



## COUNTRYSIDE CURRENTS

Youth and Family Ministries Issue



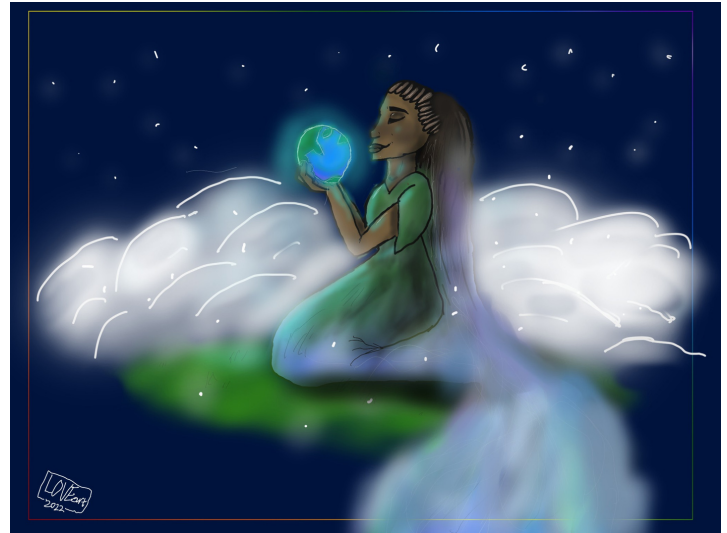
### Violet Cox Named Finalist in UCC Art Contest

Violet Cox, 12, daughter of Autumn and Matt Cox, was recognized in a United Church of Christ (UCC) art contest to raise awareness about the climate crisis. The "Climate Hope Cards Art Contest" was open to all kids up to age 18 within the UCC. The goal of the contest was to encourage senators and representatives in Washington D.C. to take action on climate change and environmental protections.

Her work was amazing, said Director of Youth & Family Ministries Rebecca Morello. "Well done, Violet!"

More than 800 young people participated in the contest, each creating a piece of art to be placed on a postcard. The postcards would then be sent to political leaders in Washington D.C. to show support for action on climate change. Violet's artwork was selected as one of the finalists in the contest.

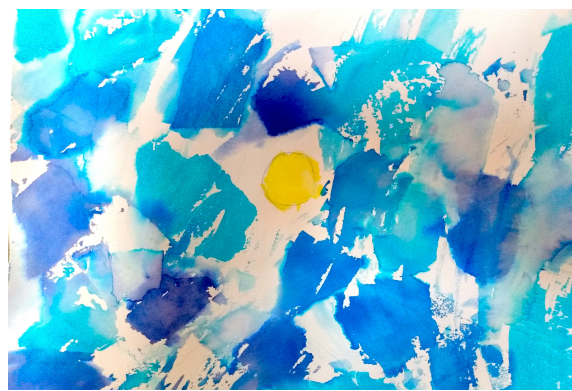
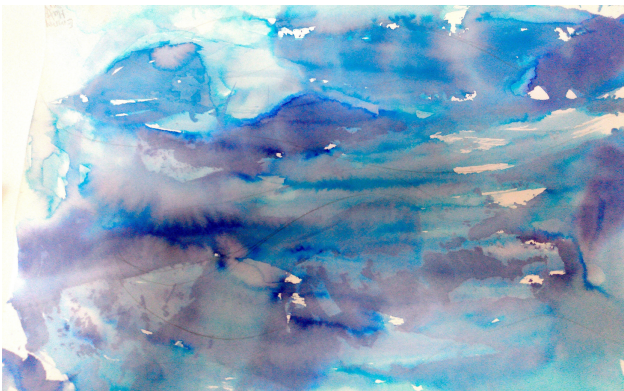
The "Climate Hope Cards Art Contest" is just one example of the ways in which young people are taking action on climate change. Across the globe, young activists are leading the charge for environmental



protections and climate justice. From Greta Thunberg's climate strikes to the Sunrise Movement's push for a Green New Deal, young people are making their voices heard and demanding action from their leaders.

As we face an ever-increasing climate crisis, it's more important than ever to listen to the voices of young people like Violet and support their efforts to protect our planet. Whether through art, activism, or advocacy, young people are leading the way to a more sustainable future.

### Wednesday Wonderers Learn Together About Jesus' Baptism



Students used art tissue and water to create the scene of Jesus' baptism. All artwork is on display on the lower lever foyer.

# 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

**Mar. 5:** Family Feud

**Mar. 12:** Sustainable Group Art Project

**Mar. 19:** Required A2A Education Meeting\*

**Mar. 26:** Phoenix Affirmations / Bridge Walk

\*Required for 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 in grades 7-12 are invited to come join a Dungeons and Dragons campaign on Friday nights every week. **No**

**D&D on March 17**

## Jr. High Youth Group

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

**Mar. 5:** Trivia

**Mar. 12:** Stroll the Troll

**Mar. 19:** Family Feud

**Mar. 26:** Yard Games & Bridge Walk

## Confirmation

Schedule applies to both Sunday and Thursday classes:

**Mar. 5 & 9:** Lent: How do we use these stories?

**Mar. 12 & 16:** Affirmation 10

**Mar. 19 & 23:** Affirmation 10

**Mar. 26 & Apr. 2:** Easter – How do we use these stories?

## Core 56

5th and 6th Grades

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

**Mar. 1:** Beatitudes

**Mar. 8:** Woman at the Well

**Mar. 15:** Holy Week Traditions

**Mar. 22:** The Last Supper

**Mar. 29:** Good Friday

## Wednesday Wonderers

Pre-K - 4th grade. Meets 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Blue Room, the Green Room, and Tamar on the Lower Level

**Mar. 1:** Beatitudes

**Mar. 8:** Woman at the Well

**Mar. 15:** Holy Week Traditions

**Mar. 22:** The Last Supper

**Mar. 29:** Good Friday

## Children's Ministries

Pre-K - 6th grade

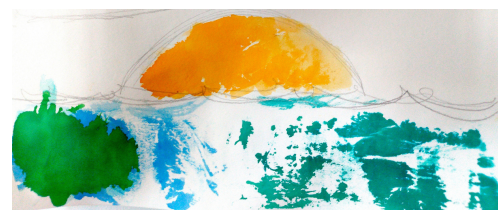
Sunday Schedule:

**Mar. 5:** Children's Church

**Mar. 12:** Community Worship

**Mar. 19:** Children's Church

**Mar. 26:** Community Worship



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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](http://Kamp Kaleo) website at [kampkaleo.com](http://kampkaleo.com).

Visit the UCC Nebraska Youth and Outdoor Ministries Facebook [here!](#)



Wednesday Wonderers, Core 56 and Children's Church art displayed throughout the lower level foyer.

## ***Countryside Children & Youth Gallery***

Our mission is to create a safe environment for Countryside children and youth to explore their faith in the light of God's love through Community Worship, Children's Church, Core 56, Wednesday Wonderers, Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups, and other events.

