

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Youth Education Journey to Adulthood



Opening Event

Sunday, September 11th, 3:00 p.m.

Kick-off Pool Party BBQ Event:

Rite 13, J2A, and YAC.

*See back panel for details

CGS Youth Program

Termed “Journey to Adulthood” CGS’s youth program is a six - seven year program that begins with the 6th or 7th grade. A new group is formed every other year (even years) and stays together until graduation. The liturgical based spiritual formation program for young people celebrates their individuality and creative potential. It instructs them in skills needed for successful adult participation in the church and society. In the process, the youth build a community of friends and find their ministry niche through fellowship and service. The topics over the six years primarily focus on issues of life and the Christian faith.

“Rite 13” Grouping Grades 6, 7 and 8

“Rite 13” is the first two years of the program, *Journey to Adulthood*. The focus of Rite 13 is to celebrate our God-given gift of manhood and womanhood by exploring issues that help shape our identity. All activities are designed to build community and remind young people that this is their CHURCH, and they belong here.

This group meets on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. in the youth room on the 2nd floor.

Youth in “Rite 13” are also welcome to join in any of the “Special Activities” listed on the back of this brochure.

“J2A” Grouping Grades 9 and 10

J2A is the core piece of the program, *Journey to Adulthood*, The focus is to prepare youth for adulthood by teaching six basic skills: listening, negotiation, leadership, partnership, and information management. Confirmation material is woven in with four key topics: self, spirituality, sexuality, and society.

This group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. during the entire school year. Youth are to first gather in the auditorium.

Youth in “J2A” are also welcome to join in any of the “Special Activities” listed on the back of this brochure.

“YAC” Grouping Grades 11 and 12

YAC youth begin to live more fully into their baptismal promise by taking on more adult responsibilities in the life of the parish and community. Their discussions focus on the current events of their lives and how to understand and articulate God’s presence with them through those events.

This group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. during the entire school year. Youth are to first gather in the auditorium.

Youth in “YAC” are also welcome to join in any of the “Special Activities” listed on the back of this brochure.

CONFIRMATION

Youth are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from our Bishop in May 2018 if they meet the following criteria during the TWO years of the “J2A” program.

“The rule of 75’s”

1. Maintain a 75% attendance level through the two years of the “J2A” Sunday evening program.
2. Maintain a 75% attendance level at the “Special Activities” events (see back of brochure) through the two years of J2A.
3. Accumulate 75 “points” through the two years of J2A.

Points can be earned in the following ways and need to be verified.

- a. ONE (1) point for attending a Sunday morning church service.
- b. ONE (1) additional point for every time one participates in the life of the church as an acolyte, lay reader, usher, nursery care helper, teachers aid, choir member, Bellringer, etc.

A one-day retreat will take place in the month just prior to Confirmation.

Special Activities Service Projects and Fun Activities

More info about dates and times will be communicated to you, as they are known.

- Hampshire Hills Event
- Harvestfest waiting on Tables
- Penny Pickers
- Bowling Night
- Christmas Caroling and Christmas Party
- Deck the Halls: Gathering of the Greens
- Rumney Weekend
- Youth Dance
- World Vision – 30 Hour Famine
- Youth Sunday – leading worship and the Sunday Forum
- Last Sunday of the Year
- Mission Trip (YAC only)

Youth Responsibilities

1. **Meet weekly:** Be on time and help clean the room after the meeting.
2. **Look at emails:** We communicate by email. If you do not have email, please contact Pastor Odie and/or an advisor.
3. **No drugs or alcohol:** Attending a meeting or event under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in contacting parents or guardians immediately. You will be asked to leave.
4. **No Smoking**
5. **Be respectful:** in speech and action towards peers and adults. This is a safe non-violent place.

Registration Forms

Sunday, September 11th is registration Sunday. **All youth** must fill out a registration form either Sunday morning from 9:00 – 10:15 in the youth room or at the opening Kick-off event Sunday evening.

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At the Liles Home

Kick-off Event for all three groups:

Rite 13, J2A and YAC.

The day begins with a pool party and BBQ,
meat provided

Last names beginning (please bring)
A – G: Potato/Macaroni salad for 6-8.
H – P: Salad/vegetable dish for 6-8.
Q - Z : Dessert for 6- 8.

This is the first meeting for Rite 13, J2A, and YAC. (This includes youth from **grades 6th to 12th**.) While the youth are meeting in their groups, Dan will meet with parents important program information. Your attendance is vital to the success of our youth program.

Welcome All Youth!!!!!!!!!!!!

Please Note:

Church of the Good Shepherd follows the Safe Church Policy and Procedures set forth by the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire.

*Unauthorized recording and the **taking of unauthorized photographs** are prohibited.*