

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: YOUTH MINISTRIES

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

From Sept - June, 6th - 12th graders are encouraged and empowered to learn about being a member of a community of Christ. Programs and events are created to support the development and the experience of a fulfilling spiritual life. St. Michael's House, next door to the main church building is the home of these ministries. Specific offerings include

Youth Space: The place to be on Sundays from 10-11 AM where young people gather for conversation, activities and donuts.

2 + 4 + 6: A time to pray and play together at St. Michael's House from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., where participants read, discuss and engage in the meaning of Bible stories each 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

First Fridays: On the first Friday of each month something fun is planned and friends are always welcome. Activities include attending a theatre production, Lazer Tag, Comedy Sportz, bowling, swimming . . . you get the idea. Fridays are made for FUN!

Service Projects: Opportunities to act out of faith, love and compassion in our community with great partners like SOLV, Oregon Food Bank and Hollywood East. We also help out "at home" (at St Michael's) with the holy day celebrations by serving pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and strawberries and cake for Pentecost!

Y2B: Each spring some of the young people in the parish take part in a group that explores Christian identity and life as an Episcopalian. Each participant has an adult spiritual companion. This is a program of discernment of desire and then readiness of a deeper commitment to living out the baptismal covenant.

Extras: A variety of special events are offered too. Each year different choices are made from events like these: Fall Retreat, Advent Breakfast, Winter Snow Trip, Spring Bike Rides and Summer Camping.