

## CHRIST CHURCH: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### Here's what's happening for children and youth this Sunday, April 14th:

- **This Sunday is Palm Sunday.** At the 10:00 service, everyone will **gather in the Parish Hall** for the beginning of the service, and then we'll process into the church with our palms. Children will be in church with their parents/guardians for the entire service, as there are no Church School classes this Sunday because of school vacation week.
- **Younger children under 3** are invited into church or to Childcare in Room 113.
- **No Youth Groups this Sunday** due to school vacation week - See below for Youth Group News



### Youth Group News

**Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th graders)** - Middle School Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, April 14th, and next Sunday, April 21st, due to the school vacation week. We would like to attend the DioMass Youth Jamboree with the Presiding Bishop on April 27th in place of our regular meeting on April 28th. Looking forward to seeing all 6th, 7th & 8th graders at our next Middle School Youth Group meeting on May 5th. Have a fun and safe school break. The MS Youth schedule may be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please [contact Kathy Serrano](#).

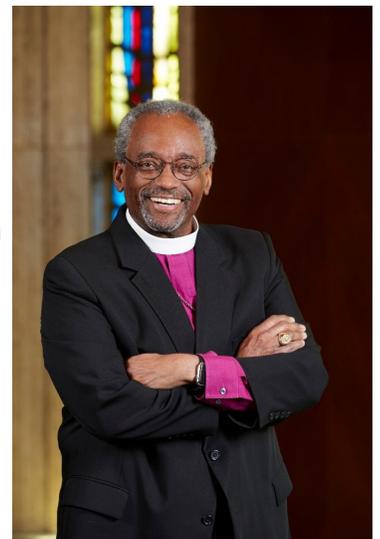


**High School Youth Group (9th-12th graders)** - The High School Youth Group will not meet April 14 and April 21 due to April vacation and Easter. We hope our members can join our church community at the many Holy Week Services offered. We look forward to celebrating Easter with each of you!

Also, as we have discussed, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is holding a youth jamboree for all middle and high school students and their mentors Saturday, April 27th. Please, [contact Hannah Whitlock](#) or [Jen Vath](#) for more information on how to join in on this exciting event!

### The Presiding Bishop is visiting! Diomass Youth are encouraged to join him Saturday, April 27th from 1:30-3:00 pm. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity!

**"PB & J": Youth Jamboree with the PB**, 1:30-3 p.m. Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. There will be pizza and special conversation with Bishop Curry for middle and high school youth and their adult mentors. Each person going should register themselves - register in advance [here](#). Please [let Rev. Jen know](#) if you want to go -- we have several youth leaders planning to drive to the event, so we can carpool into Boston for this. Please join us for this rare experience!



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## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt It's already time to get excited about this year's Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will be held Easter morning, April 21st, between the two services, which are at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. All children through grade 6 are welcome to participate, accompanied by a parent or guardian. After the 9:00 service is over, children should go to the Parish Hall, where we will first recharge with snacks at the Easter Brunch. We will distribute Easter egg bags to the children, and then at approximately 10:30, we will give the signal to gather for Hunt instructions and guidelines. We'll then announce the beginning of the hunt. We will collect the plastic eggs from children after the hunt so we can reuse them next year. Thank you to our youth groups for stuffing the 600 Easter eggs!



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## Youth Confirmation class enters final stretch

The group of 23 Confirmands from Christ Church Andover and 5 from St. James in Groveland are nearing the end of this phase of intentional formation prior to Confirmation on May 4th. They have been honest, kind, and curious along the way!



Our Confirmation Class went up to the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH, last weekend for their Pre-Confirmation Retreat. Here they are, along with teens from St. James in Groveland, with Bishop Barbara Harris herself, who was up at the camp while they were there! Our Deanery Confirmation service will take place on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 am at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Chelmsford.

Youth and their parents will gather next on Sunday, April 28th at noon for a potluck in the Parish Hall.

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**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](#).

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## 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