

Youth Events

Date	Rite-13 7th-8th Grade	J2A 9th-10th Grade	YAC/EYC 11th-12th Grade
09/08/08 11:00am 6:00pm	Getting to Know You Kickoff Parents' Dinner	How We'll Live Together Parents' Dinner	Getting Started Parents' Dinner
09/14/08 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Introducing the Leaders Kick-off Cookout	Listening Skills Pilgrimage Meeting Kick-off Cookout	Mission Project - Research Kick-off Cookout
09/21/08 11:00am 6:00pm	What Is Prayer? No Meeting	Who I Am vs. Who'd I'd Like To Be No Meeting	Mission Project - Selection No Meeting
09/28/08 11:00am 6:00pm	Images That We Carry Corn Maze	Contingency: Connected Corn Maze	Mission Project - Date Corn Maze
10/05/08 11:00am 6:00pm	Imagine That! No Meeting	The Johari Window No Meeting	Understanding Ministry/ Vocation - Lay Ministry No Meeting
10/12-14/08	New Beginnings Retreat Camp Mikell 6th-9th graders Deadline: 10/01/08	New Beginnings Retreat Camp Mikell 6th-9th graders Deadline: 10/01/08	N/A
10/12/08 11:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Opening the Heart TBA	Why Am I Doing What I'm Doing Pilgrimage Meeting What Role Do I Play?	Understanding Ministry/ Vocation - Prof. Ministry TBA
10/19/08 11:00am 6:00pm	Just As I Am: God is the Maker No Meeting	Trying On A New Name No Meeting	Understanding Ministry/ Vocation - Ordained No Meeting
10/26/08 11:00am 6:00pm	My Gifts and Abilities Haunted House	Assertion Haunted House	Discernment I Haunted House
11/02/08 11:00am 6:00pm	Let's Get Physical & Practical No Meeting	Identity and Vocation No Meeting	Discernment II No Meeting

Sunday School meets at 11:00am - 11:45am.

Evening Youth Groups usually meet from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

unless especially noted. These activities include a range of events that center around fellowship, spirituality, cultural concerns, and a growing community. Please watch your e-mail, your snail mail, and the newsletters for further details on upcoming events.

Education Staff for 2008-2009

Youth Minister,

Gretchen R. Creel 770-447-1166 (office)
gcreel@ccnorcross.org 404-797-0704 (cell)

YAC/EYC (10th-12th grade) Youth Center
Room 305

Bo O'Kelley
Melanie O'Kelley
Debra Root
Rick Root
Jonathan Spencer

J2A (8th-9th grade) Room 304

Jodi Arminio
Bud Cross
Rick Waxweiler
Shelley Waxweiler

Rite-13 (7th-8th grade) Room 303

John Creel
Conall Furey
Kim Furey
Leader

Workshop Cycles (1st-6th grade)

Art Workshop Modular 2
Room 402
Barbara Armitage
Wilma Cross
Sue Friedrichs
Rodina Nozworth
Brenda Wiggins

Storytelling/Drama Workshop Modular 2
Room 404
Bruce Halliburton
Melissa Ivey
Kathy Smith
Mike and Jennie Woods

Music Workshop Modular 2
Room 406
Carol Brocksmith
Gretchen Creel
Lon Cross

Movie Workshop Modular 2
Room 406
Susie Duke
Karin Efman
Bruce Halliburton

Computer Workshop Modular 1
Room 204
Carolyn Collins
Nina Kozlova
Maria McMillan
Cheri Thayer

Kitchen Workshop Modular 2
Room 402
Melissa Ivey
Kathy Smith
Misty Wilson
Teacher

Shepherds 4th-5th Grade
2nd-3rd Grade
Kind-1st Grade
Ange Justice
Debbie England
Laura Flaherty

Godly Play (ages 3 - 5) Modular 2
Room 403
Diane Cunningham
Joyce Faulkner
Teacher

Departmental Meetings

Teachers and Youth Leaders

12:15pm Monthly—Youth Center

September	7	December	7	March	8
October	5	January	11	April	26
November	2	February	8	May	11*

*End of the Year Event for Teachers and Guest/Spouses. Time and other details will be announced.

Pilgrimage

4:00pm - 5:30pm Monthly—Youth Center

September	14	December	14	March	15
October	12	January	18	May	3
November	9	February	15		

Fall Program Begins September 7, 2008

Sunday School	Youth Group
For	For
Children, Youth,	6th - 12th grade
and Adults	Sunday, September 14
Sunday, September 7	6:00 - 8:00pm
11:00am - 11:45am	Cookout & Baseball!!!!

Parents' Meeting September 7, 2008 6:00pm-8:00pm

This will be an informational meeting for the Parents of our Rite-13'ers (6th-7th Grade), J2A'ers (8th-9th Grade), YEA'ers (10th-12th Grade). This meeting will cover the calendar of Christ Church and the Diocesan Events available for our Youth.

Please let Gretchen know by September 5th if you are able to come to the Cookout/Parents' Meeting. The office number is 770-447-1166 or her e-mail address is gcreel@ccnorcross.org.

Diocesan Happenings for Youth

New Beginnings **October 10-12**
6th—9th graders

Camp Mikell

A "Cursillo-type" retreat experience for our younger youth.

Registration Deadline: 10/01/08

Happening **November 21-23**

10th-12th graders

Camp Mikell

This is also a "cursillo-type" retreat experience for our older youth.

Registration Deadlines:

Candidates register by 10/19/08

Team Applicants register by 09/08/08

Jr. DYC **December 5 - December 7, 2008**

6th-8th graders

Camp Mikell

Youth Offerings for 2008-2009

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)

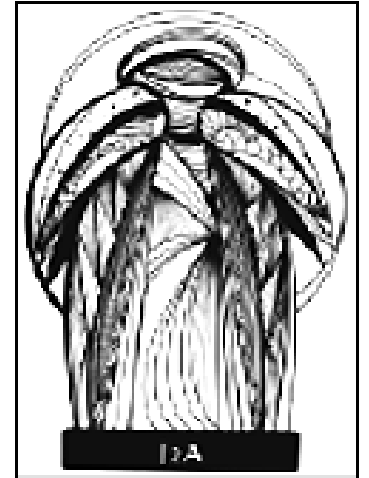
This first phase of this program focuses on celebrating the individuality of each young person and their creative potential. The Rite-13 liturgy (A celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this. This group takes a Community Building Retreat in the Spring of 2009.

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 an Urban Adventure at the end of this 1st year.

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. The YEA group will be adding a Mission weekend to the first year of their cycle.



Youth Kick-off Cookout!!

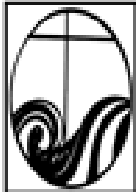
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Youth Center

Calling all Youth in the 6th-12th Grade . . . Please join us on September 14 from 6:00pm-8:00pm for a burger and hotdog cookout!!! We'll have a great time getting back together from Summer break and catching up. We'll also spend some time looking at all the fun that we're planning to have for the upcoming year. After dinner we'll get our bats and balls for our annual Baseball game (where of course the adult leaders will come back as the winners - again!) So, bring your bats, balls, and mitts to take on your youth leaders - if you think you can beat them! Please let Gretchen Creel know if you are coming - 770-447-1166, church office number. See you there!!!



Children's Special Events & Announcements



WorkshopCycles

The Kindergarten - 5th grade will continue using the curriculum *WorkshopCycles* for 2008-2009. This program is created and distributed by *LeaderResources*, the same company that publishes *Journey to Adulthood*. *WorkshopCycles* is an innovative way to experience Sunday School that takes seriously the spiritual development of children while providing exciting activities to engage a new level of learning and retention. "Rotation model" means that children work on the same story or concept for several weeks, using different learning approaches in each workshop room they visit. The stories that our children will be focusing upon this year are Samuel, Esther, Holy Baptism, The Beatitudes, and The Disciples.



Children's Chapel

During 9:30am service

We will be using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Curriculum for our children during Children's Assembly.

If you are interested in helping lead a session, please call Gretchen at the church office so that she can put your name into the rotation.

Pre-school (3-4 Year Olds)

Our Pre-school and Kindergarten children will continue with *Godly Play*, www.Godlyplay.org, a curriculum developed with Episcopal traditions and based on the Montessori Method. *Godly Play* is a wonderful experience, enlightening children with Biblical story telling, traditional Christian language, and an environment designed to share the sacraments of Holy Eucharist. The use of Montessori's approach to education has been adapted to *Godly Play* in order to stimulate children's active participation in story and ritual and to awaken their creativity for the learning of the language, sacred stories, parables, liturgical action and silence of the Christian tradition.



Sunday School Classes

Just Around the Corner . . . !!!

It is nearly time for Sunday School to start back up!!!! Please mark your calendars for the two very important dates

August 24th, 31st AND September 7th

August 24th & 31st--- register your children and update your database information (address, phone number, e-mail, etc.)

September 7th

11:00am - 11:45am

1st day of Sunday School Classes

Children's Schedule



Date		Godly Play (ages 3 - 4 years old)	Workshop Rotations (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)
09/07/08	11:00am	Orientation to the Worship Center	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
09/14/08	11:00am	The Good Shepherd	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
09/21/08	11:00am	Creation	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
09/28/08	11:00am	Noah	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
10/05/08	11:00am	Abram and Sarai	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
10/12/06	11:00am	Exodus	Samuel: The Boy Who Listened to God
10/19/08	11:00am	The Ten Best Ways to Live	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
10/26/08	11:00am	The Ark and a Tent for God	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
11/02/08	11:00am	The Promised Land	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
11/09/08	11:00am	The Temple, a House for God	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
11/16/08	11:00am	Exile and Return	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
11/23/08	11:00am	How the Church Tells Time	Esther: The Queen Who Saved Her People
11/30/08	11:00am	Advent Wreath Making Parish Hall	Advent Wreath Making Parish Hall
12/07/08	11:00am	The Prophets - Advent I	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
12/14/08	11:00am	Mary And Joseph - Advent II	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
12/21/08	11:00am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

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Adult Education Offerings

Women's Sunday Morning Group

Please plan to join the Women's Study Group for Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 7. This class explores contemporary spiritual books and the impact their writings have on women's lives. All women and their friends are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 11:00 for an hour of prayer, study and fellowship. We will meet in Modular 1 in the Activity Room. Contact Nancy Yancey (678)517-4207 or Greta Loeber (770) 448-6598 for details.



The Men's Sunday Morning Group



The Men's Group will reconvene September 7. This year's program will not only include the weekly class between the services at 11 am to discuss selected books, but will also include various social and outreach events. This class will meet in Modular 1 in the Library. Contact Jim Yancey for details.

**Come be part of our
resurrection on September 7th!**

Mixed Discussion Adult Class

Meeting in the Parlor Room behind the Stained Glass Windows (off of the Narthex), is our third Adult Formation offering.



This class focuses on Bible study and theological issues relevant to the Episcopal Church. The class is led by the Rev. Bob Rae and is open to all adults. Details of topics will be discussed in class. For more information please contact Gretchen Creel at (770) 447-1166.

Christ Church offers Town Meetings for our Community

The Adult Education Committee is offering a seasonal program to the parish and the surrounding community. We will be offering three topics that are relevant to many families today. In an effort to help adults and parents with some of these issues we have invited very talented speakers from around the Metro Atlanta area to share an informative evening with us at Christ Church. Please make plans to join us and bring your friends to share in these exciting programs. All Programs will begin at 7:00pm and will meet on the top floor of the Youth Center.



November 9

Internet Safety for our Youth and Children

February 12

Gangs in our Midst

May 3

Aging is a Family Affair

The Adult Education Mission

Building up Christ Church by living the Great Commandment through education and service.