



E-SPIRIT

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Youth Ministry Events

The youth of the diocese have the opportunity to participate in two major events this month. They are Missionpalooza 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13th and ending after the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, July 18, at St. Paul's Church in Kansas City and a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. Saturday, July 31 to Saturday, August 7.



Missionpalooza

Themed [Mystery Revealed-Proclaimed-Lived](#), Missionpalooza (intended for youth in grades 8 to 12) trains teenagers to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. While there are elements of fun, the focus of Missionpalooza is in the urban mission field. Participants will work at places such as Bishop Spencer Place, the Kansas City Community Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Operation Breakthrough and Wayside Waifs.



Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage, themed [Exploring Our Anglican Roots Part II](#), offers an opportunity for youth grades 9 to 12 to visit the historic rootedness in our faith by exploring the real events and people God has worked through to make our country what it is and us who we are today. It is much more than a site-seeing trip. On the agenda are trips to the

National Cathedral, Washington Mall monuments and museums, Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Harpers Ferry and the capitol building.

For more information about either event, please visit the [Youth website](#) or call Kim Snodgrass at 417-793-0780.

Campus Ministry



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As students prepare to attend college, whether for the first time or returning, and no matter where they live, on campus or off, there is the need to be part of a community - and, most importantly, part of a spiritual community.

The Rev. Michael Kyle, Diocesan Campus Ministry Coordinator, would like to connect current and incoming college students through Campus Ministry. The diocesan website has the following resources available:

- a [form](#) available that will help Kyle to make that connection for students within and outside the diocese

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Submissions for the E-Spirit should be emailed to: westmo_spirit@swbell.net

Bishop Search



As announced in the most recent issue of the Spirit, four to six nominees will be announced by the Standing Committee on August 3rd. Petitions will be accepted by the Search/Nomination Committee from August 9th to 27th.

Do you have questions?

Where we are on the timeline in the search for a new bishop?

Where can I read the history of the diocese or about our current and previous bishops?

What issues and opportunities are the churches of the diocese facing in the next

- a link that students may use to [Find A Church](#) in the Diocese of West Missouri - a listing of all churches and their websites
- a listing of [Campus Ministry](#) programs at colleges within the diocese and contact information for each

decade?

Answers to these and many more questions can be found on the [Bishop Search](#) website.

If you, or someone you know, want to connect with a spiritual community, on or around campus, please visit the website, email Kyle, michaelrkyle@aol.com, or call him at 417-505-0702.

Vacation Bible School



It's time for VBS! Children of varying ages are invited to attend throughout the summer at the following locations:

Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, St. Michaels, Independence and St. Paul's, Lee's Summit combine their efforts at [St. Paul's, Lee's Summit](#) - **Galactic Blast** - from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 12 to 16

[St. Andrew's, Kansas City](#) - **High Seas Expedition** - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 12 to 16

[Grace Church, Liberty](#) - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., July 12 to 16

[Christ Church, Springfield](#) - **Dare to be Different** - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 19 to 23

[Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City](#) - **SonQuest Rain Forest** - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., July 26-30

[Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City](#) - **Blast off with VBS** - 6 to 9 p.m., August 2-6

[St. Anne's, Lee's Summit](#) - **The Fruit of the Spirit** - pre-school (beginning at age 3) to second grade from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 6 and 7 as well as 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on August 8; third through eighth grade from 1:00 to 8:30 p.m. August 6 and 7 as well as 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon August 8.

For more information, please contact the church office.

Cursillo Retreat



A Cursillo weekend retreat will be held Thursday, July 22 to Sunday, July 25 at St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kan. Cursillo is an opportunity for spiritual awakening and focuses on living a life of accountability in accordance with the Baptismal Covenant. The retreat is open to anyone who wants to renew and deepen his or her relationship with Christ.

The lay rector for the weekend will be Rachel Swaney from St. Michael's in Independence. The spiritual advisor is the Rev. Tom Wilson from St. Andrew's in Derby, Kan. For more information, please contact St. Michael's at 816-373-5333. Applications are available by clicking the following link: <http://stmichaelschurch.org/pages/cursillo.html>

"Peace for the Holy Land: A Christian View"



David Wildman, executive secretary for human rights and racial justice at the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church in New York City, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Broadway United Methodist Church, 406 W. 74th St. in Kansas City. Wildman is also the co-author of *Ending the U.S. War in Afghanistan: A Primer*. The event is free and open to the public.