

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY)

Stacy White
Youth Director

EYC started 2017 with a trip to the Mississippi Delta for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The group stayed at Leroy Percy State Park in Hollandale and joined with another youth group from Jackson. Together we traveled to Bryant's Grocery in Money, a bridge overlooking the Tallahatchie River, and the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Glendora. While in Glendora, we were met by youth from the community who took us to the courthouse and museum. On our final day, we visited the Ruins of St. John's Episcopal Church in Glen Allan and visited Mutt Madness in the Mississippi Delta, a stray dog rescue organization.

Throughout Spring, EYC met as usual and hosted a successful Shrove Tuesday event. We also participated in diocesan events. All Saints' own Garrett Timmons was observing rector at Spring Happening and rector at Happening in the fall. Claire Bailey was chosen to be rector of Happening #88 which will happen in the fall of 2018. We finished out the school year with a trip to Shelby Farms for laser tag.

We saw eight seniors leave us in May. To share our love for them and to help fill the void that they left in our group, we filled care packages for them to send to them in the fall.

We had a large group move up to EYC this year and they are wonderful participants.

To build our community, some of the older youth have been periodically reaching out to the newer members to make them feel welcome. We also visited EventZona and canoed at Becker Bottom.

In October, Rev. Ann Fraser visited the youth and led a meditation through art program. In November, we spotlighted two parishioners in an effort to get to know our adults and their background better. Rufus Van Horn and Emily Hester met with the youth and told a little about their life and faith journey.

We continually average good numbers at EYC and see faces of youth whose only consistent participation is through EYC. The fellowship and camaraderie that the youth offer one another is a community like family....rooted in love.

Our requested budget for 2017 was: \$3000

Our received budget was: \$2000 of which we spent all.

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EYC Volunteers:

Britt Hester

Manuela Wilson

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