

GOOD SHEPHERD'S YOUTH ON A JOURNEY

2010-2011 Schedule

Parents & Youth Meeting
Kick Off Sunday

Rock the Universe, Orlando
September 2011

Walk With-A-Purpose
October 2011

Oktober Fest
Celebrating Youth in Missions
October 2011

Youth Yard Sale
November 2011

Flick Night & Game Night
November 2011

Winterlight
Hendersonville NC
12/2011-01/2012

Bread Sale
January 2012

Parent & Youth Pilgrimage Meeting
01/22/2012

Pancake Breakfast
02/14/10

London Pilgrimage 2012
3/16/2012-3/23/2012


Mission Dinner Dance & Auction
04/20/2012

Mission Team Retreat
06/01/2012-06/02/2012

Metamorphosis Celebration
And Youth Sunday
05/20/2012

VBS Volunteer
06/11/2012-06/15/2012

Youth Mission Trip 2012
06/16/12 - 06/23/12



Acolytes

All youth are encouraged to participate in our Sunday service as an Acolyte. Call Julie at the church for training and scheduling!



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Youth Group



We believe

Good Shepherd's Youth Program

It's not just another program-It's a Journey!
Join the fun!



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What we're all About!

Good Shepherd has been following the Journey to Adulthood program which consists of YAC, J2A and Rite 13 lessons along with other liturgical enrichment curricula for the past several years. We have developed a meaningful program of faith formation for our young people. We often take it for granted that our teens feel accepted and appreciated during their adolescent years. In this time of change and uncertainty our teens need to hear from us that they are extraordinary; we strive to affirm their unique and wonderful gifts.

Our teens' journeys give them a safe place to wrestle with changes, discern our culture, build up or strengthen their belief, build relationships and create a fun environment. The youth are encouraged to discover their gifts, attend church and participate in mission trips, urban survivals and Pilgrimages.

Your child's Christian formation does not stop at 5th grade, nor is confirmation a graduation diploma from church. Our role in a teen's spiritual development is helpful, but a parent's role is crucial.



YAC/J2A HS YOUTH GROUP

The High School years of Journey to Adulthood, J2A and YAC are designed for youth in 9th - 12th grades. The years of J2A and YAC are devoted to leadership, ownership of their journey and giving back to the community. Every effort is made to keep the process experiential, with hands-on work, budget planning and implementing of the program. Most of the activities are geared to continue building community and direct community service. The Senior High group will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. - home cooked dinner is included every night! We dine as a community and then move to our designated youth rooms. All youth in 9th through 12th grades are welcome to join the high school program.



RITE 13 MS YOUTH GROUP

Rite 13 is the next step from the traditional Sunday School as we know it. Rite 13 is designed for youth between the ages of 11 and 13. The years of Rite 13 are fun. We play a lot of games, laugh and learn. Time is devoted to the great stories of Holy Scriptures with application to their lives today. Among other things, we deal with prayer, with the ways we see and encounter God, with possessions and their importance in our life, with trust in God on our faith journey together. Every effort is made to keep the process experiential, with a hands-on focus. All activities are geared to build community, to establish trust and safety, to remind young people again and again that this is their church, and that they are safe and welcomed within it. The Junior High group will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a home cooked dinner included every night! We dine as a community. All youth in 6th through 8th grades are welcome to join the middle school program.



CONFIRMATION



Year One: Faith Formation

This year focuses on helping the young people discover and articulate their own understanding of who God is, while helping them find new and useful ways to deepen and enrich their relationship with God. They begin the first year with a lock-in retreat, "Wind and Fire." They will then meet 7 times one Sunday a month for class, usually October through May. In May there will be a special celebration dinner and service for them called "The Metamorphosis Celebration," which recognizes their growing maturity into young adulthood.

Year Two: Episcopal Formation

The second year focuses on helping the young people understand what it means to be confirmed into the Episcopal expression of Christianity. Classes are held on Sundays between the two services. They will learn about the history, worship and uniqueness of the Episcopal Church, and their place in it. Finally, the Bishop will come and confirm them. We will celebrate this with a dinner with the Bishop on the Saturday prior to his visit at the Service of Confirmation at the 10:00 am Eucharist.

Any young person in grade 8 or above is invited to join confirmation. Speak to one of the Clergy or the Youth Minister. We look forward to walking this part of their faith with your child.

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