

CHRIST CHURCH: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Youth to report on Galveston pilgrimage on Sunday

Last July a group of nine young people journeyed to Galveston, Texas. This Sunday, several will share stories with the parish during the 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services. The theme of this trip was hope, and hope was discovered while serving at the Abundant Harvest Food Truck, on a beach clean up, while working at a State Park, and in other surprising places. The J2A pilgrims thank the entire parish for their support and hope that you will join them on Sunday. A special thanks goes out to the Whitlock and the Hodges families for their leadership and commitment.



More family and youth happenings this Sunday, Dec. 2nd:

- **School-aged children should join their parents/caregivers in worship. There will be no Church School classes so that all may hear the J2A youth.**
- **Younger children (ages 0-3) are invited into church or may be dropped off in the child-care room in the lower level of the Education wing.**
- **Advent Wreath-making follows the 10 am service.** Materials to make a “dining room table-worthy” Advent wreath will be provided. This activity is for all members of the parish, young and old alike. Learn about the history of the Advent Wreath, take home a prayer booklet with your wreath, or be inspired to write your own prayers!
- **Christmas Pageant rehearsal in the church after the 10:00 service (see below for details).**
- **Middle School Youth Group will meet this Sunday at 11:30 am in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group will host Coffee Hour.**
- **Confirmation group will meet at 6:30 pm in the MEETING ROOM (note venue change).**



Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th graders): We have a guest from The Community Giving Tree joining us to talk about how The Community Giving Tree helps local families in need and learn how we can offer our service. 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 please [contact Kathy Serrano](#).

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12): All high school youth are invited to join us in church and afterwards in the Parish Hall this Sunday as we support and help our members who went on the Pilgrimage to Galveston as they present to the congregation. Next week on December 9 we hope you can join us as we assemble wreaths for our first service project of the year. Save the date for wreath delivery on December 16. If you have any questions please [contact Hannah Whitlock](#).

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal this Sunday

Christ Church will once again joyfully celebrate the story of Jesus' birth in a Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist service on December 24th at 4:00 pm. All who would like to participate in this beloved Church tradition should gather near the piano after the 10 am service. Missed last Sunday? Come to this one! Angel, star, sheep, or shepherd, there are a number of parts still available! Upcoming pageant rehearsals are after the 10:00 services on 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23. Many thanks to [Cindy Stavropoulos](#), [Rebecca Gilbert](#), and [Amy Dubow](#) who return as pageant coordinators this year.



Advent Prayer

Lord, our Saving Light who came to set us free, shine upon us in your glory. May your light provide illumination for us so that we recognize all those who need our help, however much, however little. Keep us from straying into the works of darkness, wipe away our tears, and grant us your light and blessings. Amen. ~ Henri Nouwen

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