

**Church of the Mediator
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Children and Youth.....

Programs and activities for children and youth are in full swing at Mediator. The week-end after Labor Day, we started off the year with our youth lock-in and rummage sale. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we had a large amount of rummage available. With the help of energized volunteers and youth with boundless energy, we managed to set up the night before and were ready for business when the first customers arrived at 6:00 AM. The sale was successful with a total profit of approximately \$2000.00. The busy week-end continued on Sunday, Rally Day, kicking off the fall session of Sunday School. Thanks to a group of dedicated Sunday School teachers, we are able to provide engaging lessons using *Living the Good News*, a curriculum based on the lectionary. Sunday mornings would not be complete without Children's Chapel. Sarah Mutziger and other volunteers read books that tell a story, sometimes a Bible story, sometimes a wisdom tale. We conclude chapel with Prayers of the People written especially for children and the Lord's Prayer. We pray for an array of things: sick pets, sore throats, friends and family who are sick, and loved ones who have died. The list goes on and on.



In addition to Sunday School, we have a Confirmation Class for youth in sixth grade and above. The curriculum being used is *Confirm Not Conform*. It exposes youth to a wide range of topics, including: Scripture, sacraments, creeds, heresy, the Episcopal Church, and other religions. It asks them to think through what they believe and why. It's about finding one's own voice rather than simply conforming to an external standard. It is a program that respects the work youth do and trusts that if youth put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why, they will make good choices about their next step in faith. Each youth participating in the confirmation program will be assigned a mentor in the congregation. A mentor is a non-family member who will talk with the participant about issues of faith, answer questions, attend class events and serve as a source of encouragement and support. Mentors are a vital part of the confirmation process for each participant. If you are interested in being a mentor or would like more information, please call me at the church office or on my cell phone 601-917-3515.

On Sunday evenings, youth in grades six through twelve from Mediator and St. Paul's attend EYC (Episcopal Youth Community). This is a time when we share the love of Christ with others through our words and actions by: welcoming everyone, reaching out to those in need, building friendships, having fun, growing together as a community and developing our life with Christ in a fun and healthy atmosphere.

Youth Activities



Activities continue on Wednesday evenings with Episcopal Kids Community for children in fifth grade and under and the Mediator Youth House is open for youth in sixth through twelfth grade.

As you can see, we have a wide array of activities for all ages. Children and youth are encouraged to take advantage of the many activities offered at Mediator.

Katy, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries