

Annual Report 2019 - Children, Youth & Family Middle and High School Ministry From The Rev. Kathleen Gannon

Our Youth Team offers different ways for our families with middle and high school children to connect with God and each other at St. Paul's. The basic offerings are: monthly God Talk at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. Community Service Projects like the Food Packing for Haiti and Love Delray Days and a Mission Trip in the spring. And, our team check-ins routinely with our families by emails and texts... and of course, in person when the families are able to be at church on a Sunday.

In 2019, we offered a Confirmation Class for nine of our High School aged students. The class met on Sunday after the 10am service for eight sessions leading up to Confirmation on March 31, 2019.

The class included three graduating seniors: Connor Hindsley, now at FAU, Rebecca Davis now at Flagler and Jameson Roche, now at University of Florida as well as: Caroline Applewhite, Kit Breakwell, Jack Grubman, Ryan Kilpatrick, Chase Warden and Philip Wotton.

In May our Youth Team and several members of the Confirmation Class organized a mission and fun trip to the Keys. This included Confirmation Class Members: Philip Wotton, Kit Breakwell and Jack Grubman who helped create this experience for their middle school youth group friends - Kai Brewer, Rose Destine, Aidan Grubman, Matthew Hinds and Sydney Warden.

The Keys trip included a fact-finding mission at St. Columba Episcopal Church in Marathon, The Keys – an area that is still trying to rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irma. We learned a lot! Then the group went fishing – an experience not unlike that of Jesus' followers!

St. Paul's Youth Team – Mike and Autumn Mreczko and Elyse Granda – work with Rev. Kathleen to create a schedule that we hope will meet the challenging schedules of our families who are juggling many academic and athletic activities!

We pray that the year 2020 will bring an added staff person to the team as our Youth and Family Ministry continues to grow in this complex time.