church on or before the first scheduled rehearsal. Fax to 717-533-6005. Email to <shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org>. Mail to 64 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey PA 17033.

SEE REVERSE FOR COVENANT

# First United Methodist Church of Hershey

## Youth Music Ministry Covenant

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The purpose of this covenant is to help each of us understand what is expected as we meet from week to week to prepare music for worship, and as we present our music during worship. It is a Covenant between us and God and we all will work to hold the others accountable to the promise we make. We want to provide a strong ministry and it can only be as strong as the weakest part. *"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 15:5-6

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I understand that as a member of the First UMC Youth Music Ministry, I am a worship leader to the congregation, and with that comes special responsibility. I also understand that my fellow members rely on my presence and contributions.

I promise to rely on God's strength to:

1. Uphold a Godly lifestyle, worshipping God with my way of life first and foremost. *"Therefore, I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- God's good, pleasing, and perfect will."* Rom. 12:1-2
2. Treat my fellow music ministers and leaders as Christ would treat them; to encourage them and not tear them down, to see their skills before their faults. *Should conflicts arise, deal with those conflicts as Jesus teaches (see Matt. 18:15-20).*
3. Be a reliable and effective member of the Youth Music Ministry; to lean on others in the group for support and to lend support to others; to check in with those who are missing from the group; and to remember all in prayer.
4. Respect the policy of protection for children that has been adopted by our church. The Safe Sanctuary Policy is for my protection and while in the building for activities I will accept the fact that I am the responsibility of the adult leaders, regardless of my age, until I am 18 years old. I will not roam away from an activity or arrive for rehearsal and decide to do something else.
5. Attend choir rehearsals and worship services faithfully. I will make rehearsals a priority in my schedule because this is an important ministry and it deserves that commitment. More importantly, I will endeavor not to make alternate plans when the groups are scheduled to participate in worship. I will ask to not be scheduled to work until after the worship service will be over and I will not be tempted with other activities if my commitment to the music ministry was scheduled first. On the Sundays that we lead in worship I will make that my priority.

Please contact Shawn Gingrich (Church: 533-9668 ext. 108, Home: 583-1922, Cell: 877-8554 or email [shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org](mailto:shawn.gingrich@firstumchershey.org)) if a situation arises and you cannot attend rehearsal. These arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance of the rehearsal so that determinations on substitutes or cancelling rehearsals, in the event of multiple absences, can be made. Last minute emergency calls should be placed to Shawn's cell number 877-8554. If a member of a group misses 3 or more rehearsals without contacting Shawn, they may be asked to discontinue singing or ringing with the choir for a time, based upon the circumstances. In addition, if for some reason you need to miss several rehearsals leading up to a time of worship participation, and you are not adequately prepared on the music we will be offering, you may be asked to not participate for that Sunday's service.

6. Attend worship regularly and make use of personal spiritual growth opportunities. As a music minister, it will be easy to get caught up in only serving and not taking the necessary time for personal growth. *You are encouraged to be involved with The Gathering, Life groups, Bible studies, Youth disciple or some similar avenue for personal growth, in addition to singing or ringing with the choir.*

I agree to these statements, and I offer my service to the Lord in the Youth Music Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Hershey.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_