Happening is a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, sharing and experiencing God’s love for teens in grades 9-12. The weekend is designed to deepen one’s faith and help young people understand what it means to be a Christian in the world today.

The experience is open to youth and adults from all denominations; however, each individual attending must be sponsored by someone with a positive, active relationship in the participant’s life. Their sponsor can be a relative, godparent, youth leader or clergy. The sponsor does not need to attend the Happening weekend but is certainly welcome to as an adult.

The event is run by a team of high-school-aged youth from the Diocese and supported by adult leaders. The Happening team plans, works and prays together for months in advance to make each weekend a success. There are talks, singing, worship, small group discussions, fun games and a few surprises. During this three-day gathering, participants experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ as shown through the sacraments and the ministry of fellow students, clergy, and other adults. Teens are encouraged to take their renewed faith back to their congregations and local communities.

Adults who attend the weekend are called “Magi”. They are expected to participate in the retreat exactly as the youth do. For small group discussions, adults will be placed their own small, “adult” group to for sharing and reflection.

**Happening Team**

Youth may attend Happening once as a participant. However, “Happeners” may participate in future weekends, serving as a team member. Applications will be made available preceding the selection of Happening teams.

The weekend begins Friday evening with check-in at 7pm and concludes Sunday afternoon with a closing Eucharist that begins at 4pm. The event is held twice each year, in spring and fall, at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, Florida.