

# Youth Events at Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

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## Youth Meetings

This fall, St. Patrick's Youth Group will return to our regular schedule of meeting the first and third Sundays of the month. With our new schedule, though, the time will change to 11am-1pm. We will still be eating lunch together. This month, we will not meet on September 6<sup>th</sup> because of the Labor Day weekend. On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> we will not meet right after church, because we have a special event planned with St. Mark's in Huntersville. (See the Stop Hunger NOW article below.) Remember, your friends are always welcome at all daytime youth events.

## Journey to Adulthood Classes to resume on September 13

On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, all of our youth will begin new classes in the Journey to Adulthood Curriculum. Our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be in Rite-13 with leaders Mark Hatley and Paula Schmidt. Our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will continue J2A with leaders John Steelhammer, Bill Flannery, and Bob Gourley. Our 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will have a lectionary Bible Study time with leaders Mark Fowler and Jackie Currie. These classes will take place from 10:00am – 10:40am every Sunday morning. Following the class, we will join the community for the second part of our worship service. Make a resolution now to attend as many classes as possible, because your spiritual growth, and the well being of our community depend on it.

## Don't miss church on Sunday, September 20th

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, several of our young people will be sharing their experience from our Arizona Pilgrimage during the sermon time at both the 8:45am and the 10am service. Please make every effort to attend!

## Do you want to STOP HUNGER NOW?

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world and we can help! The youth of St. Mark's in Huntersville have invited us to help them package 10,000 meals to send to crisis situations, school feeding programs, and orphanages in developing countries around the world. **This is a great opportunity to really make a difference!** If you'd like to come, email Pam, then meet at the church at 3:30pm on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll drive to St. Mark's, package up the meals, then enjoy a meal of pizza with our new friends. We'll return to the church by 7:30pm.

## J2A Celebration Dinner and Candle Lighting Ceremony

A sit-down dinner in celebration of the J2A Class of our faith community will be held on Saturday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their families are invited to attend. A Candle Lighting Ceremony and the J2A Litany of Dedication will take place following the dinner. We also need some youth of other ages to wait tables for this event. Please sign up in the youth room or email Pam if you can help.

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## Great Fall Youth Events at the Summit!

Again this year, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina is offering weekend conferences for young people at the Summit Conference Center near Greensboro. These events are a great way to meet other Episcopal teens, worship God, and have a great time. The dates for this fall are:

Conference	Date	Grades
Fall Middlers Conference	Oct. 9-11	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Happening #53	Nov. 13-15	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
Bishop's Ball	Dec. 11-13	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>

The cost of each conference is \$120 but scholarship money is available. Registration forms and more information are available online at [www.episdionc.com](http://www.episdionc.com) or talk with Ben or Pam Hatley.

## Sign-Up Now for the Kanuga Youth Cabin

Every year, our church family plans a retreat in the mountains at the Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville, NC. Once again this year, we will be reserving a cabin just for youth. That's right, whether your parents are going or not, we'd love to have you stay in the youth cabin. Of course, if your parents are going, you can stay with them, or with us, and still participate in all of the youth activities at Kanuga. The retreat begins on Friday evening, November 6<sup>th</sup> and ends after lunch on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. During the weekend, we'll have lots of time for fun, prayer, learning, and just relaxing. The cost for all youth is only \$110.00. (This year, there will be an additional \$30 charge for anyone who needs transportation.) Reserve your spot now by dropping a deposit check for the \$50 made out to St. Patrick's in Pam's box. Scholarship money is always available through Pam.

## Youth Activities at a Glance

Date	Activity	Time	Grades
Sept. 13	Sunday School Kick-Off	10:00am	6-12
Sept. 20	Pilgrimage Sermon	8:45am and 10am	11-12
Sept. 20	Stop Hunger NOW!	3:30pm-7:30pm	6-12
Oct. 3	Litany of Dedication	7pm	9-10
Oct. 11-13	Fall Middlers Conference at the Summit	5pm	6-8
Nov. 6-8	Parish Retreat Weekend at Kanuga	3pm	6-12
Nov. 13-15	Happening #53	5pm	9-12
Dec. 11-13	Bishop's Ball Conference at the Summit	5pm	6-12