

Youth Ministry at FPC-Phoenixville

Mission Statement **B.U.I.L.D.**

Youth Ministry at FPC-Phoenixville seeks to **Bring** the Good News to students, **Unite** them in the fellowship of believers, **Ignite** their hearts for spiritual growth, **Lift** them to worship and help them as they **Discover** their shape for ministry.

Groundbreakers

Groundbreakers is for students in fifth and sixth grades. It meets monthly from November through May. The meeting time depends on the activity that is planned. They do things like rock climbing, bowling, mini-golf, etc. This group is mainly a social group. It gives the students in the church school class a chance to have fun together outside of the classroom. It is also a time for them to introduce their friends to the youth ministry. As they participate in these activities, they will come together as a group. This is preparation for the deeper experience of Arkitects.

Arkitects

Arkitects is for students in 7th, 8th & 9th grades. This group has weekly gatherings on Sunday night from 7 – 8:30, except on the first Sunday of the month. On the first Sunday they gather in the kitchen at 3:00 to help with the preparation of food for the homeless which is served at two shelters in Philadelphia. They participate in other service and mission projects throughout the year as well.

Arkitects is a place for 7th graders to develop leadership skills and to grow spiritually as they progress to leadership positions in the group when they are in 9th grade. Bible study and discussions around topics of interest are always lively and interesting in this group.

Retreats, short mission trips, pool parties, beach and amusement park trips, bowling, bike hikes, etc. are a big part of the fun in Arkitects.

Faithbuilders

Students in 10th, 11th, & 12th grades comprise the group called Faithbuilders. They join the Arkitects in the kitchen on the first Sunday of the month for the mission project of feeding the homeless. On the remaining Sunday nights, they meet from 7-8:30 in the youth suite on the third floor.

Faithbuilders has fun doing all the usual youth group activities like scavenger hunts, trips to Hershey Park and the beach, retreats, mission trips, mini-golf, lock-ins, volleyball, etc. This group is also serious about deepening their faith and preparing for adulthood. Learning to apply Biblical principles to daily life is an important part of Faithbuilders. Monthly guest presenters on “Dialogue Night” give opportunities for discovery and discussion around a subject presented by someone with personal experience with or knowledge of the topic.

Faithbuilders is the final step in youth ministry and the first step into an adulthood of faith.