

St. James' encourages 7th-12th graders to find things they love to do at church. Youth have opportunities to learn about the Bible and our Episcopal tradition. They lead worship, enjoy friends and serve others in this place. Sign up for old favorites or try something new. St. James' is your church.

# Youth

2009-2010



## EDUCATION

**Church School** for 7th-12 Graders is every Sunday from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

### Confirmation Class Orientation

Homecoming Sunday, September 13 9:00 a.m.

Eighth Grade is confirmation year at St. James'. The three emphases of the confirmation program are worship, education and community. The class meets roughly twice a month and covers the Bible, Christian ethics, Church history and more. Confirmands also take on leadership roles in worship and serve at the Friday Night Dinner Program.

### Youth Group

Sundays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

High School students meet in the youth room for fellowship and spiritual reflection every Sunday. There are two new Youth group series this year.

## Bicentennial Timeline Series

Each month, we'll use an event from the past 200 years as a springboard to discuss ways in which the Church—and our church—has been relevant to the world around it.

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| Oct. 4   | 1827   | Slavery outlawed in New York<br><i>Discussion: Slavery debates in the church</i>             |
| Nov. 22  | 1846-7 | Mexican American War<br><i>Discussion: Manifest Destiny in America</i>                       |
| Dec. 20  | 1855   | Whitman's <i>Leaves of Grass</i><br><i>Discussion: Romanticism &amp; the Oxford Movement</i> |
| Jan. 17  | 1859   | Darwin's <i>Origin of Species</i><br><i>Discussion: Science &amp; the Bible</i>              |
| Feb. 28  | 1880   | Metropolitan Museum of Art opens<br><i>Discussion: Sacred Art and Architecture</i>           |
| March 7  | 1920   | Women's suffrage<br><i>Discussion: Liberation Theology</i>                                   |
| April 11 | 1947   | The Rev. Horace Donegan elected Bishop<br><i>Discussion: Structure of Episcopal Church</i>   |
| May 2    | 1982   | First St. James' Dinner Program<br><i>Discussion: Christian Mission</i>                      |

### **My Favorite Bible Story**

This series harks back to younger days. Guest speakers will share their favorite Bible story over milk and cookies. Dates: September 27, October 25, January 24, March 14, and April 18.

### **MISSION**

If you need community service for school, or simply feel called to help other people, you are always welcome at our group opportunities, listed below. You may also contact Kate for additional, local service opportunities.

### **Mission Trip to Malawi**

August 2-15, 2010

This summer, youth will participate in their biggest mission trip ever. 9th-12th grade will travel to Malawi, Africa to partner with Malawians on building projects and other community initiatives. Information sessions for this trip will be held at 10:30 a.m. on October 18 and November 1.

### **Friday Dinner Program**

Second Friday of each month  
5:30-9:00 p.m.

Youth Night at the Dinner Program is our most popular service program. Under the supervision of Youth Advisors, 7th-12th graders prepare, serve and wash dishes at a three course, seated dinner for eighty homeless and low-income guests. This year, we'll learn from guest chef, Mary Graeter, aka Salty Girl (<http://www.saltygirlcooks.com>). She'll teach us about ecologically smart cooking and culinary school techniques. Meet in the kitchen. Friends are welcome.

### **Knit**

Volunteers learn how to knit and work on scarves for guests of our shelter. Dates and times coincide with the Youth Friday Night Dinner Program, above.

### **Worship**

Youth take on a number of roles in our Sunday 9:10 a.m. service. If you have never participated before, give it a try! We'll teach you all you need to know. *Acolytes* carry crosses, torches and banners in the procession, and assist the clergy. *Ushers* greet people at the door, collect the offering and invite the congregation for communion. *Chalice Bearers* offer the cup of wine at communion.

### **MUSIC**

If you are you looking for a unique cultural experience, the St. James' Boys' & Girls' Choir offers

- a free first-class musical education
- outlets for creative expression
- exciting opportunities for travel
- leadership positions

We're saving a place for you in our song! For more information, contact Christopher Jennings, Associate Organist-Choirmaster and Music Associate for Children & Youth

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special events are scheduled throughout the year for youth at St. James', as well as with youth from neighboring parishes.

### **Lock-In!**

Friday- Saturday, November 20-21

The sleepover of the year, planned and chaperoned by 7th-12th graders for 4th-6th graders.

### **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 13

### **Good Friday Children's Service**

Friday, April 2

Youth of all ages participate in these fully costumed, festive dramas for all ages.

### **Inter-Church Trips**

Annual, inter-church day trips include a ski trip to Camelback Mountain and an end-of-school trip to Six Flags.

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