



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWSLETTER

December 4, 2024

“Once in our world, a Stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” - C.S. Lewis



PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Pageant prep is underway with the expert support of Vanessa and Dane! This is going to be an amazing year for our children and youth to proclaim the good news of Jesus breaking into the world! Thank you to ALL of you who are supporting this joyful experience.

THIS SUNDAY, 12/4

- 9:15am - Doughnuts available in youth suite
- 9:30am - Choir with Kelly & Karen, prepping for singing the introit in worship
- 10:00am - Head to Rand Chapel for pageant rehearsal (grab a doughnut from the youth suite on your way)
- 10:45am - Robe for singing in worship
- 11:00am - Worship with the children's choir singing the introit!
- 12:00pm - Congregational Lunch and Advent Marketplace
- 4:30pm - Youth Group Christmas Party at CPC!



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY: RSVP!

We can't wait to celebrate the season with our Central youth here at church on Sunday evening...just so I know how many nachos to purchase, please RSVP at the link below. We look forward to kicking off the joyful times at 4:30pm!



RSVP HERE

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TIME!

- 12/8: Choir + Rehearsal during Sunday School in RAND CHAPEL
- 12/15: Rehearsal during Sunday School in RAND CHAPEL + DRESS REHEARSAL after worship in sanctuary
- 12/22: 9am call time, run-through and pageant!



BALLETHNIC NUTCRACKER!



We have purchased a block of tickets to see Aubrey Johnson perform in the Ballethnic Nutcracker on Saturday, December 14th at 2pm. **We still have tickets available to come with us so please let me know if you're interested in attending!**

Also, let me know if you're interested in being our "social chair" for thinking through a place to eat and fellowship afterwards. I am looking forward to this magical performance and time with y'all!



YOUTH TRIPS:

We're excited to have our youth trips planned for 2025!

We're also looking forward to teaming up with our friends at Trinity Presbyterian for our summer opportunities.

Additionally, if you are interested in chaperoning, please let me know!

Our MLK Weekend Trip (for 8th graders +):

This is a Central-only trip, 1/18 - 1/20: we will start in Montgomery, AL and visit the Equal Justice Initiative and the National Memorial for Peace & Justice. We will stay on 1/18 at Immanuel Presbyterian in Montgomery. On Sunday, 1/19, we'll head to Birmingham for a tour and service opportunity before spending the night at Living River Retreat Center to relax and debrief our experience. We'll return to Atlanta the afternoon of 1/20. *We will be using youth Sunday School time as an opportunity to prep for this experience.*

*****After assessing interest, we are a GO for this trip with our 8th graders on up.***

Summer Opportunities with Trinity Presbyterian:

- June 1-7- **Montreat Youth Conference** for rising 9th grade - graduating 12th graders
- June 22-28 - Middle & High School Service & Learning Trip to Appalachia (most likely Swannanoa and Asheville)
- July 10-13 - **Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference** for rising 6th graders - rising 8th graders

Please respond and let me know what trips pique your youths' interest! I will be working on pricing in the coming weeks but please know that cost is never a barrier to interest and participation.

***PLEASE CONFIRM YOUTH ATTENDANCE ON SUMMER TRIPS BY
JANUARY 15th***



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN 2024-25

Please take a look at the following dates and roles for all Sundays:

1. Serve as a lector for one of the dates held for a child or youth to read scripture. [Sign-up HERE](#).
2. Process in with a partner with communion elements on communion Sundays. [Sign-up HERE](#).
3. Contact [Thom](#) if you're interested in playing a prelude or postlude for worship. We ask for a one month heads up for this!



GROUP ME(s): PLEASE JOIN

In lieu of many, many text threads, I would like to move us to GroupMe for our children and youth communications. I have created THREE groups and ask that you read carefully about my recommendations on who joins what. **The first step is to download the [GroupMe app](#) and create an account if you don't have one.** Then, use these links to join or help your youth join the below groups:

1. **For youth and youth advisors:** keeping up with one another and sharing information (**most important for YOUTH to join this one**) - **YOUTH ON THIS EMAIL**, please join!
2. **For ALL families of children and youth:** sharing information and connecting about events and logistics (**ALL parents of all ages in this one**)
3. **For YOUTH families and advisors:** logistics and keeping up with one another for youth activities (**YOUTH parents in this one, YOUTH optional**)



CALENDAR!

Save this [DIGITAL GOOGLE](#) calendar for ease of updating.

I will be updating the above calendar more regularly and filling in breaks, etc. This calendar should also let you copy events to your own

calendar. Let me know if you have any questions
or issues accessing!

Key dates:

- 12/8: Children sing introit in worship
- 12/8: Advent Marketplace
- 12/8: [Youth Christmas Party](#) (at Central)
- 12/14: Ballethnic Nutcracker outing!

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