



COUNTRYSIDE CURRENTS YOUTH & FAMILY EDITION



The monthly newsletter of Countryside Community Church

Seasons: Exploring the Journey of Life

New Series a Unique Opportunity to Understand Life's Arc



Seasons is a new educational series designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the human experience from birth to death. Drawing upon the realms of

knowledge and experience from theology, education, and the social sciences, participants will explore the human saga from birth to death.

Each week will focus on one stage of life, including childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle adulthood, and older adulthood. Through a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates theological and educational resources, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of each stage.

Participants will explore how Scripture and faith describe the particular stage of life being considered, examining how God meets us wherever we are on the arc of life.

Each week will also feature one or more age-specific workshops on Wednesday evening. All ages are encouraged to attend Wednesdays starting April 26. These workshops will provide an experiential opportunity to delve deeper into the particular stage of life being considered that week, allowing for a more thorough understanding of the topic.

The series kicks off on April 23 with an opening worship event that explores how Scripture and faith describe the first stage of life: childhood. Following worship, there will be a large group discussion and age-specific workshops on Wednesday evenings that allow for deeper exploration of the stage being considered that week.

Throughout the series, the life of David in Hebrew Scripture will be examined as a case study for understanding the various stages of life. David's story covers all stages of life from childhood to older adulthood, providing a rich source of insight and reflection for participants.

Seasons provide an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the human experience and how God meets us throughout our journey. By drawing upon insights from various fields of study, this series aims to provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to the topic, fostering a rich and meaningful conversation among participants.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore the journey of life and how God and individuals connect and grow throughout its various stages.

No registration is required. Participants are welcome to attend sessions as desired. For more information, email Pastor Keith at keith@countrysideucc.org.

Youth Mulch Project: Tri-Faith Gardens



Youth & Family Ministries

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Sr. High Youth Group

Sundays, 6-8 p.m., Youth Room
6 p.m. BYOD
6:30-8 p.m. programming & fellowship

Apr. 2: Holy Week themes..

Apr. 9: No Youth Group.

Apr. 14: D&D, 5:30-8:30

Apr. 16: Required A2A Education Meeting*

Apr. 21: D&D, 5:30-8:30

Apr. 23: Downtown – Dinner and Gene Leahy Park

Apr. 30: Campus Clean Up

*This is required for any students planning to attend the Summer 2023 Service Trip. If your student hasn't attended programming before, please reach out to Rebecca for options to join us on the trip.

D&D group

Fridays, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room and Tamar.

Students grades 7-12 are invited to join a Dungeons and Dragons campaign on Friday nights every week.

Apr. 7: No D&D

Jr. High Youth Group

Sundays 5-6 p.m. Youth Room.
All Jr. High-aged (grades 7 & 8) students are invited to attend for games and fun!

Apr. 2: Dying Easter Eggs / Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 9: No Jr.High Fellowship

Apr. 16: Chalk Messages on Sidewalks

Apr. 23: No Jr.High Fellowship

Apr. 30: Confirmands Celebration.

Confirmation

The schedule applies to both Sunday and Thursday classes:

Apr. 2: 8th Grade Faith Stories

Apr. 9: No Meeting

Apr. 16: 8th Grade Faith Stories

Apr. 23: 8th Grade Interviews

Apr. 30: Confirmation and Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Core 56

5th and 6th Grades
Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., Youth Room. Same schedule as Wednesday Wonderers.

Wednesday Wonderers

Pre-K – 4th grade. 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Blue Room, Green Room, and Tamar (Lower Level).

Apr. 5: No WW

Apr. 12: Road to Emmaus

Apr. 19: Thomas and Mary Magdalene – Last Week of Wednesday Wonderers.

Children's Ministries

Pre-K – 6th grade, Sundays.

Apr. 2: Children's Church

Apr. 9: Community Worship

April 16: Children's Church

Apr. 23: Community Worship

Apr. 30: Children's Church



Left: Fun day in the Tri-Faith Gardens!
Right: Greetings from the church lizard!



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Summer Camps 2023

There are great opportunities for our kids this summer at Countryside and through the UCC Nebraska Youth and Outdoor Ministries!

Here at Countryside

Core 56 meets all summer from 6 pm until 8 pm every Wednesday (with the exception of a Wednesday here and there). We watch movies, play games outside, do art, and a bunch of other stuff! Summer hours are extended to 8 pm to accommodate movies and other activities.

Communion Camp: June 5–9, 5:30–7:30 p.m. each evening. We'll explore stories, practices, and meanings of Communion and what this ritual means to our Countryside faith family. We're even gonna bake bread! Families are welcome to attend together. [Register](#) everyone who will attend.

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UCC Neb. Youth & Outdoor Ministries

Kamp Kaleo offers several camps this summer. There are camps for grade school students, junior high and high school students. There are also camps for young adult campers with developmental disabilities. Scholarships are available. For more information, visit the main [Kamp Kaleo](#) website at kampkaleo.com. Visit the UCC Nebraska Youth and Outdoor Ministries Facebook [here!](#)

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