



# St. Patrick's Youth News

Edited by: Pam Hatley

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"I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14



**Heartfelt THANKS to all of our Youth Leaders**  
 The youth group would like to express our sincere gratitude to John Syme, Joan Konen, John Steelhammer, Bob Gourley, Anne Youngs, Bill Flannery, Brad Patterson, Paula Schmidt, Mark Fowler, and Mark Hatley. Without your commitment and dedication, there would be no Youth Group at all. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and love of God with us!



## Congratulations Graduates!



John Addington  
 Cameron Cook  
 Ben Hatley  
 Mason Missler  
 Leanna Schmidt  
 Bryan Smith  
 Mattie Worley



Our graduates will be honored at our 10am service on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make an extra effort to join us that day to help celebrate this milestone.



## Pilgrimage News



From June 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, our rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking a Holy Pilgrimage to Whidbey Island, Washington. Our Pilgrimage focus will be "Spiritual Enlightenment and Meeting God in Nature." Please pray for Hayley Fowler, Ryan

Fanant, Hunter Setzer, Gabby Schmidt, Alex Martin, Noah Sprinkle, Katlyn Addington, Brad Patterson, and Pam Hatley they prepare to take this holy journey.







**July Movie Nights!!!**

Join us for **Movie Night** - Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30pm for rising middle schoolers or Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30pm for rising high schoolers. Bring \$5 to cover the cost of pizza. We'll provide drinks and popcorn! If you have a movie suggestion, please text Pam.



 **Episcopal Outreach Camp**

The following young people are registered to attend EOC: Hollis Adams, Bo Adams, Alex Gourley, Benjamin Flannery, Emma Hennen, Melissa Tobias, Ian McCrone, Shanara Mercer, William Missert, Rett Atkins, Katie Pendergast, Jack Pendergast, and Carly Karnatz. The camp will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.at St. Peter's in Charlotte. We will meet at St. Patrick's at 4:30pm on the 26<sup>h</sup> to drive to St. Peter's and return by 5pm on Wednesday evening. If you are signed up for the camp, you will receive a letter with information about what to bring.

 **Youth Represent St. Patrick's Around the Globe!**

This summer, our young people will represent St. Patrick's and our Diocese by participating in several Diocesan sponsored events. In June, Ben Hatley will travel to Minneapolis to attend Episcopal Youth Event, a national conference of Episcopal youth which takes place once every three years. In July, Katlyn Addington, Hollis Adams, Emma Hennen, and Ben Hatley serve as "Helper Campers" at HUGS Camp, a camp for children with special needs. At the end of the month, Hayley Fowler will travel to Botswana as a part of a Diocesan Youth Exchange Program. Also in July, Rett Atkins and Jack Pendergast will serve as "Peace Pals" at Kids4Peace Camp, a camp that brings Muslim, Christian, and Jewish children from Jerusalem to the United States for a summer camp experience.



# Coming Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	GRDS.
June 5	Honoring Our Seniors	10am	All ages
June 12	Blessing of the Pilgrims	10am	All ages
June 16	Pilgrimage Send-Off Eucharist	7pm	11-12
June 17-24	Whidbey Island Pilgrimage	6am	11-12
June 26-29	Episcopal Outreach Camp	4:30pm	6-9
July 12	M.S. Movie Night	6-9:30pm	6-9
July 14	H.S. Movie Night	6-9:30pm	9-12



We give thanks for the June and July birthdays of  
 Rett Atkins,  
 Shanara Mercer,  
 Sami McCluskey,  
 Alex Smith,  
 Katlyn Addington,  
 Gabby Schmidt,  
 & Noah Sprinkle.

## Pam's Corner

*"This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
 "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you,  
 who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17*

It seems that every June, I use "Pam's Corner" to offer advice to our graduating seniors, with the hope that you will all be able to gain some small wisdom from it as well. This year is a little different for me. Ben is a graduating senior, and while I love all of you, it really hits home when your child is actually leaving home. Because I am so close to "the situation" this year, I cannot simply write a few words of wisdom and wish our graduates the best. When your child leaves home, a part of you leaves as well. And while you want to offer advice, you can only manage to say "I love you", and with all your might, offer a prayer something like this:

"My precious child,  
 May God guide and protect you as make your way in this world  
 May your life hold more joy than fear,  
 more health than sickness,  
 more laughter than tears,  
 and more hope than despair.  
 May you have the courage to use your gifts boldly  
 to bring about God's kingdom here on Earth and  
 may you always have people that can help you on your journey.  
 May your love for God continue to grow,  
 so that you are always aware  
 of God's presence in your life and of  
 God's awesome, eternal love for you.  
 You will always be my child, but it's time for you to go,  
 To shine God's light in this world like only you can do."  
 Much love and many blessings to all our graduates! Pam

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