

Christian Formation Youth  
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The mission of Christian Formation is to train people in the how and why of living a Christian Life. We hope to accomplish this through training: in God's Word, in developing Relationships, in Obedient living and in Worship.

So why are we now using the term Christian Formation and not the usual Christian Education or just plain old Sunday School in referring to what goes on after church service? Formation's goal is Christian maturity and growth, by practicing what is learned, integrating it into life, i.e., involvement with the head, hands and heart.

The youth continue to study the Bible and memorize verses. They also discuss how to apply what they have learned by using activities, games and crafts. They have and will continue to collect change in baby bottles for Carenet Pregnancy Center. \$\$ were collected for chicks. Food and personal supplies were collected and delivered to the Salvation Army's McKenna House where they were given a tour. A poster of encouragement was made and sent to the Children's Home in Cromwell. Denise Richard joined the adults for a few workdays this past July at the Children's Home. Seven boxes were sent to Operation Christmas Child by the cherubs.

Currently there are four Sunday School groups: youngest, 4 to 6, with Tracy Wyman; elementary, 4 to 6, with Shari DeYoung; HS, 2, with Betsy Kloeppe; and adult (various). The Confirmation class, with four teens, meet with Pastor during the SS time.

Have you noticed the kids ushering, taking the collection, helping with children's church and running the AV? They're participating in our Worship Service! Do know of any other area where they can participate, were they can GROW as Christians? Just let us know. Learning to be a Christian can happen anywhere and anytime, not only in a class.

Respectfully submitted,

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