



# Youth Ministry

## Together Forever

*Romans 12:5*

Look at the world around us. It seems like there is more division than there is unity. Some division is kind of silly. Some is life changing. Into this landscape, the Gospel speaks a profound truth: in Christ, we are united. We are together.

Join us this year as we come together explore what it looks like to be united in Christ and to each other forever.

### **EYC ... is for youth 9-12 grades ~ Middlers ... is for youth in 7th and 8th grade**

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### **Advent Mission to David, Kentucky!**

A group of over 30 youth and adults will drive down to David, KY, this Advent season to hold a community-wide Christmas party! Santa Claus will arrive on a fire engine so that the children of David can sit on his lap and share their Christmas secrets. They will also get their pictures taken and coats will be delivered so that they can stay warm all winter long. If you are a mission participant, we are leaving on **Friday, December 7, at 4:30 p.m.** and return on **Saturday, December 8, around 5:00 p.m.** This will be a great opportunity for you, along with your family, to prepare for Christmas. The cost will be \$25, plus money for two meals on the road and a Parent Consent Form.

### **Youth Sunday Night Live: Games and “Minute to Win It” ... Sunday, December 2 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Christmas Edition!)**

Join us in the Vicarage as Libby and Raleigh lead another fun-filled night of Christmas games that will center on the season! Between the *Minute to Win It* Christmas-style challenges, we will enjoy some group-building games designed to put the ho-ho-holy back into Christmas! We will also share a home-cooked meal together and hear a devotion at the end of the night.

### **Christmas Wrapping Party & Games ... Sunday, December 9 ~ 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Vicarage for our first ever Youth Wrapping Party! We will spend some time wrapping gifts for our family members and friends, then move on to play some wild and crazy games that celebrate the season! Make sure to bring plenty of presents to wrap, along with your wrapping paper of choice and tape. Dinner will be served and friends are welcome to join. Merry Christmas!

### **Youth Christmas Caroling ... Saturday, December 16 ~ 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

The EYC and Middlers will come together at the Vicarage for a fun evening of singing. We will go Christmas caroling at the Episcopal Church home and have a devotional that points the way to Christ. This is a great way to get our hearts ready for the gift of Jesus. We will also enjoy a delicious dinner. As always, friends are more than welcome.

### **Youth Lock-In ... Friday, December 21 ~ 9:00 p.m.**

A fun, full night of exciting activities will be held at the Vicarage and around town! We will meet in the Vicarage at 9:00 p.m. before heading out to bowl, eat a meal at Steak & Shake, and enjoy a movie together in someone's home before winding up the night back at the Vicarage. The cost is only \$15 and will cover the cost of our bowling and activities. Please bring extra cash for your midnight snack at Steak & Shake. You must sign up before Sunday, December 16 so that we can plan. Please sign up with Raleigh or Libby soon. Friends are welcome! Please bring appropriate DVDs and snacks to share.



### **Save the Date: 25th Annual Youth Ski Trip Saturday, January 13 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

Join us as we spend all day on the slopes at Paoli Peaks laughing and having exhilarating fun! We'll meet at the Vicarage at 8:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$50—this includes your ticket, ski or snow board rental, and transportation. You will also need some cash for lunch and dinner on the way home. On-site ski instructions, however, are free. Sign up with Raleigh or Libby before Sunday, January 8.

## Solid Rock

Please join us Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the Vicarage for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. This is a great way for us to explore our faith in a fun way through discussions, movies and activities. We will have lively discussions as we journey together through life. If you would like to join us for dinner, we'll meet in the Vicarage at 5:45 to head over to Graves Hall for dinner. The price of the meal is \$5.

Solid Rock ends in December with a night out looking at lights and eating dinner out on **December 12**. Please bring money for your dinner.

On **December 19**, we will have a special Solid Rock, during which we will reflect on the Christmas story. Time will be spent reading the story, reflecting on its meaning, and quietly discussing as a group.

## Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School in the Vicarage at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School is a time when we learn more about how we can be faithful in this world today. Join us as we learn how to love God with all our hearts and make a difference in our world.

## Youth Senate

We will have a Youth Senate Meeting on **Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Vicarage. We will use this time to reflect on the past year and look forward at the calendar for 2019.

## Youth Purpose Statement

The purpose of the St. Francis Youth Group is to develop strong bonds with each other while pursuing our journey with Christ. We fulfill this through outreach, Bible Study, and by simply having a good time.

## Kroger Cards: They really do work!

Thank you for all of you who have enrolled in our Kroger Plus Card reward fundraiser. This is a labor-free, expense-free fundraiser. Once enrolled, all you have to do is use your Kroger Card when you purchase your groceries and St. Francis Missions makes money to help others. Each dollar raised goes directly to the projects in David, KY and the Dominican Republic. If you haven't enrolled, please take the time to enroll. This is how ... \*Enrollment must be processed through Kroger secure website at: [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). Log in or create an account. If you are creating an account for the first time, you need your Kroger Plus Card number (this is the card you scan at the register to get the discount). \*Once you are in your account, click on Community and then Community Rewards. When you are prompted to add an organization, our church code is **MP065**.

## Mission Outreach Summer 2019

The Mission Planning Team is excited to announce two opportunities for you to serve during the summer of 2019. A team of adults and youth (7th-12th grades) will travel to David, KY, from June 9 to 14 to participate in a Vacation Bible School for the community and work projects around the David School. The cost for this mission is \$350, with a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 and a completed application. There is limited space.

Adults and youth (9th-12th grades) will travel to the Dominican Republic June 22 through June 30 to serve through work projects and VBS in the communities of Samangola and San Rafael. Cost for this mission is \$1000 with a nonrefundable deposit of \$300.

We will begin accepting applications on December 16<sup>th</sup>. To secure your spot each application **MUST** be complete and **INCLUDE** the nonrefundable deposit. Applications are available at [https://www.stfrancisinthefields.org/youth\\_forms](https://www.stfrancisinthefields.org/youth_forms).

## Acolyte Schedule for December

The Sundays you are assigned to serve are listed on the schedule below. Team leaders please organize and pray with your team 20 minutes ahead of the service. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you will be unable to Acolyte at your scheduled time. **Alex Auerbach will be the acolyte at the 8:00 a.m. service.**

December 2	10:00	Stephen Root, Caroline Mercer, Chris Paris, Luke Russo, Maggie Battcher, Clara Juckett, Max Brown
December 9	9:00	Richard Gregor, Caroline Brown, Hollings Ruml, Jack Kuster, Quentin Proud
	11:15	Macy Fugitte, Henry Starks, Bennett Crain, Emma Langley, Brinly Hardy
December 16	9:00	Trinton Rasey, Ellie Kemper, Gus Boden, Ashby Howard, Max Brown
	11:15	Olivia Zimmerman, Julia Deters, Raphael Melo, Clay Bockhorst, Olivia Melo
December 23	10:00	Stephen Root, Cutter Jones, Caroline Mercer, Chris Paris, Luke Russo
December 24	8:00p	<b>**Volunteers Needed</b>
	10:30p	<b>**Volunteers Needed</b>
December 25	10:00	Kate Marquardt, Maggie Battcher, Clara Juckett, Cade Jagers, Max Brown

