



# FIRST PRES YOUTH

## MARCH 2026

**1** 9:45 -10:45 DONUTS & DIALOGUE + CONFIRMATION

**1** 5:30-7:00 WILLARD LECTURE: DIGITAL EMPATHY

**8** 9:45-10:45 DONUTS & DIALOGUE + CONFIRMATION

**8** 6:00-7:30 YOUTH GROUP (NOTE: ONSITE AT FPC)

**15** 9:45 -10:45 DONUTS & DIALOGUE

**22** 9:45-10:45 DONUTS & DIALOGUE + CONFIRMATION

**22** 6:00-7:30 SMALL GROUPS

**22** 6:00-7:30 CONFIRMANDS EXAMINED BY SESSION

**29** 9:45 -10:45 DONUTS & DIALOGUE

**29** 6:00-7:30 YOUTH GROUP

## A NOTE FROM AUDREY

# REFLECTIONS ON THE CUBA TRIP

This January, I joined a group of about a dozen First Pres members on a trip to visit our ministry partner, Seminario Evangélico de Teología (SET Seminary), in Matanzas, Cuba. Lucy Crain invited me to go and consider bringing youth to Cuba in the future. Ever since returning, I haven't been able to stop thinking about the experiences I had there. I cannot find one word to encompass all that I witnessed, and I have given up trying.

Our contacts at SET are clergy couple Ary Fernández-Albán, Rector and professor, and Beidy Casas Aragón, professor and unofficial mayor of Matanzas. Ary and Beidy were incredibly generous with their time, sharing the school's works in progress and their hopes to address growing problems in their community. Ary and Beidy were able to hold two realities at once: Cuba is facing a massive humanitarian crisis, *and...* the seminary is equipping faith leaders to respond to great need. In the midst of so much uncertainty and suffering, SET has never wavered in its mission: to be a source of real goodness.

With the help of a translator, we were able to speak with some of the students enrolled at SET. After just a few minutes, it became abundantly clear that though we speak different languages and live in different countries, we are truly *partners* in our ministry. There is a hymn I've been thinking about ever since the trip: "We all are one in mission. We all are one in call., our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all might know Christ's love." I feel so blessed to have been invited into this partnership, and I can't wait to discover how it might grow to include our youth!

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Youth Fundraising Weekend! Between the Pajama Party, Breakfast, and Auction, we raised over \$5,000 for youth missions and summer trips. Turns out, people will pay us \$65 to sing Happy Birthday!

# RESOURCE CORNER

## A FAMILIAR FACE AT THE WILLARD LECTURE

First Pres is excited to welcome MIT professor Dr. Sherry Turkle to present “Conversation Cures: Digital Empathy & Genuine Human Connection.” Those of you who attended our Family Connection event in September will recognize her conversation partner: Dr. Andrew Zirschky! Dr. Zirschky is an expert in practical theology and youth ministry and will offer a theological perspective to Dr. Turkle’s work. Get your tickets using the link above!

# SIGN UP FOR SUMMER TRIPS

## YOUTH CIVIL RIGHTS TRIP

- What: Youth will spend a week in Alabama visiting historical Civil Rights sites, including a walking tour in Selma and the Legacy sites in Montgomery. We will explore the history of Civil Rights in America and the impact of faith leaders in Civil Rights movements.
- When: June 21-26
- Who: Completed 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

## MASSANETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

- What: Middle school youth will explore the theme of Peace through keynotes, worship, small groups, and recreation (featuring the best slip-n-slide ever).
- When: July 9-12
- Who: Completed 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

- What: High school youth will explore the theme Wonder & Wander through small groups, keynote, worship, and recreation (and many games of werewolf).
- When: July 26 - August 1
- Who: Completed 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

# SAVE THE DATE

## APRIL 25: YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL

- Youth Music Call Time: 9:00am
- All Youth Call Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

## APRIL 26: YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE

- Youth Music Call Time: 9:00am
- All Youth Call Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<b>2</b> Hunter Loeffler	<b>7</b> Wren Ulrich	<b>16</b> Henry Rheault
<b>4</b> Lane Allen	<b>8</b> Joey Llaneza	<b>22</b> Adelaide Staub
<b>4</b> Brooke Clayton	<b>11</b> Aashna Shah	<b>26</b> Russell Bradley
<b>7</b> Willa Kirk	<b>11</b> Milly Warfield	<b>26</b> Avery Wallace
<b>7</b> Heath Kesler	<b>13</b> Miller Wilson	<b>28</b> Kate Schaffer
	<b>16</b> Carson Rheault	



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