



HAPPENING #61

Age: Any high school student in the 9th through 12th grade may attend Happening.

Location: Grace Episcopal Church, 820 Howard, Carthage, MO 64836 417-358-4631

Cost: \$50

Arrival Time: Friday, March 5, by 7:30 PM

Departure Time: Sunday, March 7, 5 PM

Emergency Contact Number: Kim Snodgrass, 417-793-0780

Theme: Faith, belief and trust are things we come to on our own....but the process often begin by asking questions like "What has Christianity got to do with a teenager's world today?" and "How can the Church speak to me?" Happening points to an answer . . .

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers....it's not a new form of spirituality or just another weekend retreat....but one of those things that must be experienced to be fully understood. During the three-day weekend, participants spend time seriously considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding. Hopefully, those who attend a Happening will join those who have gone before them in their desire to serve the Church, to continue in their commitment to Christ and to look for further opportunities to share with others what they have lived and learned.

Who Attends? The staff of a Happening is made up primarily of teenagers who lead the weekend and take care of the Happeners. The adults are logistical support; acting as cook, chaperones, or they may be attending as Happeners themselves. Priests are present on the weekend as Spiritual Directors, giving some of the addresses and serving as chaplains.

The host parish provides us housing and staff members prepare meals. Showers are arranged for the Happeners during the weekend. A small number of adults are also allowed to attend as participants in the weekend. Adults who attend must be at least 21 and working in youth ministry. Happening is not limited to Episcopalians.

WHAT TO BRING

- Signed Permission/Medical Release forms and fees (if not already turned in)
- Bedding - sleeping bag and pillow. You are welcome to also bring a blow-up mattress and extra blankets.
- Change of clothes and shoes - casual, be comfortable!
- Toiletries & towel
- Bible
- Flashlight (optional)

What NOT to bring:

Anything not allowed in our Covenant agreement. Electronic games: Because we are there to be with each other, the use of these optional restrictions will be limited to bedtime: ipods and Mp3 players