

## Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry changed staff leadership in July of 2019 as the Rev. Laurie Anzilotti joined the staff as Assistant Rector with special charge for pastoral support for youth, children, and family ministries. The middle and high schoolers of Holy Communion gathered together with Rev. Anzilotti in late August 2019 to make nachos and set out their plans for 2019-20 program year.

The youth declared, "We want to be a supportive community that takes action and learns through experience." To be supportive of one another, they planned to gather monthly for food, fun, and reflection at noon on the last Sunday of each month, but as the fall unfolded, they opted for end of the month events that focused on "taking action and learning through experience."

They prepared meals at World Food Day, served lunch at Trinity Central West End, and joined with U. City neighbors to serve the elderly and disabled! The leadership of Senior High students was essential to our Christmas Eve pageant as was the participation of our Junior High youth. They were amazing leaders of our smaller angels, shepherds and sheep!

For 2020, Holy Communion has a goal of providing youth the opportunity to more fully participate in the life of the Church. Strategies to meet this goal include:

- The potential hiring of a part-time youth director
- establishing a Youth Care Corp of parishioners who will engage with youth at church events and services, and invite them into the mission and ministry of the church
- Increasing youth programming
- Developing a booklet outlining opportunities for youth to participate in the ministry and mission of the church, engage them in 1-on-1 meetings to learn about their gifts and talents and to pair them with mission and ministry opportunities, and train them in those ministries

I ask parishioners to prayerfully consider serving in the Youth Care Corp and to pray for the youth of Holy Communion. **Reminder:** All those who wish to work with children and youth at Holy Communion need to be background checked.

Submitted,

Rev. Laurie Anzilotti +