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Centenary Youth Ministry



# THIS SUNDAY December 15th

9:00am Worship (@Memorial Auditorium) 10:00am Youth Sunday school (@Youth Commons) 10:00am CAYR (@112 CB) 10:00am Pathfinders (@307 EB) 11:00am In-person (@Sanctuary) & livestream Worship (via our **YouTube channel**) 5:00pm Lessons & Carols 4:30 prelude begins 7:00pm ALL Youth Christmas Party (@4th floor) \*ALL our church babies are invited to this annual party! Bring your friends and come for dinner, games, and ornament exchange! Bring a wrapped ornament!\*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**December 13th:** Sixers! Goes to Festival of Lights *Register here!* **December 22nd:** Youth Christmas

Coffeehouse

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve worship

services: 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, & 11pm
December 29th: ALL New Year's Eve,
Eve Party at Bowlero! *Register here!*January 8th: Confirmation begins!

January 10th & 11th: Jr/Sr Retreat to

Blowing Rock Conference Center **Register here!** 

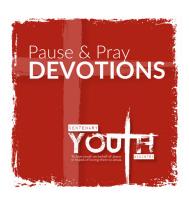
January 24th & 25th: Confirmation

Retreat to Camp Hanes

**February 23rd:** 19th Annual Love Thy

Neighbor Dinner & Auction





## **PAUSE & PRAY**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

—Romans 12:12

### **Thoughts on Today's Verse:**

How can we keep our circumstances from determining our mood?

How can we emancipate ourselves from the limitations that life deals us?

The last in this trio of commandments from Paul opens the door for the other two to be true — we can rejoice in hope and be patient in affliction because we have been faithful in prayer. No matter our situation, we can pray joyfully because of our hope in Christ. We can remain patient, persevering through affliction, by presenting our requests and intercessions to God with thanksgiving. Prayer is God's gift to us so that we can be patient and joyful, even when things don't appear to be going well. We can be joyful in hope and patient in affliction because we are faithful in prayer!

#### My Prayer:

Father, I thank you because no matter my struggles, you assure me of my ultimate victory in Christ Jesus. I thank you, dear God because no matter the hardship or burden I face, I know you will help me through it and bring me into your presence with great joy. So until that day of ultimate and victorious joy, please ransom my heart from discouragement by the power of hope from your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

We invite our parents to join one of our Sunday school classes. Come on up to the 4th floor Youth Commons, grab a doughnut (or Poptart!) & a cup of coffee and head down to a class of your choice. We know you will find love and community wherever you land.

Our CAYR class is for parents of tweens and teens. And our Pathfinders class is for parents of older teens and young adults. Check out all our Adult Formation offerings here:

**CLASSES FOR PARENTS** 



### **COME CHEER ON OUR TWIN CITY CUMC TEAM!**

#### **2024 / 2025 SEASON SCHEDULE**



| Date     | 6:00 pm                     | 7:00 pm                         | 8:00 pm                         |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0/29/24  | Cent. vs Street School      | Ardmore vs St. Paul's           | 1st Pres. vs Greek Orthodox     |
| 11/5/24  | 1st Pres. vs St. Paul's     | Street School vs Greek Orthodox | Cent. vs Ardmore                |
| 11/12/24 | Ardmore vs Street School    | Cent. vs 1st Pres.              | St. Paul's vs Greek Orthodox    |
| 11/19/24 | Cent. vs Greek Orthodox     | St. Paul's vs Street School     | 1st Pres. vs Ardmore            |
| 12/3/24  | 1st Pres. vs Street School  | Greek Orthodox vs Ardmore       | Cent. vs St. Paul's             |
| 12/10/24 | Ardmore vs Cent.            | St. Paul's vs 1st Pres.         | Street School vs Greek Orthodox |
| 12/17/24 | 1st Pres. vs Greek Orthodox | Cent. vs Street School          | Ardmore vs St. Paul's           |
| 1/7/25   | Street School vs St. Paul's | 1st Pres. vs Ardmore            | Greek Orthodox vs Cent.         |
| 1/14/25  | Greek Orthodox vs Ardmore   | Cent. vs St. Paul's             | Street School vs 1st Pres.      |
| 1/21/25  | Cent. vs 1st Pres.          | Ardmore vs Street School        | St. Paul's vs Greek Orthodox    |
| 1/28/25  | Conference Tournament       | Format TBD                      | 6:00 pm / 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm     |

- All games take place at the Fulton Family YMCA, located at 385 West Hanes Mill Road no charge.
- Teams provide their own scorekeeper and clock operator. All teams clean up after themselves.
- · The YMCA provides bleachers for spectators and chairs for the teams.













### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES JUST FOR YOU!**



Come celebrate the New Year by ringing it in a little early at our first ever...

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE, EVE PARTY!

Meet us at Bowlero (811 Jonestown Rd. WSNC 27103) at 5:00 pm. for one last Youth "hoorah" of 2024!

Everyone is welcome to bring friends to bowl, eat (pizza and chicken nugget bar), play in the arcade, and make some New Year's resolutions! Cost is \$20 per person.

As always, friends are welcome, but please be sure to register them ahead of time.

Register here!

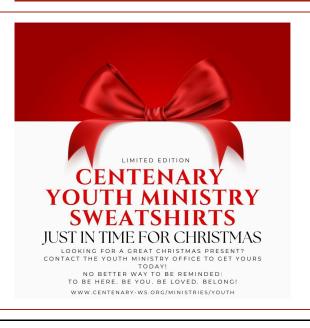


#### **TRUST:**

noun. Reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surely, etc of a person or thing; confidence. verb. To rely upon or place confidence in someone or something. Hope.

We invite ALL our juniors and seniors to retreat away for a weekend in the mountains at Blowing Rock Conference Center January 10th & 11th, 2025. We will spend the weekend remembering our Confirmation and how we continue to live trusting the Lord in all things. remember, Let's rest, recommit ourselves to the One who reaches out to us in love. Cost of the trip is \$150 per person (includes lodging, food, t-shirt, and transportation). Register here!

With Christmas around the corner, know (friends parents always grandparents too) are looking for meaningful gifts to get their people. Get your limitededition Centenary Youth Ministry sweatshirt. What better way to remind them to "Be Here. Be You. Be Loved. Belong" at Centenary and with Jesus. The cost of the sweatshirt is \$60 (comfort color brand). Contact the Youth Ministry office to get yours today!!! (Supply is limited)



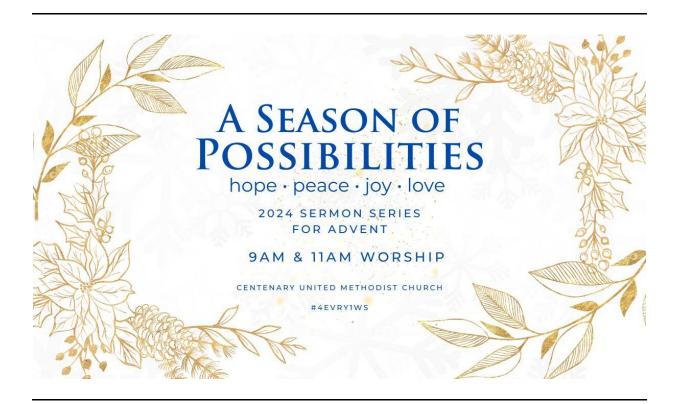


# CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025

Confirmation by definition is faith formation. Forming one's faith is an ongoing journey throughout all of life. However, our hope is that through our Confirmation ministry you will be given the opportunity, tools, support, and inspiration you will need to build your faith on a firm foundation (Matthew 7:24-25).

Starting on January 8th, 2025 (through May 18), we invite all 7th graders to join us as we meet each Wednesday night from 6:00pm—7:30 p.m. to learn about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the spiritual life, and how they form us and help us to change the way we live our lives. You won't go

through this class alone; YOU will each pick a Shepherd (an adult spiritual companion from our church) who will walk beside you in faith. There will be several field trips and two retreats to help us along this journey as well. The hope is that through these experiences, you will come to encounter Jesus in a very real way and that encounter will change the way you live your life! **REGISTRATION** is open in Realm. Watch your mail for more details. With questions, contact **Tammy Pollock**, Director of Youth Ministries.



## **JUST ONE MORE RANDOM THOUGHT...**

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.

## Don't forget you are loved so BIG!

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. - 1 John 4:7

For more information or to sign up to receive Youth Ministry updates by email, contact **Tammy Pollock**.

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