

# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Youth Education Journey to Adulthood



### *Opening Event*

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.

CGS Parish Hall Auditorium  
For Youth & Parents

Rite 13, J2A, and YAC.

\*See back panel for details

## CGS Youth Program

This year we are excited to welcome Nancy Madeira as our Youth Director. She's looking forward to a great journey with our Youth & Parents.

Termed "Journey to Adulthood" CGS's youth program is a six - seven year program that begins with the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7 and 8

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

"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.

**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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Youth in "YAC" are also welcome to join in any of the "Special Activities" listed on the back of this brochure, and are eligible to go on the Annual Mission Trip in July.

## 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 Alanna and/or an Adviser.
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. **No Smoking.**
4. **Be respectful:** in speech and action towards peers and adults. This is a safe non-violent place.
5. You will be asked to leave.

## CONFIRMATION

Youth are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from our Bishop on May 13, 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 Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Special Activities & Youth Leadership Team Service Projects and Fun Activities

This year we’ll be creating a **CGS Youth Leadership Team** who will work with each section of the program to decide on Outreach and Fellowship activities throughout the year. At Homecoming Registration Sunday each group will learn more about the Leadership Team, then nominate their group representative after the first program on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Some ideas for Activities include the list below. Once confirmed by the Youth Leadership Team more info about dates and times will be communicated to you, as they are known.

- HarvestFest waiting on Tables
- Penny Pickers
- Bowling Night
- Movie Night
- Bible Trivia 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
- Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser
- Last Sunday of the Year
- Mission Trip (YAC only)

## Registration Forms

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** is Registration Sunday. **All youth** must fill out a registration form at the opening Kick-off event Sunday afternoon.

### Opening Event

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 6:30 pm.**

4:30- 5:00: Social Time

5:00- 5:45: Pot Luck Dinner

5:45- 6:30: Breakout Groups for Youth & Parents

**CGS Auditorium**

**Kick-off Event for all Three groups:**

Rite 13, J2A and YAC.

Pot Luck- Last names beginning please bring

A – G: Side Dishes for 6-8.

H – P: Main Dishes 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>**.) While the youth are meeting in their groups, Nancy and Pastor Alanna will meet with parents with 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.*