**Christian Formation: Youth (Grades 7-12)**

This year’s events: [LINK to TYGMOS SCHEDULE DOC.]

TYGMOS is St. Martin’s ministry of students in grades seven through nine. TYGMOS stands for “This Youth Group Meets On Sundays.” Our goals:

* Know God, know ourselves,
* Love God and our neighbors,
* Experience the unconditional, life-saving love that God offers us through each other as the church.

How do we do that? We use the Bible (in a bunch of different translations) and the Book of Common Prayer to study the Apostle’s Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord’s Prayer, and the sacraments. This year our focus is on the creeds and on prayer.

We serve our neighbors by working with St. Martin’s Outreach Commission. Some of our outreach:

* Backpacks and school supplies for migrant kids in Yolo County schools
* Cards, books, and prayers for kids in juvenile hall awaiting deportation because of their immigration status
* Distribute Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need
* Gifts of food and warm hats and socks for homeless folks
* Housing repair on Native American reservations
* Assist Outreach Commission grant recipients, like Yolo Suicide Prevention, with fundraising events
* Cook, serve, and clean up at Davis Community Meals

We support each other in service to our parish as acolytes, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, and lots more. We serve our parish as a group by hosting the coffee hour after the 11 am service every month.

In 2012 we helped to present a Christmas concert with the three church choirs as a fundraiser for our service trip this summer. The concert, “The Christmas Truce of 1914” is December 16, 2012, at 4 pm, with reception afterward.