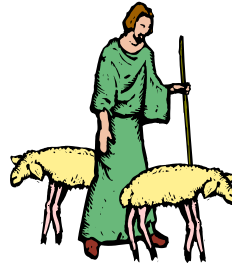
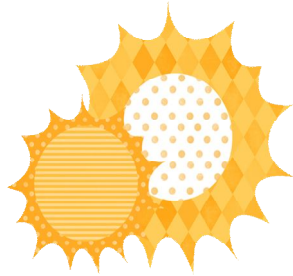


An Exciting and Successful Summer at Christ Church

Summer “Camp”

This summer we added a fun opportunity for our children to get together for some fellowship. We watched some really great movies and spent time making Father’s Day Cards, real homemade pizzas and cupcakes, tie-dying shirts and pillowcases, creating with sand, flying kites, and making ham and cheese pinwheels and pressed cookies. Our time together was really fun and we made new friends as the summer progressed. Each week we had more children join us. Many thanks go out to Sue Friedrichs, Tony Morris, Leslie Wengenroth, and Misty Wilson for their help in making our summer together a real success.



Vacation Bible School The Good Shepherd

Many thanks to everyone who made this year’s VBS the most fun! Your devotion to the children of Christ Church is truly inspiring and an incredible gift to us all. Our teachers and volunteers for this year were: Stuart Allen, Lacey Berhannan, Kailyn Dunn, Kiana Dunn, Brianna Furey, Catherine Justice, Jaime Justice, Kaitlin Kress, Jessica Landis, Jack Loudon, Nan McMillan, Gayle Morris, Tony Morris, Steven Parker, Emily Pitman, Carter Price, Alex Root, Debra Root, Elizabeth Root, and Maggie Yancey. We ended the week with a Children’s Worship Service and Shepherd’s Feast. The last day was topped off with a thrilling visit from Sam’s Path Petting Zoo who brought us 2 sheep, 2 goats, a donkey, a cow, and a baby camel to meet.

2008 J2A Pilgrimage to Glendalough, Ireland



Many thanks to everyone who contributed through donations and time to our 2008 J2A Pilgrims’ journey to Glendalough, Ireland. And through the special direction and dedication of their leaders Stacy Collins, Rick Root, Jonathan Spencer, and the Rev. Nancy Yancey and their Pilgrimage Guide, Marcus Losack of Ceile De in Ireland, our young pilgrims experienced God in one of the most beautiful places in God’s creation. Even though they were thrilled to see their families as they each come up the escalator at Hartfield-Jackson International you could see that they were still in Ireland, still on their spiritual pilgrimage, not quite ready to come home. I am sure that as they continue on this journey, for it is never truly over, they will have many stories and experiences to share with us. Thank you and blessings to everyone at Christ Church for making this sacred pilgrimage happen for these very special youth.



Sunday School Begins for 2008-2009 September 7, 2008 10:00am



Please mark your calendars. Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults will begin on the first Sunday after the Labor Day Holidays. Detailed information concerning offerings for all groups will be in the September Communiqué. If

you'd like to pre-register your family for the 2008-2009 Sunday School year, please contact Gretchen Creel at the Church office - 770-447-1166. Brochures on all programs will be available in the Narthex before Sunday School begins.

Children's Offerings

Godly Play

3-4 Year Olds

Our pre-school will experience the stories of the Bible through a Montessori-based curriculum. This allows children of this age to "play" and wonder about the stories and the people that they meet in the Bible. This class meets in Modular 2, Room 403.

WorkshopCycles

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

The older children of Christ Church will begin a second year with WorkshopCycles. This program allows children to learn stories of the Bible in a variety of environments. These environments or workshops explore the Bible through Art, Cooking, Drama, Music, Technology, and Media. The stories that these children will explore this year are: Samuel, The Boy Who Listened to God; Ester, The Queen Who Saved Her People; Baptism, Marked As Christ's Own Forever; The Beatitudes; and Twelve Who Changed the World.

Please pick up a Sunday School registration form in the Narthex or you can request one by calling Gretchen Creel at the church office.

Journey to Adulthood

This a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th - 12th grades. It uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its core principles:

1. Manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God.
2. Adulthood must be earned.

There are three two-year segments of the program. We are currently in the 1st year of this cycle.

Rite-13 (6th-7th grade)

This first phase of this program focuses on celebrating the individuality of each young person and their creative potential. The Rite-13 liturgy (A celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this.

J2A (8th-9th grade)

The middle portion of the program engages youth with the skills and critical thinking involved in adulthood. The youth plan and embark on a pilgrimage together at the end of this segment.

YEA (10th-12th grade)

A mentor-based program helping older teens to discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized.

