

## 7th Grade - 8th Grade: Mentoring

Qualified members of the congregation provide mentoring to students. Mentors help to provide spiritual guidance, teaching and resources, and companionship for young people as they transition into adulthood. Mentoring is intended to transition children into the Confirmation Class, but can extend into high school as desired.

Mentors and students meet for an hour, once a month, at a public place, most often after church on Sundays. The mentoring program runs all year round. No registration is required, but parents are encouraged to talk with the clergy about pairing their student with a mentor.



**8th Grade-12th Grade: Confirmation**  
Students learn about the history, polity, and theology of The Episcopal Church, as well as the Bible. Students begin to develop their own personal faith and practice. Confirmation Class prepares students for the Rite of Confirmation, a public commitment of faith administered by the Bishop. Students may attend the Confirmation Class, even if they do not wish to receive the Rite of Confirmation. Confirmation is a two-year program, which meets for one hour once a month, on a weeknight.

If you have any questions or would like more information about St. Aidan's formation programs for children, please contact the church office at:

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Infant - 3 Years: Nursery Care

Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9-11am.

3 Years - 3rd Grade: Worship Center

Worship Center incorporates song and stories and is designed to teach children about the themes, characters, and stories from the Bible.

Worship Center is offered every Sunday from September-May, beginning at 9:30am and running through the first half of the worship service. Worship Center is an open program, with no registration required.



3 Years - 5th Grade: Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a five-day program of stories, song, crafts, and games centered on a thematic telling of Bible stories. VBS runs from 6:15-8:15pm Sunday-Thursday during the week of Father's Day. Registration forms are available in the church newsletter and on the church website beginning in May of each year.

3rd Grade - 6th Grade: Upper Room

Upper Room sessions provide children with a transition from the Worship Center experience to mentoring and/or Confirmation. Upper Room is a three-year rotation of lessons that helps children become familiar with the liturgy, the catechism found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and selected lessons from the Bible. The aim of Upper Room is to encourage students through exposure and experience, to learn words and actions for participation in worship and liturgy. The illustrations used in the *Episcopal Children's Curriculum* and the *Reform* curriculum are very appropriate. Clergy, churches, liturgical actions, text and language are all used and portrayed as people in Episcopal setting, as children are most likely to experience them. Selections from *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Bible are incorporated into every lesson.

Upper Room is at 9:30am on the first and third Sunday of the month, from September-May. Upper Room meets in the fellowship hall. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, students are encouraged to join their families in worship, and to assist in the worship service as readers, acolytes, choir members, etc. Upper Room is an open program, with no registration required.

