

## AFTERNOON YOUTH

### SENIOR EYC

The Senior High School Episcopal Youth Community has long been one of the strongest youth programs in our Diocese. Each Sunday afternoon,

youth gather at 4pm for conversation, fellowship, prayer, music and fun under the careful guidance and supervision of trained adult leaders. Youth are encouraged to attend Diocesan youth weekends and to get involved in leadership of the youth programs.

- Our Middle School youth are invited to join us on Sunday afternoons as well for fun and fellowship. Some activities will be planned with Sr. EYC and

### Jr. EYC

some will be separate. Youth are encouraged to participate in Diocesan Youth events as well as the many youth events we have here at Emmanuel. Youth group is a great place for young people to learn

leadership skills, faith development and build friendships that last a lifetime.



**Mission Trip...** We hope to offer a youth mission trip next year. Youth who wish to participate will need to keep an eye on the calendar and be sure that they get their names on the list and their paperwork in on time to be considered for the trip!

## Our Afternoon Youth Ministry Team

Our afternoon Youth Ministry Team:

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## Morning Programs

**Nursery** is provided for birth to 3 years from 8:30 until 12:30. Children 4 and older are not allowed in the Nursery.

**ToT's...(2's and young 3's)** Our youngest members will be participating in the Spark Activate Faith program. See details below.



### Godly Play

**4 and 5 year olds** will again be enjoying our Godly Play program. **Godly Play** is a wonderful Montessori based program. Children hear our faith formation stories brought to life by expert storytellers and can respond through art and play.

**Sparks** Children in K-5th grade use the Spark activate Faith Lectionary curriculum. Spark is a faith formation program that gets children ages 2 through grade 5 excited about God's Word. Spark lessons bring to life 150 stories from the Old and New Testament through games, art, music, and science, to accommodate all the different ways kids learn. Spark Lectionary follows stories in the Revised Common Lectionary. Throughout the three-year cycle, each lesson comes from a Bible story in the Old Testament, the Gospels, or Acts. Children will be grouped in age appropriate groupings. K-1, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th graders will be together with a team of caring adults. Each week they will explore the appointed scripture passages in age related ways and enjoy art and music as well.

**The Gang:** Middle School youth will be using a new program called Faith Weaver. The lessons provide memorable Bible learning plus interactive teaching tools to engage and captivate students. Lessons are designed to encourage faith development beyond Sunday so faith grows all week long. It uses the R.E.A.L. learning style

### R.E.A.L. Learning is:

- Relational
- Experiential
- Applicable
- Learner-Based

**Seekers and Disciples:** Our high school youth will be using some exciting new materials as well! Our **9th and 10th** grade students (**Seekers**) will be using a program called **God Talks**. This topic-based youth ministry program examines a single theme or concept in some detail over a 2-5 week period of time with the goal of addressing the characteristics of spiritual development. The goals of this program are:

- To learn that one has a life-purpose and that it is possible to discern what it is
- To seek connection with the inner self (spirit, as opposed to the outer self, the ego)
- To seek connection with God & with the world around one, both natural & human
- To experience transcendence (meaning seeing how one fits into the bigger picture)

Our **11th and 12th students (Disciples)** will be working on two programs. Those not yet confirmed will be using an exciting new offering called **Confirm not Conform (CnC)**

*Confirm not Conform* (or CnC) is a confirmation program that gives youth a voice and a choice -- but it is so much more. It is a **congregational development program**, involving parents, adult mentors, and church leadership and connecting them with youth and their ministry. It **empowers youth** for ministry, involving them in the life of the congregation and encouraging adults to see them as full and active members, not merely youth to be ministered to. It offers a channel that allows youth to **speak to the church** so that the church may learn from what youth have to offer. And it offers youth an opportunity to **ask their questions and voice their doubts** -- something adults may have never been allowed to do during their own confirmation. **Youth who are already confirmed** will be working in a **ministry intern program** designed by our HS Sunday morning leaders. They will explore lay ministry opportunities here at Emmanuel, in the Diocese and in the world along with learning more



**Please join us here every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.!**