

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

St. Mary's Christian Formation for Children and Youth – A place to explore, share, and grow in the faith, and to be oneself in a safe and loving environment.

“Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.”

*The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation
Adapted General Convention 2009*



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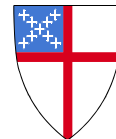
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HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

Where faith embraces reason and tradition.....

FALL/WINTER 2016-2017

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH

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SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM

During our 9 a.m. service in the Community Life Center, children are invited to sit on the rugs and play quietly during the service with our Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, Paul Collins. Toys, crayons and coloring books are provided.

SUNDAYS AT 10:00AM

Infants & Toddlers (age 0-4ish)

The Play Place, which is located in the Parish House, is open to children up through age four from 10:00 a.m. through the 11 a.m. service. Our childcare workers engage the children in creative play, read stories and teach respect for others. Goldfish and water is provided.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Youth are encouraged to participate in every aspect of life here at St. Mary's. They serve as acolytes, subdeacons, chalice bearers, lay readers, members of the altar guild, greeters, and more. Youth are also encouraged to attend The Forum.

SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM

Children's Chapel is an opportunity for children to explore scripture and prayer in a developmentally appropriate way. This is an opportunity for them to learn about prayer, scripture and the traditions of the church through story, drama and art. The children re-join the congregation during the peace.

SUNDAYS AT 5:00PM

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to attend EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meetings held in the Great Hall in the Community Life Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. These meetings will include fun games, a delicious meal, fellowship, a presentation on a spiritual topic with small group discussions, and will end in a form of corporate worship. Please join us for a fun and inspiring time. Friends are always welcome!

WEEKDAYS

Godly Play

Godly Play is a hands on Christian formation class that helps children explore their faith through story and creative response. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate either Tuesday from 3:30-4:45 p.m. or Wednesday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in the Godly Play classrooms in the Education Building.



Youth Bible Study

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday morning beginning in September from 7:00-7:40 a.m. at Carter Brother's Barbeque on N. Main Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and engaging the scripture with our rector. Bring a Bible and money for breakfast.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Annual Christmas Pageant invites interested children, youth and adults to help retell the story of the birth of Jesus Christ using drama and music. The pageant takes place on December 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Community Life Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Each summer, St. Mary's hosts a week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the children in the parish as well as the community. This is a fun and engaging opportunity for children to learn about the Christian faith through worship, music, crafts, drama and many games. This program is for children who are age 4 through to rising 5th grade students. Youth and adults are encouraged to serve as volunteers.

MISSION EXPERIENCE

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) members are invited to take part in a week-long mission experience once a year in the summer. This is a great way for our youth to travel to another community to see how God is working in other places. Often, this experience provides the opportunity for our young people to deepen their spirituality, develop empathy through learning about issues of social injustice, and minister to those in need.

YOUTH

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Youth Confirmation classes are offered once a year for youth in grades 8 - 12. This year, classes will begin on August 21 and will run for 7 weeks, excluding September 4. The class will take place at DeBeen Espresso (709 W. Lexington Ave, High Point) from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Participants are only allowed to miss one class and are expected to attend one of the Sunday morning services every Sunday during the 7 week period as they will have assignments based on these services. The service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, October 16 at the 11 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist.