



VILLAGE YOUTH

2026-2027

MISSION CAMPUS

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Welcome to Youth Ministry at Village Church

Middle school and high school are full of change. Between school, friends, family, activities, and discovering who you are, life can be exciting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming. Our hope is that Village is a place where you can show up as your authentic self, ask honest questions, build meaningful friendships, and know that you belong.

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here. We believe God's love is for everyone, and we are committed to creating a community where students are known, valued, and encouraged to care for one another with compassion, kindness, and grace.

Whether you're joining us for the first time or have grown up at Village, we're excited you're here. We can't wait to welcome you into the life of Youth Ministries.

MEET THE STAFF



Angel Patterson serves as director of youth ministry at Village, where she is passionate about supporting students as they grow in faith and discover who God has called them to be. Outside of youth ministry, Angel enjoys spending time with her husband, Trevor, and their three children, Riley, Zoey, and Avery. She loves sunshine, exploring new coffee shops, baking, and finding time to slow down through yoga. She is grateful to be part of the Village community and excited to help students find their place here.



Paul Lemon joined the youth ministry team as associate director of youth ministries in May 2026. A long-time member of Village, Paul has served the church as a youth ministry volunteer, youth band leader, and coordinator in the business office. He also serves as a board member of the Dominican Republic Medical Partnership. He is excited to continue walking with students and families as they grow in faith.



Faith Fields has served as the design and communications coordinator for youth ministries at Village for nearly four years. She loves the creative side of her work and being behind the scenes to help keep things organized and running smoothly. Outside of work, Faith enjoys coaching soccer, spending time with her dog, Luna, and finding a good cup of coffee. She especially appreciates the people she gets to work with and the welcoming atmosphere at Village.

CONNECT WITH US



villagepres.org/youth is a great place to start with questions about youth ministry, programs, events, or anything else.



youth@villagepres.org connects you directly with our youth ministry staff. Reach out anytime with questions or if you need a hand.



Follow **@villagepcyouth** on Instagram for special event announcements, photos from youth events, and more. It's a great way to stay in the loop!

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Sundays

Sunday School

9-10 a.m. | Grades 7-12

Confirmation*

10:30 a.m.-noon | Grades 9+

Capstone*

11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Grade 12

Youth Group

6:30-8 p.m. | Grades 7-12

*registration required

Wednesdays@VILLAGE



5:30-7 p.m. | Grades 7-12

*Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., program starts at 6:10 p.m.

Fall: Sept. 16-Nov. 18

Spring: Jan. 20-April 21

See all dates and details at villagepres.org/wednesdays

SPECIAL EVENTS

August	30 27	Youth Sunday: 10 a.m. & 4 p.m. services Confirmation Info Meeting (online), 7 p.m.
September	13-19 27	Kickoff Week (Programs Begin!) First Confirmation Class
October	8	All Youth Impact Gymnastics Night, 9 p.m.
November	19 22-28	DR Trip Info Meeting (online), 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Break (no programs)
December	5 20-31	Village Voices + Village Youth Caroling Winter Break (no programs)
January	1-9 17	Winter Break (no programs) Village Youth Winter Retreat
February	14	All Youth Superbowl Party, 5 p.m.
March	11-17	Village High Dominican Republic Mission Trip (Spring Break)
April	5 12 25	Confirmation Celebration, 7 p.m. Graduating Senior Dinner, 6 p.m. Confirmation Sunday, 11 a.m. service Graduating Senior Sunday, 4 p.m. service
May	2	End of Year Bash
June	25-30	All Youth Mission Trip
July	10-17 27-29	Montreat Youth Conference Middle School Float Trip

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

VILLAGE YOUTH PROGRAMS

All programs are for students grades 7-12

Sunday School

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.

Youth Group

Sundays | 6:30-8 p.m. | Youth Loft

Village Youth Group is our weekly evening gathering for all youth students. Each Sunday night, we connect through music, discussion, games, and small groups. Throughout the year, we explore a variety of topics that help students navigate the joys and challenges of middle school and high school. As you discover who you are and what it means to follow Christ, you'll find supportive friends, caring leaders, and a welcoming community every step of the way.

Wednesdays@Village

Wednesdays | 5:30-7 p.m. | Friendship Hall

We have completely re-tooled Wednesday evenings at Village with everyone in mind. Wednesdays@Village will begin on Sept. 16 and go through Nov. 18—ten weeks of dinners and faith programming for all. The evening starts in Friendship Hall at 5:30 p.m. with build-your-own meals that do not require an RSVP. At 6:10 p.m., programs begin for everyone, including a single, faith-formation class. Elementary-aged children and youth will be engaged with dynamic programs planned by our staff. Childcare will be offered for children ages 0-5. All programming wraps up at 7 p.m. On third Wednesdays, everyone remains in Friendship Hall to participate in fun group activities, education, or service projects led by a Village pastor or staff person. Let's eat, learn, and grow in faith together this fall! For all details, visit villagepres.org/wednesdays.



CONFIRMATION

Sundays, Sept.-April | 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 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 or faith experiences. Confirmation starts in Sept. and runs through April. More information is available at villagepres.org/confirmation. At the end of the class, students have the opportunity to join Village Church as members!

For student registration, or if you're an adult interested in leading a small group, just scan the QR code below.



See calendar and
register online

villagepres.org/confirmation

Register Online



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

You change a lot in high school, and your faith journey is no different. 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. 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.



Dates:

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15,
Jan. 24, Feb. 28

Register Online



MAKING MUSIC



Village Voices

Sundays, 5-6:30 p.m. | Room 15 | 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!

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.

The 2026-2027 year is going to be great with plenty of amazing music and fun including a fall retreat, 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 or scan the QR code to let us know you're interested.

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



Youth Band

Play an instrument? Love to sing? Be part of youth band!

Open to all experience levels, Youth Band is a fun, relaxed space for students in grades 7–12 to make music and connect with others. Rehearsals take place before Sunday Youth Group, typically starting at 6 p.m. Questions? Contact Paul to learn more or scan the QR code to let us know you're interested.

Paul Lemon, director
paul.lemon@villagepres.org



Youth Bells

Interested in trying something new and making music with others? Youth Bells is an intermediate handbell ensemble for 4th graders through high-school students. The group rehearses Sunday afternoons in Room 12 at Mission Campus. Participation is limited to the available bell positions. Contact Rebecca Enslow at rmozsing@aol.com or scan the QR code to let us know you're interested.



Music Ensemble
Interest Form



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

March 11-17 | Grades 9-12

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 Youth Spring Break trip, but still want to go to the DR? Village Church also hosts an all-ages annual mission trip to the DR called Givingthanks.

This year's trip is Nov. 19-24, 2026.

For more information, contact Rev. Zach Walker:
913-671-2369 or zach.walker@villagepres.org.

SUMMER TRIPS

Registration for summer trips opens each January. Trip details, pricing, and registration information will be available at that time. Space is limited, so we encourage families to register early.



All Youth Mission Trip

June 25-30 | Completed 6th-12th Grades

Our youth mission trip gives students the opportunity to travel to a new destination and serve alongside local organizations. Through meaningful service, worship, fellowship, and fun, students grow in their faith while building lasting friendships.

Montreat Youth Conference

July 10-17 | Completed 9th-12th Grades

Each summer, our high-school students travel to North Carolina for the Montreat Youth Conference. Through inspiring speakers, meaningful worship, and small groups, students grow in their faith and build lasting friendships. It's a week of faith, fun, and community in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina.

Middle School Float Trip

July 27-29 | Completed 6th-8th Grades

Join us for an unforgettable fellowship adventure at Elk River in Noel, Missouri! Every other year, students spend their time rafting, playing games, enjoying devotionals, and making memories together. Don't miss this fun-filled opportunity to connect, grow in faith, and have an absolute blast!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer as a Youth Group Leader

Commitment: As often as you like

In addition to our staff, we have several adult volunteers who attend Youth Group each Sunday night. Youth Group is open to students in grades 7–12, and volunteers help create a welcoming space where students can connect, ask questions, and grow together. Typically, this commitment is for one school year, but occasionally leaders roll on or off at the semester.

Help out at Wednesdays@Village

Commitment: Wednesdays (see pg. 4), as often as you like

Wednesdays@Village is a midweek opportunity for students to connect with one another, grow in faith, and be part of the larger church community. Adult volunteers help support our youth programming on select Wednesdays throughout the year by spending time with students, helping with activities, and creating a welcoming space for everyone. Volunteers can serve regularly or help out on individual Wednesdays. Visit villagepres.org/wednesdays to learn more.

Lead a Confirmation Small Group

Commitment: 1 School Year (Sept.-April)

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

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 at least a year (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 Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination. If you don't know much about Village, here's some background!

We are one church worshipping each Sunday at two locations: Mission Campus in Prairie Village, our original location founded in 1949, and Antioch Campus in south Overland Park, incorporated in 2017. Both campuses operate a weekday preschool for our littlest kids. We also operate the Meneilly Center for Mission in Overland Park, which includes a Food Pantry & Clothes Closet and a Child & Family Development Center that serve the surrounding community.

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), visit our website, or feel free to contact us directly.

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