

# TYGMOS 2017-2018



Welcome to TYGMOS, St. Martin's ministry for youth in grades 7 to 12. Our name is an [acronym](#) for **This Youth Group Meets On Sunday**. Our mission is to love God and our neighbors. We meet for an hour and a half at 11:30, right after the second Sunday service, in rooms 6-7 (Senior High) and 8 (Junior High). We eat lunch together every time, and discuss important things. Please sign up for TYGMOS texts on Remind.com: **text @tygm to 81010** or go online at [remind.com/join/tygm](http://remind.com/join/tygm). We always cc parents/guardians, so please sign up with everyone's numbers. We also send an email every week or two, with updates about our activities.

TYGMOS meets each Sunday, from the second Sunday in September through the last Sunday in May, except for Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and Easter. All youth in grades 7 to 12 are welcome any time: no exceptions, no matter what. This year, Junior High will talk about the [Ten Commandments](#): how they are presented in the Bible and the Prayer Book, what Jesus and the apostles said about them, what they mean in the modern world, and what it is like to follow them. Senior High will discuss youth-driven topics of contemporary interest in the context of [the two commandments that support "all the law and the prophets"](#)—to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Some things we will do this year: the retreat at [St. Dorothy's Rest](#) near the Russian River; volunteering at David Community Meals; making cards and gifts for kids imprisoned in Juvenile Hall; caroling for parishioners who need cheering up; a whole weekend helping folks out in practical ways; an overnight in the sanctuary; planning and leading a complete Eucharist with the sermon in the style of a TYGMOS discussion. And next summer, Pathways!



We do some things just for fun: the annual showing of [The Princess Bride](#); Inappropriate Movie Night, with penalty flags, whistles, and our special TYGMOS dessert, Snifel-riple; the Family Twelfth Night Party, with traditional Christmas food and games; Tour des Donuts, when we ride bikes to every donut shop in town.

TYGMOS also has responsibilities in the parish. We help to cook, set up, and serve the Shrove Sunday pancake breakfast. We put on the Easter Egg Hunt for the little kids. And (TOP SECRET) on the Saturday after Easter, at night, we [stealthily flower the large cross in the courtyard](#).

## SCHEDULE:

2017

**Every Sunday at 11:30: Discussion**  
Junior High Room 8. Senior High Rooms 6-7.  
**Sat., Aug. 26: Movie Night 6:30 pm**  
*Princess Bride*, Snifel-riple  
**Sun., Sept 10: TYGMOS Family Meeting 11:30**  
Parents, please join us.  
**Sat., Oct. 21: Inappropriate Movie Night 6:30 pm**  
[Groundhog Day](#), Snifel-riple  
**Fri.-Sun., Nov. 17-19: Retreat**  
St. Dorothy's Rest  
**Sun., Dec. 24: NO TYGMOS**  
**Sat., Dec. 30: Caroling Party**  
**Sun., Dec. 31: NO TYGMOS**

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**Fri., January 5: Twelfth Night Party 7:00 pm**  
Families and friends invited  
**Fri.-Sun., Jan 12-14: Service Weekend**  
Davis Community Meal, plus other local service  
**Sun., Feb. 11: Shrove Sunday 8:00 to Noon**  
Pancake Breakfast, church, [grown-up playground](#)  
**Sun., April 1: Easter Egg Hunt**  
No TYGMOS Discussion  
**Sat., April 7: Flowering the Cross, 9:00 pm**  
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**Sat.- Sun., May 5-6: Overnight at Church 6:00**  
Youth Eucharist and games  
Sun., May 20: Last TYGMOS Discussion  
Sun., May 27: Tour des Donuts  
**June 24-30: Pathways pilgrimage**

With love from your TYGMOS Leaders:

Brian Galloway, Lisa Leigh, Sheri Reynolds (Junior High)  
Myles Clarke, Robert Lynch, Anna Steel, Scott Stockburger (Senior High)

Questions? Call Lisa at 530-753-9621.

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## FAQ

1. Who can come to TYGMOS?  
Everyone in Grades 7 through 12 is welcome, no exceptions. We will always be glad to see you. No one tells you what to think. No one tries to make you talk if you don't want to.
2. What if I don't believe in God?  
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3. Why not meet during the Christian Education Hour between the services?  
Because youths' brains are different. They need more morning sleep than little kids or adults.
4. What is a TYGMOS meeting like?  
In junior high, we sit on the floor and talk about things. We read many different translations of the Bible, and a few different historical versions of the Prayer Book.
5. What's with the pile of rocks?  
They are our *Mizpah*, the signs of our covenant: No gossip, which means that no one will repeat what anyone says. (Exception: you can tell your parents anything). And no insults, *even if they are funny*.
6. I have already seen *The Princess Bride*.  
Inconceivable!
7. What if I never went to Sunday School as a little kid?  
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8. What is Inappropriate Movie Night?  
We watch a movie showing people whose lives are not about loving God and their neighbors. For example, in *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is contemptuous of people who live in small towns, he smokes cigarettes, and he uses time travel to take advantage of people. We discuss the choices made in the movie. We eat Snifel-riple. And, if we feel like it, we blow whistles and throw penalty flags whenever someone breaks one of the Ten Commandments.
9. What is this "Snifel-riple" of which you speak?  
The official TYGMOS dessert: waffles, Nutella, strawberries, and whipped cream.
10. What do we do on the retreat?  
We get away from our busy lives and relax in the beautiful redwoods at St. Dorothy's rest. We eat s'mores and play Underground Church. We deepen our relationships with God and each other.
11. What if I don't know anyone there?  
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12. What is Twelfth Night?  
The last night of Christmas, which is the 12-day liturgical season between Advent and Epiphany – December 25 through January 5. It's the time for one last burst of Christmas cookies, carols, games, and crowning the monarch of the feast who finds a bean in their cake.
13. Is there a summer service project?  
There's a summer pilgrimage, with other youth from our diocese. This is called Pathways, and it will be June 24-30, 2018.
14. What about Confirmation?  
In the Episcopal church, we are confirmed by the bishop. In the Diocese of Northern California, the bishop visits each congregation about every two or three years. Therefore, at St. Martin's, we don't have confirmations every year. When the bishop plans a visit, our whole group works together during our regular TYGMOS meetings to help each other discern whether to be confirmed. *We honor this as a discernment, which means some people discern that they are not called to be confirmed "this time."*
15. What if I am sort of spiritual but don't believe in organized religion?  
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16. Are there more questions than answers?  
Yes; that's TYGMOS.