

St. John's United Methodist Church
312 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 236
Fruitland, MD 21826
"Bringing people to Christ and Christ to people"

Consent Form for Use of Youth Photos by St. John's United Methodist Church

The youth who attend St. John's United Methodist Church are both an essential and important part of our Church family and its ministry. We are very proud to have the opportunity to interact with them, teach them, and to fellowship with them. We would like to highlight our youth and our Youth Ministry in our various communication media to show our pride and to encourage other youth and parents to join us at St. John's in Fruitland. However, first and foremost in our minds is the obligation that we must keep them safe from harm in this digital age; therefore, it is necessary to protect their identities and them, to the greatest extent possible. That is why we have a Safe Sanctuary Policy and this Consent Form. (As examples, no names will be included with these photos on any media, and no one may download photos from our website.)

Therefore, we would like to occasionally use photos of your children in/on our communications: including, Bulletin Boards, Website, Facebook page, and in Church newsletters. We are asking for your permission to use such photos. This form provides the opportunity for you as parents, grandparents, adult relatives, and/or guardians to either give or withhold permission for St. John's to use photos of the youth.

When you return this signed consent form to the Pastor or a member of the One Board, each child's photo permission status will be recorded in our Church files as either Approved or Denied. As a convenience to all parties involved, the recorded permission status will be kept on file in the Church Office and remain valid unless updated by the parent or guardian.

1. Parents/guardians who would like their child/children to continue to be included in photo opportunities in the future do not need to take any additional action after signing this form: this form stays in effect until revoked through an updated form.
2. Parents/guardians who wish to change the permission status for their child/children must notify the Church and ask for **and** complete a new form.

☐ I **give** permission for photos of my child/children (named below) to be used on both internal and external St. John's United Methodist Church media such as internal bulletin boards, church Website, and Facebook.

Child/children: _____

☐ I **do not** give permission for photos of my child/children (named below) to be used on both internal and external St. John's United Methodist Church media such as internal bulletin boards, church Website, and Facebook

Child/children: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Contact email and Phone Number: _____