

## Youth Ministry

2010 Expenditures: \$6,068

2011 Budget: \$2,000

Chairperson: Terry Shields Dirbas, (619) 435-4561, tdirbas@christchurchcoronado.org

Members: All youth in grades 6 – 12 are members of Christ Church Youth Group

Meeting dates & times: Sunday afternoons, 4:00-5:30

Purpose/Mission/Responsibilities:

- Provide a welcoming community where young people from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade can experience God's love through fellowship, prayer, and Christian service
- Provides regular meeting time and gathering space for youth on Sunday afternoons
- Offers specific opportunities for young people to serve the parish and the wider community

Major Accomplishments:

- Attendance has greatly improved this school year, averaging about twelve young people each week. We are growing!
- Youth Group members participated in several outreach projects this year, including lawn care for a parishioner in need, and collecting canned goods for St. Mark's.
- A number of our young people participated in the Evensong for Episcopal Community Services on October 17, serving as acolytes, readers, and ushers.
- Fifteen youth attended Faith Alive, where they participated in Bible study, outreach, prayer, and Christian witness.

Challenges:

- Sunday afternoon youth group meetings are a particular challenge to developing a consistent meeting time. Many times there are competing activities or services at the same time.
- Some youth choose not come to church twice in the same day, which has hurt attendance on Sunday mornings.
- Thus far there have not been enough high school students to sustain a Sunday morning J2A class. We are hoping that with the upcoming trip to Peru and the moving of Youth Group to Wednesday nights beginning in Lent, this may change.

Summary:

Christ Church Youth Group is growing steadily. Youth have been involved in fellowship, Bible study, and outreach in recent months, and hope to continue to build on these experiences in the coming year. However, Sunday afternoon does not seem to be the best time to have consistent youth meetings. We will move youth meetings to Wednesday evenings beginning March 9, 2011.