

Youth & Children's Voice



Thank you from the Episcopal Youth Music Campers (EYMC) & Staff

Thank you St. John in the Wilderness' Episcopal Church Women for your grants, and our very generous friends at St. John's for your donations to the camp scholarship fund. The 15 campers, 2 leadership team members, & 6 adult staff from St. John's appreciate everyone's financial support along with the many prayers & mail we received. This year's theme was "Have Faith" and that we are all responsible for our own happiness. Everyone took responsibility for his or her camp experience, and it proved to be the best week ever. We all look forward to next year's music camp, August 8-14, 2010. Early Bird registration will be due May 1, 2010. Please place these dates on your calendar. For photographs, videos & blogs: www.EpiscopalYouthMusic.org

Hakuna Matata "Worry Not" "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 (NIV) This was a Bible study verse for EYMC 2009. Please share in this verse as you head back to school.

Kick-off Sunday, September 13

Please come celebrate the start of a new academic year with 10 am worship, Booya lunch, children's games, activities & entertainment. We have programs & community building experiences for all youth pre-school through grade 12. This is the time to register your child(ren) & youth for St. John's programs, which require a parent's signature for everyone who is in high school or younger to participate, including high school seniors who are 18 years old. This year's programs include many music, education, arts, worship, & community building opportunities.

Wednesday, September 16

5 pm Children's Choir (grades 1-6)
5 pm Handbell Ensemble (all ages)
6 pm Youth Choir (grades 7-12)

Sunday, September 20

10 am Sunday School begins for all
Godly Play Pre-K, K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd
YEP (Youth Education Program, 1st Year Confirmation, grades 9+)
St. Angelico's Room (4th floor)
YAP (Youth Activity Program, grades 4-12) St. Bernard's Room (4th floor)

Now is the time to Volunteer

When they see how many adults volunteer for Sunday School & youth groups, the children & youth want to participate. Please contact Sheila Foster, Youth@StJohnWilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 11, or Christine Karp, 651/653-6369, to volunteer now. We need you! If you haven't yet attended Safeguarding God's Children Training, please arrange to do so. All church volunteers must train & have a background check. Programs begin Sunday, September 20. Some volunteer opportunities:

Godly Play Storytellers (4 in rotation)
Classroom Teachers (2 per 3 classes)

YEP Leader works with Tim Hadley on confirmation topics with high schoolers.

YAP Leaders (at least 2/Sunday) work with 4th - 12th graders.

YAP Volunteers lead an occasional Sunday morning activity with youth, such as cookie baking, creating art work, a sewing project, an outreach project, sports, games, or activities. This can be a onetime leadership opportunity.

COFTA Youth Overnight

2 pm Saturday, September 19

"Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts" (COFTA) is a performance-based youth group for 4th - 12th graders. An experiential & fun overnight is planned through 10 am Sunday, September 20. COFTA meets 6-7:30 pm Wednesday evenings from September 23rd through May. Come join us for the fun, enthusiasm, Bible stories & personal stories we share as we create drama, music, visual arts, dance, & more creative expressions. Much of what we create becomes part of the 9 am worship experience. Come be part of the faith, fun, & friendships.