

JHF YOUTH MISSION WEEKEND 2025

New Haven, Connecticut

Friday, February 7, to Sunday, February 9, 2025



What is a Mission Trip? A mission trip is an opportunity for a group of people to practice living in intentional Christian community together. We travel to another community to learn about other people and serve them with love. While we have a lot of fun – this is not a retreat. The primary focus is working and learning. First Church offers a weeklong mission trip for high school students and adults, and we are excited about our second annual JHF mission weekend this year!

Who can go? This trip is open to any 6th through 8th graders who agree to our program expectations, which means you can bring a friend! The weekend will be chaperoned by our adult Advisors.

Why do we go? We go because we feel compelled by the Gospel to care for the poor and vulnerable of our world; because there is a deep need for helpers in this world; because we have so much love to share. Through this mission weekend, you'll learn new skills, experience more of God's creation, form connections with friends new and old and discover life through other people's eyes.

When will we go? Friday, February 7- Sunday February 9, 2025. We will be gathering at the church at 7 pm on Friday night (eat dinner first) and returning at 11:45 am on Sunday morning.

How will we get there? The adult advisors will drive us to Hamden, CT and to our worksites.

What kind of work will we do? Lots of things - including sorting donations at a food bank, filling backpacks for hungry children, serving at a food pantry, volunteering at a homeless shelter, and more.

Where will we stay? We will stay at Spring Glen Church, a diverse UCC church at 1825 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06517. We will be sleeping in the basement on air mattresses. Please bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. We will also prepare our meals together in the church kitchen and join the congregation for worship on Sunday – which we will help lead!

What is the cost? The cost of the trip will be \$110 per person. Financial assistance is available. Please talk to Jenny Giguere, Youth Director, for further details.

What if I have more questions? Please contact Jenny Giguere, Youth Director at jenny@glastonburyfirst.org