



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH | JACKSON HOLE

Connecting your spirit without disconnecting your mind

Stewardship Notes — October 2010



Youth & Young Adult Mission Notes 2010

Youth Ministry

Worship — takes place with the larger St. John's family on Sunday mornings at 8:00am and 10:00am.

Bible Study — takes place during *Parish Education Hour* on Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

Confirmation — takes place from January-May and is offered to our 7th grade students, or older youths who were not able to make the commitment before.

Fellowship — takes place at youth meetings on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00 in the Underground

Service — takes place in a variety of different ways such as acolytes, mission trips, the food pantry, service projects, and babysitting nights.

Youth Attendance: Although we have seen numbers on our youth roster decrease a bit, the percent of actively involved youth has



risen significantly.

In spring 2010, we graduated nine seniors and this fall we welcomed seven new 6th graders to the St. John's youth family.

Youth Alliance

The Youth Alliance is a group of established youth programs in the area who come together to benefit youth in Jackson.

The participating churches are St. John's, River Crossing, Community Bible, First Baptist, the Presbyterian Church, Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran, St. Francis, and Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

Youth Alliance events include: The 5th

Quarter, The 30-hour famine, the **Grand Targhee Ski Retreat**, and an annual Summer Bash.

Youth & Young Adult Chaplain:



Trent Moore begins his 5th year as Youth & Young Adult Director

at St. Johns.

He recently married the woman of his dreams, Ashley, and looks forward to the future and fostering an environment for active youth and young adult involvement.

"Training a child to follow Christ is easy for parents.

All they have to do is lead the way."





Young Adult Ministry

Episcopal Foundation Grant & Gabby Kouchacji:

Gabby is our Youth Assistant and helps with all of the youth programs including Sunday school and Young Life.

Gabby's primary focus however, is managing the *Emergent Foundation Grant* St. John's received from the Episcopal Foundation of Wyoming to reach young adults in Jackson.

The grant has been used to start up a group called *TRIBE—Teton Revival Initiative Bridging Experiences*. TRIBE is comprised of local adults ages 21-35 whose mission is to impact our broader communities with service and understanding.

The group is heading to New Orleans at the end of the month to help with Gulf Oil Spill clean-up and Hurricane Katrina rebuilding. For more information, please contact Gabby.

Gabby also hosts a monthly radio show on Jackson Hole Community Radio, 89.1 FM KHOL. Based on her work with the Foundation Grant, "In-Service," targets local young adults and features a member from a Jackson faith community and a non-profit volunteer opportunity each month.

Theology on Tap/WORD:

Theology on Tap began in May 2007. Since its beginning, the group has met in area bars to provide a comfortable environment for fellowship and discussion of relevant theological issues.

The normal attendance ranges from 10-12 people between the ages of 21-33. The conversation is always provocative.

Based on interest from some of our Theology on Tap crowd, we also began a young adult specific Bible study called WORD.

Theology on Tap meets at the Town Square Tavern on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, and WORD meets in the St. Johns Underground on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.



Young Life Club and Camps:

We recently began our third year of participating in Young Life Club .

This program is community focused and targets students in 6th—12th grades who are unchurched or distant from the typical youth group setting.

Young Life shares God's love with

teenagers by focusing on relationships and providing genuine friendship and support.

This summer we took 15 people to middle school camp in Arizona and 33 people to high school camp in British Columbia.

In summer 2011, we anticipate taking 30 middle school students to camp in Oregon and 45 high school students to Northern California.

Our Club meetings in Jackson will continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month.



We are also launching a new club this year in Victor that will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month.

For additional info. on Young Life, visit www.younglife.org