

List of Spring/Summer 2024 Dates

Updated: 1/5/2024

Here is a list of dates for the Spring of 2024 as well as some of the bigger summer events.

January

Sunday, Jan. 7—5pm—Grace Family First Night—Bingo & Parent Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 21—5-7pm—gYg (snow tubing deadline)
Sunday, Jan. 28—5-7pm—gYg

February

Saturday, Feb. 3—9:00am-5:30pm—Snow Tubing
Sunday, Feb. 4—5:00—Grace Family First Night
Sunday, Feb. 11—Souper Bowl and Grace Bowl VII 1pm
Saturday, Feb. 17—Love Café
Sunday, Feb. 25—5-7pm—gYg

March

Sunday, Mar. 3—5pm—Grace Family First Night
Sunday, Mar. 10—5-7pm—gYg
Saturday, Mar. 16—4-7pm—help with Room in the Inn
Sunday, Mar. 24—5-7pm—gYg
Sat. Mar. 30-Fri. Apr. 5—Spring Break Trip to Give Kids the World

April

Sunday, April 7—Grace Family First Night
Sunday, April 14—5-7pm—gYg
Sunday, April 21—5-7pm—gYg
Sunday, April 28—5-7pm—gYg: visit senior adults?

May

Sunday, May 5—5pm—Grace Family First Night Children's Program
Sunday, May 12—No gYg—Mother's Day
Sunday, May 19—5-7pm—gYg
Sunday, May 26—No gYg—Memorial Day Weekend

June

June 9-15—Montreat Youth Conference (High School)
June 24-28—MS Mission/VBS

July

July 7-12—YouthWorks Mission Trip to Louisville, KY
July 17-21—Middle School Montreat

August

August 2-4—Grace Camping Retreat at Lake Hartwell



Grace Youth

Spring/Summer 2024 Event Booklet

This booklet contains information about many of the events that are scheduled for the Spring and Summer of 2024. Details in the booklet are accurate at the time of print, however, some details or events are subject to change. Please make sure you check out the website and emails for the most up-to-date information on an event.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the youth group. Brandi Ruth helps us a lot and is a blessing. Carrie Shefmire will soon be coming on board to help out on a regular basis as well. It also wouldn't be possible without the support from the parents, so thank you for all you do.

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Snow Tubing at Jonas Ridge: Saturday, February 3

Cost: \$30 + food

Deadline: January 21

We'll leave the church at 9am, eat lunch, then tube 1pm-3pm before heading back home, arriving around 5:30pm.



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Upcoming gYg Events

Souper Bowl of Caring & Grace Bowl VII

Sunday, February 11, 1pm

Following both services we will collect money for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All money collected will go to the Bethel Shelters.



Following the church service we will have a flag football game: Grace Bowl VII. This will include any youth and adults who want to participate. We'll plan on a 1:00 kick-off at the church.



Love Cafe

Setup—Friday, February 16, 4pm-5pm

Dinner—Saturday, February 17

This year Love Café will have a Ukrainian theme. Youth need to plan on setting up on Friday, serving dinner Saturday evening, and then cleaning up following the dinner. We will also need help from some parents for clean up on Saturday night. This is a wonderful evening for all involved. Youth should arrive at church by 4:30pm on Saturday. Doors for dinner open at 5:30, meal is served at 6pm. Youth should wear black pants or skirt and a white shirt, or a black dress.

Confirmation Class 2024

All youth 8th grade and above who have not completed Confirmation are strongly encouraged to attend 6 sessions during the Sunday school hour where we will take a look at topics like theology (who is God/Jesus/the Holy Spirit), church government, the Bible, the Sacraments, and our life of faith. At the end those who attend at least 5 of the 6 classes will be asked to consider joining the church as full members (no longer child members). See separate letter for important dates.

Room in the Inn

Saturday, March 16, 4-7pm

Our youth will arrange the Sanctuary, set out the cots, serve dinner and fellowship with our guests, and make to-go lunches for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.



Spring Break Trip to Give Kids the World Village

Saturday, March 30-Friday April 5

We have 7 youth and 6 adults traveling to Kissimmee, FL, to serve children with serious illnesses and their families. The deadline to join this trip has passed and arrangements are already well underway, but if you are not going, consider joining the next team from Grace that goes to GKTW Village.



Montreat Youth Conference (High School)

When: June 9-15

Cost: \$50

Deadline: Feb 18

This is open to current 8th-12th graders. Montreat Youth Conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation.



Vacation Bible School

When: June 24-28

VBS is always one week of the summer that children look forward to. Much of the success depends on the older youth of the church. All rising high school students are asked to help out with VBS. Our rising 6th-8th graders will meet in the morning to do various missions projects.

Youth Mission Trip: YouthWorks: Louisville, KY

July 7-12; Signup deadline Feb. 18

Cost: \$50



Christ-Centered Mission Trips

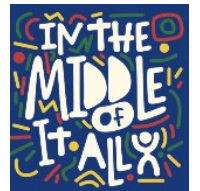
YouthWorks is all about serving the people of the community and loving them like Jesus loves them. We will stay in a church or school and go out to serve through agencies in or near the city. We may serve at a food pantry, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, or by assisting with simple home repair projects.

Middle School Montreat, Maryville, TN

July 17-20; Signup deadline Feb. 18

Cost: \$50

Rising 6th through completed 8th graders are eligible to attend. The daily schedule includes keynote, worship, recreation, singing, small groups, and many other activities.



Grace Camping Retreat

August 2-4

You and/or your family are encouraged to come take part in this great weekend get away to Lake Hartwell. If youth whose family is not attending want to go we will try to make special arrangements for you to attend with another family.

For 2025

We are considering an international mission trip for High School students in the summer of 2025. If you would like to attend this mission trip then it is highly recommended that you attend this summer's mission trip to Louisville, KY.