

DRUMROLL PLEASE FOR...

THE ST. JAMES YOUTH CALENDAR!

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A Word from the Youth Minister, Tina Boyd:

Full circle. I could not have been more thrilled to recognize that I have come full circle as we gear up for this fall. I continue to be grateful for being a part of such a great church family here at St. James, and have been pleased to see rhythms being established in the Youth Ministry! While the calendar attached here gives a good overview of the semester ahead, this newsletter is one of several avenues of communication you can use to keep up with what's happening in the Youth Ministry. In addition to a bi-yearly newsletter, you can keep up with us on Twitter (@StJamesYouth301), Instagram (@stjamesyouthgreenville), and Facebook (St. James Youth Greenville). The best way to get up to date details on upcoming events is through the emails I send out weekly during the program year, and bi-weekly during the summer. Information on how to subscribe to the emails is available on the EYC page of the St. James Website (www.stjamesgreenville.org). I am SO excited to see what God had in store for us this program year. Thank you for being on this journey with me! Peace, Tina



“God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,” (BCP 829).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Christian Education meets from 10:10-10:50am in St. James's Youth Room, located in the Main Building, Room 110. This semester we'll be diving back in to Echo the Story! This study invites youth to "stand in the dirt" with the characters in the great narrative of our biblical story, to experience how God has been at work over the ages, and to discover how God's story is also our story, here and now.



EYC

Our E.Y.C.'s Youth Group typically meets on Sunday Evenings from 5-7pm, with the exception of some special events, which are communicated out in advance. This year's theme is The Core. What do the stories of the bible tell us at their core? Who are we at our core? What does Christian community look like at its core? What does the love of God look like at its core? Every time we meet, we are intentional about making space for a meal, where we are all gathered around tables sharing food and life with each other. Youth are always welcome to invite their friends to EYC, or any of the Youth Programs.

SAVE THE DATE:

GRAVAAT GETAWAY

October 14-15, 2016, we're taking a night to get away and play on Camp Gravaat's rope course. Camp Gravaat is an Episcopal Camp and Conference center in Aiken, SC. This will be a convocational/diocesan event where churches we've partnered with before will be there too! Cost will be about \$50. Registration and additional details will be available on the EYC page of the St. James website soon!



YOUTH OUTREACH

Project Host

Project Host is a local soup kitchen and vocational training center for people in the food industry. They provide a holistic response to poverty, through helping people receive food and case management, as well as job training and certifications for work in restaurants and catering. They also have an onsite volunteer-run garden. All the food that is harvested is then used by students in the vocational training program to make healthy meals, which in turn go out in to the community to help feed children who are food insecure. The Youth Ministry partners with Project Host by baking fresh desserts once a month to be served in the soup kitchen. (Program Name: Break and Bake)



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoe boxes or plastic bins full of goodies to children all over the world as a way to show God's love. The Youth Ministry partners with Operation Christmas Child through a box packing event we complete each fall. We'll need help compiling boxes and supplies for this event! Specific needs will be communicated closer to event time.



Lord's Harvest for the Hungry

The Lord's Harvest for the Hungry is a food ministry based out of Mars Hill, NC that packages potatoes, corn meal, and pinto beans, and distributes them to supply food pantries and individual low-income families both in Mars Hill and its surrounding communities. The Youth Ministry partners with Lord's Harvest for the Hungry by bringing up teams to help package shipments, and by learning life lessons from the ministry's founders, Farmer Bill and Sharon Welsh, who run this entire operation out of their home.

August 2016

28. EYC KICK OFF PARTY, 5~7pm

September 2016

11. Sunday School, 10:10am

11. EYC, 5~7pm

18. SKY TOP ORCHARD

22. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

25. Sunday School, 10:10am

25. EYC, 5~7pm

28. Break and Bake, 4:00~6:00pm

October 2016

2. Sunday School, 10:10am

2. EYC, 5~7pm

6. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

9. Sunday School, 10:10am

9. EYC, 5~7pm

14~15. GRAVAAT GETAWAY*

16. No Sunday School or EYC

19. Break and Bake, 4:00~6:00pm

20. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

23. FALL FESTIVAL 2016

30. Sunday School, 10:10am

30. EYC, 5~7pm

November 2016

6. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

6. EYC, 5~7pm

10. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

13. Sunday School, 10:10am

13. Whole Church Stop Hunger
Now Meal Packaging 12:15pm

13. EYC, 5~7pm

16. Break and Bake, 4:00~6:00pm

17. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

20. Sunday School, 10:10am

20. EYC, 5~7pm

27. Advent Wreath Workshop,
10:10am, PLC.

27. No Sunday School or EYC

December 2016

3. QUIDDICH TOURNAMENT* TBD

4. Sunday School, 10:10am

4. Lessons and Carols Service

8. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

11. Sunday School, 10:10am

11. EYC, 5~7pm

15. Coffee by the Book, 4:15pm

18. Sunday School, 10:10am

18. No EYC

25. Merry Christmas!!!