

January 13, 2019

CHRIST CHURCH: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



The Confirmation Class journey of preparation is more than halfway through! Last Sunday we talked about prayers of Intercession, thanksgiving, and confession as we explored Christian identity and practices of faith. Under the leadership of Rev. Kit, Steve Taylor, and Rev. Jen, youth burned their prayers of confession, wrote thanksgivings and intercessions, committed to pray for one other confirmand, and all laid hands on Rev. Jen to pray in anticipation of her upcoming ordination this Saturday. Thank you to parents who have graciously provided food and cleaned up each week!

Here's what's happening for children and youth this Sunday, Jan. 13th:

- **Children in PreK-5th grades** have church school classes beginning at 9:45
- **Younger children under 3** are invited into church or to childcare in Room 113
- **Youth Groups meet** at 11:30 am (see below for details)

Rev. Jen's Ordination this Saturday:

All parishioners are invited to this very special event at Christ Church this Saturday, Jan. 12th at 10:00 a.m.! Our Diocesan Bishop will be presiding, and the attending priests will lay their hands on Rev. Jen like our Confirmation class did in the above picture! Join us for this very special occasion!

This Sunday: Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan

Jay Sldebotham is an Episcopal priest and cartoonist whose latest work, "Drawn to the Gospels" has inspired artists both young and young at heart with pages tied to the lectionary gospel readings. If you like to color, look for these pages at the back of the church most Sundays. At our 10am service this Sunday, we will welcome baby Dion into the Family of God through the sacrament of Baptism. Do you remember your own baptism? Where, when, and who attended? Find your baptismal certificate and celebrate the anniversary of your baptism!



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Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th graders) - Middle School Youth group will meet this Sunday, Jan. 13th in the Youth Room at the bottom of the stairs by Parish Hall. We will talk about what our group would like to do together for a service project. We would love to hear your ideas! We will also plan our fun outing that is coming up at the end of the month. And, of course we will enjoy snacks and have fun with a few games. Remember, any youth group meeting can be your first youth group meeting. The MS Youth schedule may be found [here](#). If you have any questions about the Middle School Youth Group, please [contact Kathy Serrano](#).



High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12): All high school youth are invited to join us for our regular meeting this Sunday from 11:30 - 12:30. This meeting is all about the importance of fellowship and rest. Come play! Any and all high school age youth are always welcome to join us. If you have any questions about the High School Youth Group, please [contact Hannah Whitlock](#).

Questions about our programs for children and youth? Contact [Rev. Jen Vath](#) or 978-475-0529 x21.

Click to download the [2018-19 Church School Calendar](#) and the [Children's Ministries brochure](#).

Registration for Church School and Youth Groups is ongoing

If you haven't done so already, please register for Sunday School by completing this printable form for [Sunday School](#) or use this [online](#) form. Register for Youth Groups by completing this printable [Youth Group](#) form or use the [Youth Group Online](#) form.

If you use the printable form, you can get it to us by:

- bringing it with you to church and giving it to your child's teacher
- scanning and e-mailing it to [Mary Ann Lennon](#)
- mailing it to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover 01810