

Upcoming Events

for YOUTH & CHILDREN

AT CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calendar & Overview



CLASS & LOCATION	LEAD TEACHER	FOCUS*
Younger Elementary (K - 3rd): Oglesby	Mary Lillian Walker	• Exodus: In God's Economy • Come to the Table: Exploring Communion & the Jesse Tree (for early elementary) • Advent: Preparing for the Pageant & Turned Upside Down • Acts: The Story of our Beginnings • Lent: On the Road • Care for Creation: Our Shared Earth; Our Shared Story
Older Elementary (4th - 5th): Oglesby	Sean Smith, Sr.	
Middle School (6th - 8th): Youth Suite, 3rd Floor	Rev. Susan Landrum	
High School (9th - 12th): Youth Suite, Main Floor	Naomi McQuiller	

*If not noted on the overall schedule, all classes will follow the same curriculum themes adjusted for each age group.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

TIME	ACTIVITY/NOTES	LOCATION
9:15am	Doughnuts available, Nursery Open	Family Lounge & Nursery, Oglesby (2nd Floor)
9:30am	Nazareth aka Children's Choir (Begins 9/13/2026)	Jerusalem Choir Room, Oglesby (3rd Floor)
10:00am	Sunday School	Younger Elementary: Oglesby (2nd Floor) Older Elementary: Oglesby (2nd Floor) Middle: Youth Suite (3rd Floor) Youth: Youth Suite
10:45am	Pick-up from Sunday School	See above

CALENDAR & LESSON INFO

Date	Calendar & Notes	Sunday School Topic
8/16/2026	First Sunday of Children & Youth Sunday School! Youth Group kick-off (evening)	Exodus: The Midwives Who Said No
8/23/2026		Exodus: A Basket on the River
8/30/26		Exodus: The Burning Bush
9/6/2026	All-Church Retreat	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9/13/2026	First Nazareth Choir Youth Group (evening)	Exodus: Manna in the Morning
9/20/2026	First Sunday of Cobb, Decatur & Fulton Fall Breaks	Exodus: Water from the Rock



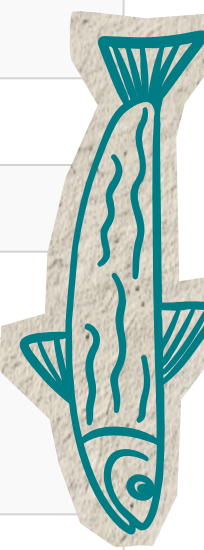
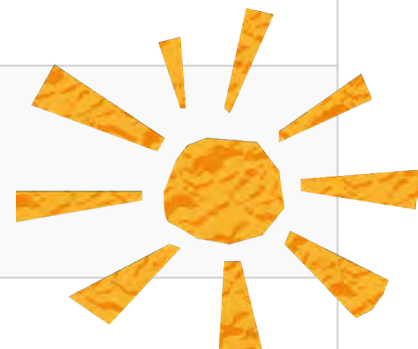
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Date	Events & Notes	Sunday School Topic
9/27/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Exodus: The Artisans of the Tabernacle
10/4/2026	World Communion Sunday; Children & Youth sing in worship; Youth Lector	The Table of Transformation/Change
10/11/2026	No Nazareth Choir Pride Sunday and Pride Parade / Fall Break	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10/18/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Early Elementary: The Jesse Tree, Other Classes: The Table of Welcome
10/25/2026		Early Elementary: The Jesse Tree, Other Classes: The Table of Grace
11/1/2026	All Saints' Day	Early Elementary: The Jesse Tree, Other Classes: The Table of Peace
11/8/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Early Elementary: The Jesse Tree, Other Classes: The Table of Love
11/15/2026	Youth Group Lunch	We will use this Sunday to catch up or finish lessons as needed.
11/22/2026	No Nazareth Choir, Thanksgiving Break	Tentative: First Pageant Run-through Middle & High: Turned Upside Down
11/29/2026		Pageant Run-through Middle & High: Turned Upside Down
12/6/2026		Pageant Run-through Middle & High: Turned Upside Down
12/13/2026	Youth Group Christmas Party (evening)	Pageant Run-through and Dress Rehearsal Middle & High: Turned Upside Down
12/20/2026	Christmas Pageant Pageant Call Time: 9 am Nazareth Choir & Jerusalem Bell Choir participate in worship	
12/27/2026	Holiday Break	No Sunday Activities
1/3/2026	Holiday Break	No Sunday Activities
1/10/2026	Nazareth Choir Resumes First Sunday School of 2027 Youth Group (evening)	Acts 1



Date	Events & Notes	Sunday School Topic
1/17/2026	MLK Sunday High School Out on MLK Trip	Acts 2
1/24/2026		Acts 3
1/31/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Acts 4
2/7/2026	Children's Sabbath Nazareth Choir & Jerusalem Bell Choir participate in worship Youth Group Lunch	No Sunday School - Practice for Children's Sabbath
2/14/2026	Winter Break No Nazareth Choir	No Sunday Activities
2/21/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Lent: On the Road
2/28/2026		Lent: On the Road
3/7/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Lent: On the Road
3/14/2026		Lent: On the Road
3/21/2026	Palm Sunday Nazareth Choir & Jerusalem Bell Choir participate in worship Easter Egg Hunt? Youth Group (evening)	No Sunday School
3/28/2026	Easter Sunday No Nazareth Choir	No Sunday School
4/4/2026	Spring Break	No Sunday Activities
4/11/2026		Care for Creation: Baptism of Jesus
4/18/2026	Youth Group (evening)	Care for Creation: Feeding of the 5,000
4/25/2026		Care for Creation: Rest for the Land
5/2/2026	Youth Sunday Nazareth Choir & Jerusalem Bell Choir participate in worship Youth Lector	Prep for Youth Sunday - No Sunday School
5/9/2026	Mother's Day	Care for Creation: Jonah and the Big Fish
5/16/2026	Pentecost Youth Group (evening)	Last Day of Sunday School! Celebration Games



JERUSALEM BELL CHOIR

& Children in
Worship

DATES



Date	Events & Notes
2026	
September 13, 20, 27	Lunch and Rehearsal til 1:30
October 4	World Communion
November 29, December 6, 13	Lunch and Rehearsal til 1:30
December 20	Pageant
2027	
January 17, 24, 31	Lunch and Rehearsal til 1:30
February 7	Children and Youth Sunday
February 28, March 7, 14	Lunch and Rehearsal til 1:30
March 21	Palm Sunday
April 11, 18, 25	Lunch and Rehearsal til 1:30
May 2	Senior Sunday



Youth Group meets on Sundays at 5 - 7PM for evening gatherings & 12:30PM - 2PM for lunch events

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church's 2026-2027 Youth Group! This year, our journey together is guided by the theme "Held & Sent," a year-long spiritual arc unfolding in four movements that mirror the rhythm of the church calendar. We begin in the fall with HELD, focusing on deep belonging and the covenants we make to care for one another. As we enter Advent and Epiphany, our focus shifts to WONDER, where we will embrace the beautiful mystery and awe of the incarnation. During Lent, we WRESTLE together, making a safe and honest space to process doubt, practice lament, and engage in the pursuit of justice. Finally, in the spring, we are SENT forth, grounded in the joy of resurrection hope and empowered to take the love and community we've built out into the world.

Date	Topic	Activity
	HELD: Belonging & Covenant (Fall)	
8/16/2026	Youth Group Kick-Off	Dinner with families; incorporation of new youth; introduction of youth leaders; Parents to socialize together while youth create their year-long covenant.
9/13/2026	Whose Are We? (Belonging Before Belief)	Yarn-web name game: each youth holds the string and shares one true thing about themselves before tossing the ball across the circle. Close by reading Isaiah 43:1 ("I have called you by name, you are mine") and naming the group as a community that belongs to God and to each other.
9/27/2026	Who Is My Neighbor, Really?	Small groups reimagine the Good Samaritan with present-day scenarios (a classmate who's excluded, someone experiencing homelessness downtown, a new immigrant family) and decide how they'd respond.
10/18/2026	Covenant & Conflict: How We Disagree Well	Role-play short disagreement scenarios (interrupting, gossip, exclusion), then revisit the August covenant together and add or adjust the group's agreements.

Date	Topic	Activity
11/8/2026	Gratitude & Harvest	Gratitude jar: youth write down people or things they're thankful for and read a few aloud. Then write a short thank-you note to someone (Sunday school teacher, coach, parent) who's shaped their faith.
11/15/2026	Youth Group LUNCH	Walk to South Downtown and eat lunch together
	WONDER: Incarnation & Mystery (Winter)	
12/13/2026	Youth Group Christmas Party	On-the-spot secret Santa
1/10/2027	Epiphany: Star Words	Each youth draws a paper star with a single word on it (e.g., courage, rest, wonder, kindness) to carry as a guide for the new year. Discuss the Magi following the star and what it means to be led somewhere unexpected.
1/31/2027	Big Questions Night	Anonymous question box: youth submit any question about faith, God, doubt, or the Bible ahead of time; Hear responses from your own peers, your youth advisors, and of course, Pastor Susan!
	WRESTLE: Doubt, Lament & Justice (Lent)	
2/7/2027	Youth Group LUNCH	Walk to South Downtown and eat lunch together
2/21/2027	Ash Wednesday & the Practice of Lament	Introduce Lent as a season for honesty, not guilt. Read a lament psalm together (e.g., Psalm 13) and let youth write or draw their own honest prayer: "what's hard right now?"
3/7/2027	Wilderness Wandering: Doubt, Deconstruction, and Staying	Frame doubt as part of a healthy faith journey rather than a failure of it. Guided journaling and discussion on questions youth are currently wrestling with and who they can talk to about them.
3/21/2027	What Does the Lord Require? (Micah 6:8)	Unpack "do justice, love kindness, walk humbly." Choose and launch a concrete spring justice project as a group (letter-writing campaign, service project, fundraiser) - let youth pick the cause.
	SENT: Resurrection & Going Out (Spring)	
4/18/2027	He Is Risen: Resurrection Hope	Reflect on resurrection as hope that isn't naive, connecting back to the honesty of Lent. Make an "empty tomb" craft, or do a sunrise-style outdoor reflection if weather allows.
5/16/2027	Sent Out: Commissioning & Summer Kick-off	Affirmation circle: each youth is named and blessed by the group. Celebrate the justice project's outcome and commission the youth for summer (preview mission trip/camp plans if any).



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

YOUTH TRIPS



Senior High Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Charleston, South Carolina

January 15 – 18, 2027 (MLK Weekend)

Open to All High School Youth

Join us as we journey to historic Charleston for a Civil Rights Pilgrimage. This trip will be a powerful weekend of learning, reflection, and exploring our call to do justice and love kindness.

Montreat Youth Conference

Montreat Conference Center, North Carolina

June 6 – 12, 2027 Who:

Open to Rising 9th Graders through Graduated Seniors

A beloved CPC tradition! A week in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains filled with keynote speakers, small group connections, energizers, and deep spiritual growth. Disconnect from the noise and reconnect with God and your peers.



Montreat Worship & Music Conference

Montreat Conference Center, North Carolina

June 20 – 26, 2027

All participating members of the Jerusalem Bell Choir

Bring your musical gifts to the mountains! This conference offers an incredible week of intergenerational worship, specialized musical instruction, and ringing together with musicians from all over the country.