



FIRST PRES YOUTH

APRIL 2026

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EASTER SUNDAY

12

9:45-10:45

DONUTS & DIALOGUE

12

4:30-6:00

YOUTH MUSIC (4:30 IVEY, 5:15 CHOIR)

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6:00-7:30

YOUTH GROUP

19

9:45-10:45

DONUTS & DIALOGUE

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9:45-5:00

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

19

4:30-6:00

YOUTH MUSIC (4:30 IVEY, 5:15 CHOIR)

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6:00-7:30

YOUTH SUNDAY PREP

25

10:00-12:00

YOUTH SUNDAY REHEARSAL (9:00 YOUTH MUSIC)

26

10:00-12:00

YOUTH SUNDAY (9:00 YOUTH MUSIC)

A NOTE FROM AUDREY

LENT & LIMITS

During the season of Lent, we honor those 40 days that Jesus spent being tempted in the wilderness. Because we celebrate Lent in the days leading up to the Passion and Resurrection stories, we might misplace the wilderness story in Jesus's timeline. We think of Jesus's temptation as something that happens near the end of his life. But actually, Jesus goes into the wilderness before his public ministry even begins. Before Jesus can go out to preach and perform miracles, he has to face his own temptation.

In the wilderness, Jesus considers the possibility... I could use all this power for myself. I could decide to take over the world. I could choose never to feel hunger or pain. In the end, Jesus decides not to live on earth as an all-powerful being but as a person – a person who gets hungry, who feels, who bleeds. Before Jesus can serve God's people, he needs to claim and preserve his own personhood. He must live as a person, with limits – a person like us.

And that's what Lent is all about, really. Limits.

Here is my hope for youth, in Lent and beyond: May you turn away from the temptations of accomplishment and achievement. May you choose vulnerability over superiority. May you reject all the voices that tell you to do and be more. May you choose to feel every feeling in its entirety. May you honor your limits, your own humanity. And why? Because Jesus did it first.



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“SABBATH IN THE SUBURBS” BY MARYANN MCKIBBEN-DANA

Speaking of limits... In 2012, Presbyterian pastor MaryAnn McKinbbsen-Dana and her family made a radical decision: to practice Sabbath: “This is a book about a crusty old practice called Sabbath, but it’s really a book about time. Sabbath became the lens through which we saw ourselves: the ways we hurry and the deep goodness in the moments when we don’t. Through Sabbath, we came to new understandings about ourselves, our work, our dreams for our children, and the passions that drive us.”

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 6th - 12th Grades

MASSANETTA MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE **04/12 DEADLINE**

- 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 14-17 ***Note Date Change***
- Who: Completed 6th - 8th 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 9th - 12th Grades

ATTENTION SENIOR FAMILIES

Save the date! May 31 is Senior Recognition Sunday! We will celebrate our seniors in the 11:00AM worship service and afterwards at the Senior Luncheon. Kelly will be in touch to collect pictures and graduate information to print in the bulletin. Hope to see you then!

2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 Matthew Kesler | 20 Phelps Young |
| 1 Kaylin Parker | 22 Mary Sullivan Purdy |
| 2 Wade Monroe | 22 Andres Hassan |
| 10 Mason Porter | 27 Gideon Wanish |
| 16 Charlotte Hayes | 28 Liam Himebaugh |
| 19 Addison Hankins | |



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