



Christ Episcopal Church

Christian Education with Children and Youth Newsletter October 2008

Overview of Upcoming Church School Lessons

Session	Date	Scripture Content	Focus
21 Pentecost	October 5th	Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants, who refuse to give the vineyard owner his rightful share of the harvest. <i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>	Fruitfulness
22 Pentecost	October 12th	Jesus compares the coming of the messianic kingdom to a wedding banquet to which all are invited. <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>	Banquet of Plenty
23 Pentecost	October 19th	Questioned about Roman taxes, Jesus says to give to God what belongs to God. <i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>	Trusting in God Alone
24 Pentecost	October 26 th	Jesus summarizes the law in the two great commandments to love God and our neighbors. <i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>	Love's Priority

Back to Church School Workshop: Thank you to all who attended this workshop over the Labor Day weekend. We discussed how to prepare for each weeks lessons through daily prayer and worship. Teams worked together to discuss the seasons of our church calendar and brainstormed ways to teach the seasons and the lectionary to our students through the four levels of learning (object, index, symbol and sign). Looking forward to our next Christian Education Workshop on Saturday, October 18th, please email Denise at denisecel@verizon.net if you are planning on attending.

Acolyte Tradition: To incorporate the Episcopal tradition of Acolytes in our service and to prepare ourselves for the Acolyte Festival on February 14, 2009, each class will be trained in the rich tradition and importance of what it means to **"BE AN ACOLYTE"**.

The Red Team will be trained as Torch Bearers.
The Green Team will be trained as Crucifers.
The Rite 13 class will be trained as First Servers
J2A/YAC class will be trained as Assistant Vergers.

Church School Snack: We look forward to an exciting new year with your children in church school. We are asking that all parents please sign up to provide a snack **one week per child registered in church school** (60 individual snacks and juice boxes). Please stay away from any snacks with peanut butter and nuts. It usually costs \$20 or less each week and it would be greatly appreciated if everyone could help out. **Please bring the snack to the chapel by 9:45 on Sunday** mornings; there will be a cart outside the chapel to place the snack on. If you know any individuals who do not have children in church school but would like to donate snacks/drinks or provide a monetary donation towards purchasing snacks, this would also be greatly appreciated. To sign up or for additional information, please email Carla Marro, Snack Coordinator and Parent Volunteer at carlamarro@comcast.net.

Rite 13 and J2A/YAC Breakfast: We are looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate bringing breakfast and juice for the Rite 13 and J2A classes on Sunday mornings at 8:45am to the library and classroom across the hall from the library, for approx. 25 youth and mentors. We are asking parents to sign up to bring breakfast and juice each week for the youth. If you feel this is a ministry that you would like to coordinate, please email Denise at denisecel@verizon.net. Thank you.

Seasonal Church School Workshop (All Saints Day, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany)–October 18th 2008 9-12noon

This workshop is for all church school teachers, assistant teachers, and parents who are assisting with church school this year. It will be an interactive workshop to plan and prepare lessons and activities for the upcoming Church season. Please register by October 12th to denisecel@verizon.net.

WCC – The children and youth of Christ Church would like to give a big THANK YOU to the Women of Christ Church for their continued generous donations to Church School, Vacation Bible School and the Youth Group. The donations help to provide Christian Education for all the children and youth. Thank you to the WCC for supporting the future of Christ Church.

Walk by Faith: The Rite 13 and J2A/YAC classes would like to thank Joyce Delaney for sharing her passion about the labyrinth with both groups. The youth learned about the history and significance of taking a personal spiritual journey as you walk the labyrinth. Thank you Joyce for sharing your ministry with the youth.

Bible Study: The J2A/YAC class would like to thank Nancy Ewart and the entire adult Bible study group for sharing their passion for Bible study with their group. We examined many different interpretations of John 7:40-8:11 with the use of different versions of the Bible. We talked about the geography of the region during this time period. We discussed how the readings examined prejudice. Jim Crane ended our meeting with prayer.

Ministry: If you have a passion and purpose for a specific ministry and would like to share your enthusiasm with the Youth on a Sunday morning from 9am-10am, please contact Denise Szczerba at denisecel@verizon.net or 732-349-5506. Thank you.

Parent Volunteers Needed: We are planning for the following activities for children and youth in December. We need your help to accomplish these activities and to continue with important traditions here at Christ Church. If you have a love for children and would like to be part of the team that coordinates these activities please send Denise an email at denisecel@verizon.net or call the church office. December (Advent) activities: YG Poinsettia Sales, Advent Wreath Saturday for families (Nov. 29th), Christmas Pageant, YG Diocese Events, Lessons and Carols (Dec. 28). Please come to the Library for our Parent/Teacher meeting on October 5th from 11:45am-12:45pm. Thank you.

Mark your Calendar:

- **Parent/Teacher Meeting** – Sunday, October 5th – 11:45am-12:45pm – In the Library
- **Visit from the Diocese of New Jersey Youth Ministry** – Sunday, October 12th – Meet Canon Kep Short and Deacon Debi Clarke
- **Next Christian Education Seasonal Workshop** – Saturday, October 18th 9am-12noon (All Saints, Advent Christmas, Epiphany)
- **Crop Walk** – Sunday, October 19th, 2008- More information to follow, mark your calendar
- **All Saints Sunday**- Sunday, November 2nd, 2008 – mark your calendar
- **Parent/Teacher Meeting** – Sunday, November 2nd – 11:45am-12:45am – In the Library
- **Holiday Fair Children's Carnival:** Saturday, November 15th – mark your calendar
- **Christ the King Sunday:** Sunday, November 23rd – mark your calendar
- **Youth Group Poinsettia Sale:** November 23 through December 14th following each service.
Pick up date: Sunday, December 21st.
- **Family Advent Wreath Day:** Saturday, November 29th – More information to follow, mark your calendar
- **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** Sunday, November 30th – 11:30am- 12:30pm

If you are interested in using your gifts by working with children and youth, please contact:

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