

VILLAGE YOUTH

Mission Campus

2024-2025





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welcome to youth ministry at village

Life in middle school and high school is a busy time. Figuring out friends, family, school, activities, and yourself is a complicated, joyous, overwhelming, and ever-changing endeavor. We strive for Village to be a space where students can be themselves and talk openly about life.

No matter who you are, no matter where you have been or where you are now, it is our goal to foster a feeling of safety and home here. We believe God loves all of us without qualifications, and God wants us to lift each other up as we create community and understand one another. We need one another, and seek to love each other as God loves us.

Come and see what is going on in Youth Ministries at Village Church!

hello parents!

Research from the National Study of Youth and Religion shows that the most significant influence on adolescents' religious and spiritual lives is their parents. We're here to support you in this important role. This year, we aim to strengthen our connection with you, and we need your help to make it happen.

stop by & introduce yourself

We love getting to know the families of the students we spend time with each week, as it helps us better understand and support your child. If we haven't met in person yet, please stop by! Our office hours vary, so be sure to email or call us to confirm we'll be available.

volunteer

Throughout the year, we depend on parents and adults to bring Youth Ministry to life—whether it's assisting with our annual community events, driving students to off-campus events, or simply lending an extra hand. If you're interested in volunteering, whether regularly or for a single event, we'd love to have you join us! Check out pages 20-21 in this booklet for ways you can get involved.

Our goal is to support and enhance the relationship between you and your student. If there's anything we can do to partner with you in that effort, please let us know.



-ANGEL PATTERSON
Interim Director of Youth Ministries

villagepres.org/youth

For more information about anything in this booklet—whether it's contact details, trip specifics, registration, or up-to-date event calendars—visit our website. You can also sign up for Capstone or Confirmation, join the Youth Band or Village Voices choir, check out our Instagram, view the monthly newsletter, and watch our latest YouTube videos. When in doubt, the website is your go-to resource!

youth@villagepres.org

Email is the primary way VPC youth staff communicates with parents. If your child is involved in Youth Ministry at VPC, we'll add your email to our mailing list. Rest assured, we send only essential updates and event information—no spam! For any communication requests or to be added to our list, please email us at youth@villagepres.org.

monthly newsletter

Each month, we send out a youth newsletter via email and post it on the youth website. The newsletter includes details, reminders, and deadlines for upcoming events, along with fun anecdotes and additional links for information and entertainment. It also covers weekly programming and any new events added throughout the school year.

social media

Follow us on social media to stay updated! We frequently post on our youth accounts (listed below) to share and recap events, making it a great way to stay informed, especially with last-minute changes. You can find all our special events on Instagram, and if you don't have Instagram or YouTube, you can view both feeds on the Youth website!



sundays

sunday brunch (pgs. 8 & 11)
9-10 a.m. • Grades 7-12

confirmation (pg. 12)
10:30 a.m.-noon • Grade 9 (and up)

capstone (pg. 13)
11 a.m.-1 p.m. • Grade 12

village voices youth choir (pg. 14)
5-6:30 p.m. • Grades 7-12

snl (sunday night live) (pg. 11)
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Grades 9-12
Youth Band meets at 6 p.m. to rehearse.

weekdays

lofternoons (pg. 8)
Tuesdays • 4-5:30 p.m.
Grades 7-8

**gps (growing personally
& spiritually) (pg. 8)**
Wednesday • 6:30-8 p.m.
Grades 7-8
Youth Band meets at 6 p.m. to rehearse.

August	25 29	Youth Sunday: 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. services Confirmation Info Meeting (online), 7p.m.
September	4-10	Kickoff Week (see pgs. 8 & 11)
October	6 10 11 26	Confirmation Begins, 10:30 a.m. 7-8th Grade Emerald City, 9 p.m. 9-12th Grade Topgolf, 10 a.m. Trunk or Treat, 4:30 p.m.
November	24-30	Thanksgiving Break
December	8 21-31	DR Info Meeting (online), 4 p.m. Winter Break
January	1-5 18-22	Winter Break 9-12th Grade Winter Park Ski Retreat
February	9 15-19	All Youth Superbowl Party, 5 p.m. 7-8th Grade Winter Park Ski Retreat
March	15-22	9-12th Grade Dominican Republic Mission Trip (Spring Break)
April	21 27	Graduating Senior Dinner, 6 p.m. Graduating Senior Sunday, 5 p.m. service
May	5 18	Confirmation Dinner, 6 p.m. Confirmation Sunday, 11 a.m. service
June	2-6 14-21	Youth Week Combined MS & HS Mission Trip
July	5-12 22-24	HS Montreat Conference MS Float Trip

All event details will be listed on the web & in the monthly newsletter.

middle school

sunday brunch

Sundays • 9-10 a.m. • Youth Loft

On Sunday mornings, we invite youth to hang out, enjoy some snacks, and dive into the Bible's stories in fun and creative ways. It's a great opportunity to ask tough questions in a welcoming environment and connect with thoughtful teachers and an encouraging community. On the first Sunday of each month, we attend the 9 a.m. worship service together in the balcony.

lofternoons

Tuesdays • 4-5:30 p.m. • Youth Loft

Lofternoons is our weekly after-school program for middle schoolers. Our time together is unstructured and students can do anything from dodgeball to hanging out to homework. Many students walk over from nearby schools, but if the weather's bad, we'll pick up students from Indian Hills in the church van (check our Instagram @villagepcyouth to see if we're coming). All students are welcome, and bringing friends is encouraged! Plus, snacks are always provided.

gps (growing personally & spiritually)

Wednesdays • 6:30-8 p.m. • Youth Loft

GPS is our weekly youth program for middle schoolers. Each evening includes large group games, singing, worship, a message, and ends with small groups. We strive to make GPS a place where students can engage with each other and share their joys, concerns, and everyday struggles in an environment that is accepting and meaningful for all. Students can also join us for Wednesday Night Dinner beforehand. Dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. but students are welcome to join in late if needed (cost for dinner is \$5 per student).





sunday brunch

Sundays • 9-10 a.m. • Youth Loft

On Sunday mornings, we invite youth to join us for a relaxed time of fellowship, where you can enjoy some food and engage with the Bible and its stories in creative ways. It's a great opportunity to ask challenging questions in a supportive environment and connect with thoughtful teachers and a welcoming community. On the first Sunday of each month, we attend the 9 a.m. worship service together in the balcony.

snl (sunday night live)

Sundays • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Youth Loft

SNL is our weekly evening gathering for high school students. Each Sunday night, we connect through music, discussion, games, and small groups. We explore a variety of topics throughout the year, focusing on navigating the complex and sometimes challenging world of high school. Discovering your identity and understanding how to follow Christ can be easier with supportive friends and a strong community. You'll find both here!

confirmation classes

Confirmation is the process by which new high schoolers learn what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ as a member of the church. Turn to page 12 for more information about Confirmation!

capstone classes

This class is for 12th graders where we discuss what faith looks like in the next chapter of life as you head off to college (or wherever the road takes you). Turn to page 13 for more information about Capstone!



Various Sundays, Oct. - May • 10:30 a.m. - Noon
Room 232/233

Confirmation is a journey where youth explore what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ and as a member of the church. This class is open to 9th graders and older students who haven't participated yet. We welcome everyone, regardless of your previous church, faith, or God experiences. Confirmation starts in October and runs through early May. More information is available on the youth website, villagepres.org/youth under the programs tab. At the end of the class, students have the opportunity to join VPC as members, and we celebrate their achievements with a Confirmation Dinner.

To register or if you're an adult interested in leading a small group, just scan the QR code below!

CONFIRMATION MEETING DATES

Oct. 6 & 13 • Nov. 3 & 17 • Dec. 8 • Jan. 12 & 26
Feb. 9 • Mar. 2 & 30 • Apr. 13 & 27



Register Here!



Confirmation Sunday 2024

Various Sundays Sept. - Feb. • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Youth Loft

When you leave high school, a lot of changes are in your near future: living more independently, meeting a wide variety of people from different backgrounds, and growing as a person. You change a lot in and after high school, and your faith journey is no different. This class for high school seniors is where we discuss what life and faith look like in the next chapter of life, and how to approach it thoughtfully and intentionally.

Class will meet five times over the school year. At the end of the class, we will take a trip to a regional city to celebrate our seniors' upcoming graduation from high school and journey into the next chapter of life.

CAPSTONE MEETING DATES

Sundays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sept. 15 • Oct. 20 • Dec. 8 • Feb. 2 • Feb. 23



Register Here!



village voices

Various Sundays, 5-6:30 p.m. • Room 14 • Grades 7-12

Village Voices takes music and performance seriously, but not at the cost of building community and having a lot of fun. The youth choir is open to middle and high schoolers (grades 7-12) of all skill levels: no experience necessary, and no audition required!

The 2024-2025 year is going to be great with plenty of amazing music and fun including a fall lock-in, a trip to the cider mill in October, Christmas Eve alumni reception, a spring retreat and a summer tour! Now is a great time to join and be a part of this community! Contact Josh to learn more.

Dr. Josh Maize, director
josh.maize@villagepres.org



Village Voices seeks to provide a unique musical opportunity for middle and high school students at Village Church. Singing helps us connect with our faith and with a community of singers. We form strong bonds both with each other and with the church.

youth band



The Youth Band is open to any middle and high schoolers who play an instrument: drums, guitars, keyboards, violins, cellos, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, singers, rappers, songwriters, and sound technicians. You name it, we'll work with it - all are welcome! The band performs on Wednesdays at GPS (for middle schoolers) and Sundays at SNL (for high schoolers). Former band members have become nurses, scientists, musicians, engineers, baristas, mountain climbers, administrative assistants, and parents, but the one thing they all had in common was a joy for playing music.

Rehearsals are typically at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays before GPS (for middle schoolers) and 6pm on Sundays before SNL (for high schoolers). Interested in joining? Email angel.patterson@villagepres.org

winter park ski retreats

High School Trip

Jan. 18-22 • Grades 9-12
\$900 base cost (not incl.
rental equipment or ski/
board lesson)

Middle School Trip

Feb. 15-19 • Grades 7-8
\$900 base cost (not incl.
rental equipment or ski/
board lesson)

Come out for a fun extended weekend on the slopes at Winter Park Resort! All abilities and experience levels are welcome. Lessons are required for all first time skiers or snowboarders. We stay at nearby Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA of the Rockies) and the weekend includes discussion time and worship in the evenings after we're finished skiing. Registration opens September 3 at Noon.



dominican republic mission trip

March 15-22 • Grades 9-12 • \$1,400

Each year during Spring Break we travel to the Dominican Republic for a week of service. We work a lot. We learn a lot. We laugh a lot. It's an amazing opportunity for all who attend. Join us as we do construction work, and head out to rural villages to assist a local Dominican nonprofit in health education programs. Not only do we grow as a community, but we impact the lives of those we encounter, finding ourselves changed in the process.



Can't make it to the Spring Break trip, but still want to go to the DR? Village Church Mission Department hosts an all-ages annual mission trip to the DR called Givingthanks. Participants depart the Friday before Thanksgiving week and return Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Lora Garrison: (913) 671-2390 or lora.garrison@villagepres.org.



Summer 2024 Interns

summer interns

Are you a college student (or do you know a college student) who wants to have a summer full of fun while gaining practical ministry experience and training? Be one of our Youth Interns for the summer of 2025! Find application instructions and learn more about the position at villagepres.org/youth. Open to college students who will have been out of high school for at least 2 years at the time of their employment.

In the summer we take a break from regular programming and offer different weekly activities for each age group. The detailed summer schedule is released in late April/early May!

youth week

June 2-6 • Completed 6th-Completed 12th grades

Each year we kick off summer youth programming with a week of fun fellowship events for middle school and high school students. This is both the first chance for students to meet our interns and the first time we welcome our graduated 6th graders into the youth department. Youth Week typically includes a variety of activities such as a baseball game, a morning of volunteering at a local nonprofit, Worlds of Fun, hammocking, pickleball, and more. You won't want to miss it!

Registration for summer trips, including additional details and cost, will be released by January. These trips fill up quickly, so make sure to get yours in when they open!

ms/hs combined mission trip: seattle

June 14-21 • Completed 7th-completed 12th grades

We're thrilled to welcome back our joint mission trip! Join us as we team up with the Seattle community for impactful service projects and volunteer activities. We'll stay at a church, enjoy engaging programming, inspiring worship, and so much more. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to make a difference and have a blast together!



MS Float Trip 2023



Montreat 2024

high school montreat youth conference

July 5-12 • Completed 9th-completed 12th grades

Each year, we take high school students to an amazing youth conference in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. You'll hear inspiring keynote speakers, engage in small group discussions, and come together for evening worship. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with students from across the country and strengthen friendships with fellow Village youth. Join us for an unforgettable experience!

middle school float trip

July 22-24 • Completed 6th-completed 8th grades

As summer winds down, join us for an exciting fellowship trip that only happens every odd year! We'll spend our time rafting, playing games, enjoying devotionals, and having an absolute blast together. Don't miss out on this memorable adventure!

volunteer

volunteer youth group leader

Commitment: 1 School Year

In addition to our staff, we have several adult volunteers who attend either MS or HS youth group each week. High schoolers (sophomore year and up) are also eligible to be leaders at middle school youth group. Typically this commitment is for one school year, but occasionally leaders roll on or off at the semester.

help out at lofternoons

Commitment: 1 Tuesday after school, as often as you like!

This after-school program has historically been very popular, so we appreciate having additional adults (and high schoolers) simply to have eyes around the room and be able to interact and get to know students. This is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in helping out every once in a while, but isn't able to commit weekly.

lead a confirmation small group

Commitment: 1 School Year (October-early May)

Each Confirmation class is taught by Angel, or another departmental pastor/director. But, the class is broken into small discussion groups led by adults like you! Group leaders maintain the same group each class. It's always a rewarding experience helping facilitate students growing in their faith and a great opportunity for adults to learn as well!

Volunteer, Paul Lemon (right), on Middle School Mission Trip, 2024



Volunteer, Brian Redelshiemer, On Boundary Waters 2024

support list

Commitment: None!

Get on our support list and we'll call or text you if we ever need an extra set of hands, a driver, help providing food for an event, or other one-time things. Email us at youth@villagepres.org!

go on a trip

Commitment: 1 Trip

We are always in need of additional adults to chaperone our youth trips. Responsibilities generally include ensuring safety of students, assisting staff and interns in any way necessary, and leading small groups. Trip costs for adult leaders vary for each trip, so contact us if you're interested in learning more.

youth committee

Commitment: 1 year

Youth committee is a team of parents, students, and volunteers who meet monthly to discuss and make decisions about our youth ministry and help with our special events. Members are nominated and commit to serve for the duration of a year for a maximum of three years, with summer breaks. Please let us know if you are interested in serving or if you'd like to nominate someone.

about village church

Village Youth is a department of Village Presbyterian Church, a congregation in the PC(USA) denomination. If you don't know much about Village, here's some background!

In the late 1940s, the prairie and farmland just west of Kansas City were rapidly turning into suburban neighborhoods. On February 13, 1949, at Village Church's very first Sunday worship service, 282 charter members filled the chapel. Today, Village Church has over 4,000 members operating out of an 95,000 square foot facility that, though expanded several times over, still seems to burst with activity.

The church also manages a pre-school at the main campus, and the Meneilly Center for Mission at 99th and Mission Road, which includes a Child and Family Development Center and a Food Pantry, serving the surrounding community.

On Feb. 5, 2017, Village Church became one church at two campuses, holding our first worship service at our satellite campus, Village on Antioch, located at 14895 Antioch Rd. in Overland Park.

Village has always existed to be in service to others, which is no less true today than it was when it was founded. If you would like to know more about Village Church or the PC(USA), check out some info on the web, or feel free to contact us directly.

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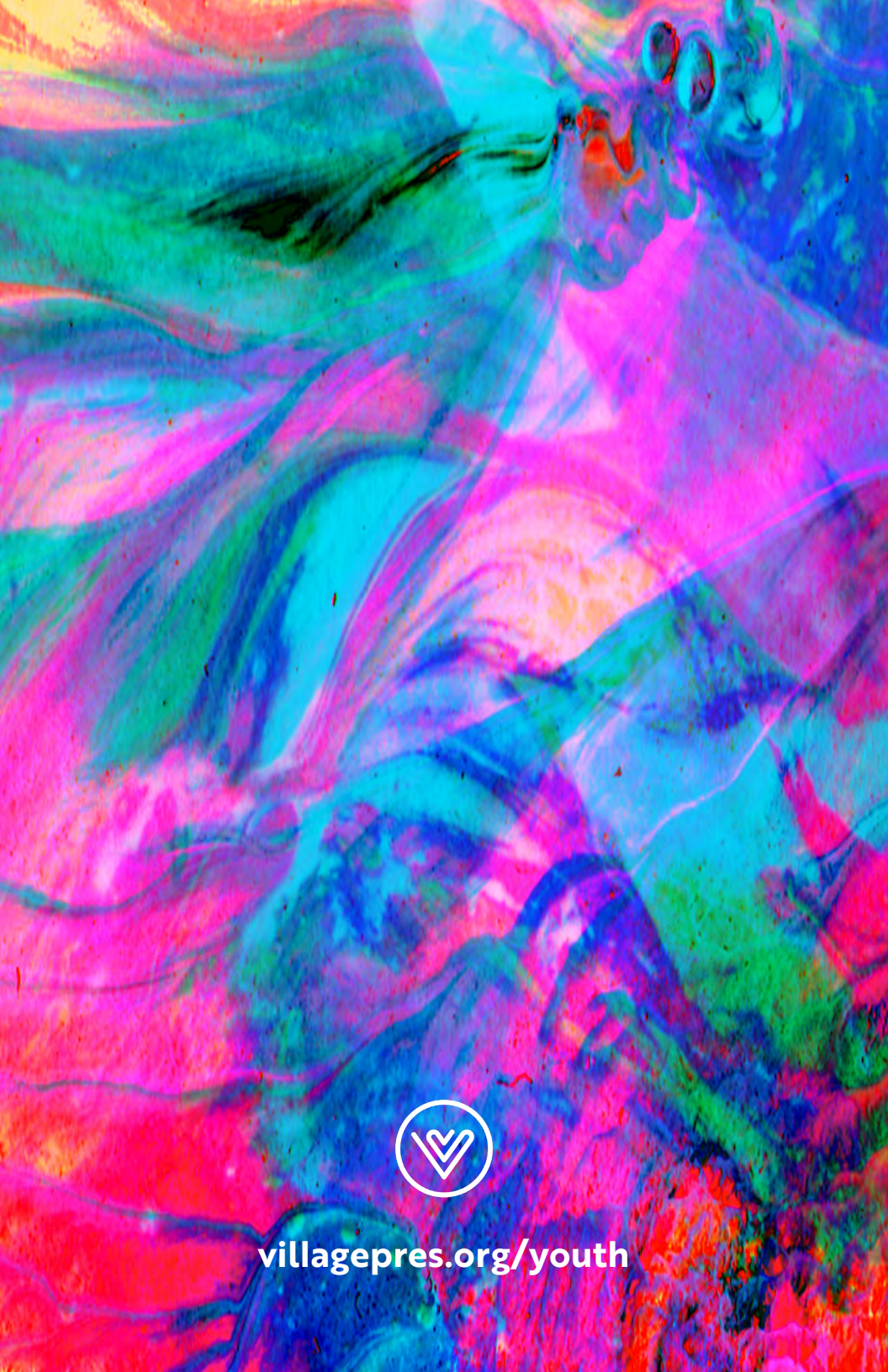
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