

Youth Ministry 2019-2020

St. James's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA



Photo: 2019 Youth Day of Service Shalom Farms

The Youth Ministry at St. James's is so much more than just a "youth group." We nurture and engage 6th – 12th graders, and their families, in all aspects of church and family life. And we offer service projects, social events, and retreats specifically for youth. We have a place for YOU, so come join the fun!

Sunday Morning Youth Groups

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)

Youth Group for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
Most Sundays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. MH Room #304

9th Grade Confirmation*

Youth Group for 9th graders
Most Sundays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. MH Room #302
**Older youth who desire to be confirmed, can contact Mary Beth Abplanalp about a customized confirmation process.*

SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship)

Youth Group for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders
Most Sundays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. We'll meet in the Youth Lounge for project based activities. Come check it out!

Adult Volunteers

The youth ministry depends on the generosity of adult volunteers who serve as role models for our youth and help make these many programs a reality. If you feel called to work with youth or support the ministry from behind-the-scenes, Mary Beth would LOVE to treat you to a cup of coffee and help find the right fit for you. You can also complete a Youth Ministry Volunteer form. ☺

MISSION STATEMENT

St. James's Youth Ministry loves and supports our youth through joyful Christian Community so that they may explore a relationship with Christ, find their identity in God's love for them, and serve God as Doers of the Word.

YOUTH MINISTRY VALUES

Community – We develop and celebrate friendships.

Love – We love others as Christ loves us.

Acceptance – We welcome and celebrate all, as members of the body of Christ.

Faithfulness – We are grounded in God's love and seek to grow in faith and service.

Fun – We embrace a playful environment.

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Beth Abplanalp (staff)
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SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS 2019-2020

We offers lots of opportunities for youth to build friendships, grow spiritually, and serve others. These special events are open to all youth regardless of prior church attendance. Friends are welcome, too! Check out the 2019-2020 Youth Ministry Calendar for the full list of events.

**Advance registration required*

Fall Kick Off

Sunday, September 8, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Youth & Parents – Come together to Youth Group to visit with new and old friends and learn about the Youth Ministry offerings for 2019-2020.

NEW Acolyte Commissioning

October 27 during the 9:00 and 11:15 worship services

In both worship services we will commission, or bless, all our youth acolytes as they begin another year serving as worship leaders.

Confirmation Camp

Friday, November 15 – Saturday, November 16

9th graders in Confirmation will spend the night at Camp Hanover for some fun bonding time, ropes course adventures, and a chance to grow in our faith together.

Summer 2020 Preview

Sunday, January 12, 2020, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

For Youth & Parents – Come learn about Summer 2020 youth mission trips, summer camps, VBS counselor roles, and other service opportunities. There are early bird discounts!!!

10th -12th Grade MLK Service Lock-In*

January 19-20, 2020. 10th-12th grade youth will spend Sunday night at church on MLK weekend doing much needed renovations in the Catacombs (basement) of the church where many support groups meet. Get ready for a fun night making a difference with new and old friends!

Children & Youth Sunday*

Sunday, April 26, 2019, 9:00 & 11:15 services

Children & youth will lead the 9:00 and 11:15 services. We'll also bless all graduating seniors and their families, and celebrate our incoming 5th graders too.

Youth Choir, Acolytes, Boy Scouts, Missions, Etc.

There is a lot for youth to do at St. James's outside the youth programs. Youth are encouraged to check out any and all aspects of church life, especially youth choir, acolytes, Boy Scout Troop 400, outreach projects, mission trips, and reading in worship! Visit doers.org for more information.

YOUTH RETREATS



Retreat weekends are a great opportunity for youth in 6th-12th grades to have fun with new and old friends and explore their faith outside the rhythm and routine of daily life.

PYM SHRINE MONT RETREATS*

The Diocese of Virginia organizes "PYM" retreats for youth to attend at Shrine Mont, our diocesan camp and conference center. St. James's youth leaders drive and chaperone any interested youth.

**PYM 9th-12th Senior High Wknd
November 1-3, 2019**

**6th & 7th Grade PYM Weekend
April 17-19, 2020**

**8th Grade PYM Weekend
May 8-10, 2020**

SNOWFEST*

During this popular retreat 30+ youth in 6th-12th grades and adult youth leaders stay in winterized cabins at Shrine Mont and go to nearby Bryce Resort to ski or snowboard or tube.

February 7 – 9, 2020