

Youth April Newsletter

4/5/26 9:00am Hide easter eggs for hunt

4/11/26-4/12/26 All services Silent Auction Starts/Dinner for
8 raffle tickets

4/17/26-4/19/26 7:00pm Junior High Retreat

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EASTER EGG HUNT

We hope that lots of little children will be able to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:15am Easter service on April 5th. All youth, please meet at 9am to help hide the eggs. Candy and small toys, stickers, or fun things will be needed to fill eggs for this annual event! Please place items in Laura's youth office. Thank you!

SILENT AUCTION

Our annual silent auction starts on Saturday, April 11th! We will start the bidding on the weekend of April 11th/12th after all three services at COGS. The auction will run until Sunday, May 3rd, taking a break the weekend of April 18/19th for the junior high retreat. If you have any items to donate, please let Laura know.

DINNER FOR 8 RAFFLE

We will be selling raffle tickets for a "Dinner for 8" prepared by Nina Edwards and Judy Kile. If you win, invite your friends for a four-course gourmet dinner for 8 prepared by these wonderful ladies. They are \$1 for one ticket and \$10 for 11 tickets. We will announce the winner after the 10:15am service on Sunday, May 3rd. You do not need to be present to win. All youth are needed to help sell raffle tickets. All proceeds will benefit our mission trip this summer and other youth group activities. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Junior High Retreat (Grades 5-8): April 17, 2026 - April 19, 2026

Join the diocese at St. James Episcopal Church in Springfield for a weekend bursting with hands-on learning, worship, and fun as we dive into the world of being Episcopalian!

Roll up your sleeves at interactive stations where you can try out real worship roles—acolyte, lector, usher—and learn why we move, speak, and serve the way we do in church. Bake

communion bread while discovering why we use the bread we do. Explore vestments and uncover the meaning behind all those layers priest's wear. Come curious and leave with a deeper sense of how our worship tells the story of our faith.

And of course, it wouldn't be a youth weekend without some big fun. Saturday night we'll carpool for bowling or laser tag. Everyone will head home following the Sunday service. Optional lunch at Lamberts Cafe. Youth will be responsible for their own lunch.

Cost is \$30. There is transportation available from Kansas City. Email youth@diowestmo.org for carpooling options. Register at: <https://diowestmo.org/event/junior-high-retreat/>

Episcopal Summer Mega Camp 2026

When: May 31 – June 6, 2026

Where: Camp Wood YMCA | 1101 Camp Wood Rd., Elmdale, KS 66850

Who: Students in grades 3-12 for 2025-26 school year (you must have finished third grade to attend)

Cost: \$550 (price increases \$50 after May 1.) There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit due at registration.

Registration: online via UltraCamp; priority deadline is May 1.

Scholarships: You can apply for scholarships on the registration form.

Cancellation Deadline: Two weeks prior to the start of the camp session for a 100% refund.

Register at: <https://diowestmo.org/event/episcopal-summer-mega-camp-2026/>

Missionpalooza 2026!

When: July 21 – 26

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church | 11 E. 40 St., Kansas City, MO 64111

Who: Students who have finished grades 8th – 12th. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Cost: \$125. Payment plans are available.

Registration: <https://diowestmo.org/event/missionpalooza-2026/>