

YOUTH EDUCATION UPDATE – Tommy Fairweather

One of the Church's important missions is the education of the young people in our parish; they will be the next generation of parishioners. Prior to my taking the vestry position of Youth Education, a plan had been developed under Jeanne Kellogg's leadership unifying our Christian Education program. Like all plans, implementation depends on the people who make the decision to help. The **purpose of this message** is to let every member know the positions currently needing to be filled and a little information about the expectations of these positions. One of these is a paid position that has been budgeted in the 2012 budget.

YOUTH DIRECTOR is a paid and part-time position requiring about 20 hours a week. The person will lead, supervise and support the following people:

Superintendent of Sunday School, Bible School Director,
Children's Chapel Director and the EYC director.

For more information about this position or would like to apply for the job, please call Father Cooper.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – a volunteer position. Their duties will be to supervise and support each of the teachers of the Sunday School Classes. The materials for the three class levels has been ordered. The materials for these classes have been paid for by a grant and with the financial help of the Vestry of Christ the King. The classes will include:

1. Nursery – ages 0-4.
2. The Felt Class -- ages 5-10. Mary Blake Williams is the lead teacher for this class with the assistance of Katherine Tait, Krissi Finch, and Genevieve Torrey.
3. The Workshop Class is for children 11 and up, and until May, will be led by Jeanne Kellogg.
4. In the fall, the Rite 13 class will begin for Grades 6 - 8. I will be calling some of you to ask you to volunteer to help with the Rite 13 program. According to the curriculum, this class should be led by a man and women that are not married to each other. Since Jeanne has agreed to be one of these teachers, I will need three more adults to help with this program.

If there are two sets of two teachers to handle two weekends a month, it would allow time for you to attend adult Sunday School and could prevent possible teacher "burn out".

Sunday school is held between 9:15 to 10:15 during the school year.

5. EYC will be an offspring next year of the Rite 13. However, I am asking for volunteers to take some meetings until May of this year. Once EYC restarts, it will meet every Sunday evening at for about 1 hour.

The focus of this time can be socialization and perhaps service oriented.

If you could volunteer for at least one Sunday evening a month as leader of EYC, please contact me immediately at 269-9861.

COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S CHAPEL is another way that you can volunteer and help with the education of the young children in our parish. The coordinator will be responsible for

training the individuals who take on Children's Chapel and maintaining the schedule so that there is a person available every Sunday. Children's Chapel takes place at the beginning of the 10:30 service.

Children's chapel is for children ages four through ten. Children older than this should remain with their parents. The children leave the main church and go to a service where they learn about the scriptures being taught in the regular service, but at their own level. The teacher provides cookies and drink after their lesson, and then the group returns to the church during The Peace to worship with their parents for the rest of the service.

We are pleased that, for the time being, Lyn Smith has agreed to take this position of coordinator. We are looking for more volunteers to help with this activity. To alleviate possible burn-out issues, if twelve people volunteered, they would do it only once a month.

Contact Lyn if you can help at 622-1342 or she might be calling you.

DIRECTOR OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -- will need to be filled during the early spring. Having participated for several years as a teacher, I can tell you it is a wonderful learning opportunity for children and a joy for the adults to watch them learn.

Prior directors, Mary Blake Williams, Lyn Smith, Jodee Hart, and Pat Dean, are excellent resources of past year's programs -- the mountains and pitfalls of information learned. The Education Committee will meet and select the date and curriculum for the Vacation Bible School.

The Director of Vacation Bible School will coordinate the volunteers to fill the jobs required by the curriculum. During this one week, there can be many ways that each member of the parish can contribute. Whether it is teaching or helping with classes, making snacks, or decorating, this will be a week to use your time and talent(s) to specifically educate the children of this parish and other children who join with us. The whole parish will be encouraged later in the year to help out with Vacation Bible School so it is not the responsibility of just a few.

I would ask that each member of Christ the King pray about how he/she might help with the Education of the Youth here at Christ the King. Father Cooper and I will be there to support each individual in these positions that should be filled as soon as possible. Please contact Tommy Fairweather at 269-9861, tommyfair@cox.net or Father Cooper 267-0763, fmcooper4@earthlink.net if you can help in any of these positions.