**Vestry Committee Report Form**

**Youth Christian Education**

1. **Core Value:**

We aspire to know God and to nourish and strengthen our faith by offering continuous opportunities for lifelong learning and development through comprehensive Christian education programs for all ages and levels while supporting one another in our spiritual growth.

**Christian Education (Youth) Committee Chair:** Paula Kent Boone, Ed.D

 **Committee Members**

* Leah Boone Taylor
* Brenda Toles
* Marie Queen
* Jordan McCreary
1. **Date Submitted: April 4, 2018**

During the month of March, the Youth Christian Education component has been engaged in their own Lenten study. There have been lessons centered on the meaning of sacrifice and The Stations of The Cross. On Sunday, March 11, 2018 each attending student make their own Stations of The Cross booklet to take with them to the museum on March 25, 2018. The Trip to the Museum of the Bible was a unique and special experience of our young people and the adults. They were able to connect their learnings with the exhibits, documents, and videoe on display.

Per Rev. Irving’s suggestion, post cards have been sent to families with potential students for Sunday school. We anticipate a positive response.

**Upcoming Events**

 4/22 Praise Dance Ministry will perform for Women’s Day

 6/3 Youth Sunday

 7/9-7/13 Vacation Bible School

1. **Request for resources or assistance:**

Time on the calendar….

1. **Summary statement of progress toward implementing 2018 objectives based upon the revised Five Year Strategic Plan (February 11, 2018)**

**Goal 2.6**: Ensure adherence to the best practices of Safeguarding God’s Children

**Progress toward implementation**: Offerings of this worshop have been posted in the bulletin for several Sundays. There is a session offered at HolyTrinity Episcopal Church in Bowie on April 21, 2018.

**Goal 2.7a:** Provide opportunities for youth to participate in service projects

**Progress toward implementation:**  The youth have participated in several service projects both as outreach and as fundraising they include:

* Cards to the sick and shut-in
* Cookie baking /selling with profits going to the church(?)
* Thanksgiving Baskets (4)
* Inivitation to all to attend Museum of the Bible

Communcation and organizational coordination would contribute to the youth component being more active in completing these assigned and planned activities.

1. **Progress toward 5 Year Goals:**

Indicated above

1. **Request for resources or assistance:**

None at this time.