

EYC
EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY
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This year has seen very consistent numbers at EYC with around 20 youth participating in weekly meetings and events.

This year, the youth expressed an interest in doing more small group discussion in addition to their weekly full-on fun. Additionally, they wanted to revive the tradition of Tuesday morning prayer breakfast. Volunteers Nancy Beard and Jeffrey Duckworth have been faithful at the 7 a.m. meetings, which average seven youth, as well as being present at the weekly meetings.

Two of our youth, Warner King and Anna Ballard, are representing All Saints' on CBG's DOY council. They have put in countless hours and will continue to do so for the next semester as they help put on weekends for both junior and senior high students from around the state.

This year, the EYC budget was reduced to \$2,600. The bulk of those funds were spent on activities such as laser tag and bowling with some used for ordering t-shirts and required training for adult staff.

For the coming year, EYC has requested that funds be increased to \$2,991 primarily to cover additional travel expenses (to CBG five times per year and annual council), office supplies (e.g., stamps for thank you notes), and training and background checks for additional volunteers.

Junior EYC is equally well attended. Leaders Tricia Edmonson, Deborah Orrick, and Lucy Adams plan fun activities as well as meaningful service projects each month.

One of the most memorable projects for the Jr. EYC is participating in Operation Christmas Child. The children prepare shoebox-sized presents to send to children around the world to share Christ's love at Christmas. While the children bring the supplies to fill the boxes, the shipping of the boxes takes up a large chunk of the Jr. EYC budget of \$450.

Jr. EYC has requested an increase to \$720 with the bulk of the increase to provide the volunteers and an additional adult with CPR/AED training and background checks.

Both Sr. and Jr. EYC appreciate the ministry of the vestry and staff along with the support of the congregation. Never has either group had a need that hasn't been met with an outpouring of love that takes on whatever form necessary. We recognize and sincerely thank you all for your part in helping us support and love each other and work to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.