





## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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"Love is the motive, but justice is the instrument." - Bryan Stevenson



## POWERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO MONTGOMERY

I am so full from the experience of traveling to Montgomery, Alabama with Caroline, Ellie, Elizabeth, Kaitlyn, Guy, Charlie & Rob this weekend. There is so much to share and we will find the right ways to fill you in and invite you to join us in our continued learning.

#### THIS SUNDAY, 1/26

This week, we'll really start to think through Children & Youth Sunday! This is complete with children's choir focusing on an introit and children and youth choosing parts of the service to lead.

Here's what's up for Sunday:

9:00am - Nursery opens

9:15am - Doughnuts in the youth suite

9:30am - Children and youth choir - continue prep for

Children & Youth Sunday!

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45am - Transition to worship!

11:00am - Worship! Kate preaches! Susan leads children's sermon!

5:00pm - Youth Group Meet-up in Decatur!



# CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY, 2/9

We can't wait to lead worship on Sunday, February 9th for the congregation. Shannon is preaching and children and youth will lead all



other parts of the liturgy and music! We'll formally prep in Sunday school beginning on 1/26 but in the meantime, if you know which part you'd like to support, go ahead and claim it!

The theme for the service will be "For Everyone Born" based on the beautiful and inclusive hymn. Read more about that **here**.

Sign-up for roles HERE.



#### SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

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

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

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

#### **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 FEBRUARY 1st

### YOUTH GROUP DETAILS

WE ARE RESCHEDULING YOUTH GROUP for this Sunday, 1/26 with our Decatur meet-up.

This month, we'll meet in Decatur for Farm Burger and then walk across the street to Dancing Goats for hot chocolate and a reflection on spiritual practices, including sharing Star Words. Please send \$10 with your youth to support the cost.



Register here.

#### DID YOU SAY SIX FLAGS?!

After talking about this day for two years or so, we're really going to make it happen! Go ahead and mark your calendars for a youth group outing to Six Flags on Saturday, April 26th. This is for ALL youth group participants, ages 6th grade and up. More details to come closer to the day but I imagine we'll leave Atlanta at 9:30am and return around 3pm. Can't wait!





### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN 2025

I have updated the sign-up for February -May. Please take a look at the following dates and roles for all Sundays:

- Serve as a lector for one of the dates held for a child or youth to read scripture. <u>Sign-up HERE</u>.
- 2. Process in with a partner with communion elements on



# 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:

 For youth and youth advisors: keeping up with one another and

- communion Sundays. Sign- up HERE.
- 3. Contact <u>Thom</u> if you're interested in playing a prelude or postlude for worship. We ask for a one month heads up for this!
- sharing information (most important for YOUTH to join this one) YOUTH ON THIS EMAIL, please join!
- For ALL families of children and youth: sharing information and connecting about events and logistics (ALL parents of all ages in this one)
- 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 <u>DIGITAL GOOGLE</u> calendar for ease of updating.

I have updated this with the most accurate look at the next semester. 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:**

- 1/26 Rescheduled Youth Group
- 2/9 Children & Youth Sunday!
- 3/15 Children, Youth & Families partner with the Down Yonder parish for a shelter dinner!

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