

What's EYC?

Historically it's been the Episcopal Young Churchmen. In today's time, we use it as the Episcopal Youth Community. It's any and all youth, 6th-12 grade, that attend Christ Church. You can be active by coming to youth group or just showing up at church on Sunday mornings.

What's youth group and what do they do?

This group, sometimes just called EYC, meets Sunday evenings from 4:30-6 in the youth room. We play games, eat a snack, and enjoy some time together. At some point we pray and talk about Jesus.

What's the difference between Sunday School and EYC?

Sunday School is offered on Sunday mornings at 10am. EYC is in the evening. Sunday School is mostly an educational time to teach and reflect on readings from the Bible and how we can relate to them. EYC is the more fun time.

What's Confirmation?

We believe that confirmation is a person's mature and public profession of faith. A lot of youth are baptized as infants, which means their parents take the vows on behalf of the child. Confirmation allows the youth, or adult, to make a mature profession of their faith. Confirmation allows the youth to decide that they want to be Christian, and to follow the ways of the Episcopal Church. Confirmation class is about a month or two long, before the Bishop's visit in November. Meg or Paul are available to answer more questions about the process, history, curriculum or any other questions about Confirmation.

When can my youth be confirmed?

Whenever your youth thinks they are ready to be confirmed is when they should start the process. This is typically in 8th grade. Our class is only about a month long. The youth don't have to get confirmed at the end, that's part of learning what they believe.

Do you go on trips?

Sure do! Everyone loves a good youth trip in a van. We go on Diocesan retreats twice a year. There's two retreats for middle school and two for high school. They are held in September/October and March/April. All retreats are held at Camp Trinity in Pine Knoll Shores. Prices and information comes out closer to the retreat. Be sure to check our website or ask Meg for forms.

We are working on planning a big trip for 2021, this could be a mission trip, a pilgrimage, or a ski trip, stay tuned.

How can I help?

You're in luck, there's a lot of ways.

- One is to sign up to bring a snack to youth group. It can be anything your youth likes eating. We have a fridge, microwave, and an oven. The options are endless.
- You could be a chaperone. We need extra hands and eyes at EYC. We will almost always need another adult on a trip. Talk to Meg about the best trips to go on.
- You could teach on Sunday mornings! We use a curriculum. This makes it really easy to teach a lot or just fill in when you want to teach. It gives questions, and answers. And Meg can make sure you know what you're saying. Teaching gives you an opportunity to learn more as well!
- You could bring youth! Coordinating a carpool with your friends might be the biggest help of all.
- You could pray. Please! I'm sure you vaguely remember being a little goofy in 6th-12th grade. These youth are no different. Your prayers that they can remain active in church, loving others, and supporting the community are greatly appreciated.