

Cherry Street
Youth Center

Newsletter
February 2026

MISSION

STATEMENT:

Cherry Street Youth Center, Inc., is an ecumenical ministry formed to help children develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, and academically within their community.

We are a non-profit, faith-based youth center. Our focus has been to share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the elementary and middle school aged children in Chanutte by providing them with a safe, secure, and fun place to go after school that offers a wide variety of learning experiences and opportunities.

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Learning about Young Jesus

Bible class at East has been learning about Jesus. During the Christmas season they learned about his birth and about Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to save baby Jesus from King Herod. Now they are learning about Jesus visiting the temple and being left behind when his parents left the city.

The picture shows the kids art work of showing Jesus in the Temple. On a side note, we did have a discussion about the importance of staying with our parents in public places.



Pizza Bombs!

Reading lab class read the book Maddie's Fridge. It's about two best friends and one of them is experiencing food insecurity in her home. The best friend tries to help Maddie have more food with several backpack food mishaps until she finally tells her mom she is worried about Maddie and her family. Her mom is able to help Maddie's family and pizza bombs are a special treat.

The East kids got to each make their own pizza bomb. They also learned about a few local resources for families in Chanutte that might be experiencing food insecurity. We all know kids learn better when basic needs like food and shelter are met.



Items needed at the centers

- individually wrapped candy (Starburst "share" bag, Jolly Ranchers, suckers, snack size chocolate candy, etc.)
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels

Garden Class

We are in a bit of a transition time. The kids have seeds started in the greenhouse and they are doing beautiful things. The seeds need a bit of water but the sun is doing the rest of the work for them to grow into seedlings for the garden. They also have a few plants started for our annual greenhouse sale that will be in May.

The kids have been learning about bugs that benefit the garden. How cute are those Bug Hotels? The goal is to create a safe place for beneficial bugs to over winter. They used shoe boxes and empty toilet paper rolls. The rolls got stuffed with organic material like sticks, pine needles, paper, and straw. The whole "hotel" can be composted when the bugs are finished with it!



Fresh Fruit Friday

Thank you to Larry & Sheri Calhoon for sponsoring the month of February!

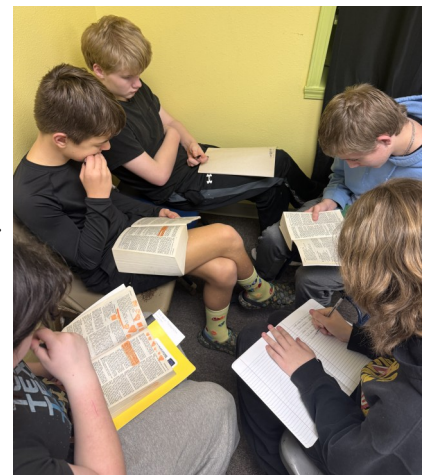
Happy
VALENTINE'S
DAY

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Warehouse Happenings

I just love seeing our middle schoolers reading the Bible together! Of the 31 kids registered to attend the Warehouse program, only 14 of them have an identified church home. That means a little more than half are not attending a church. Guiding our kids to Christ is our number one priority!

I am happy to share our kids made 12 pies for the Soupline with Ms. Sandy Haggard, the Nutrition Specialist from the K-State Extension and her volunteer Ms. Susan Stich. Ms. Susan baked a separate pie for the kids to get to sample their skills! Thank you to everyone that donated cherry and apple pie filling!



Soles 4 Souls

I am frustrated to share that we are taking down our donation box for shoes. It has been vandalized several times and has reached the point the door was ripped off. The Soles 4 Souls project is a wonderful program that helps get shoes to children and families all over the world that are in need.

We simply do not have the funds to purchase a new donation container and to be honest now that our middle schoolers are off campus, maintaining the organization and shipping has become an issue as well. We do thank all of you that donated shoes.

2025 tax donation statements for annual contributions of \$250 or more have all been mailed out. If you did not receive a statement and need documentation for your taxes, please call our office at 431-2161. All donations made to the Cherry Street Youth Center are tax deductible.

Items we need for Christmas 2026 baskets:
dish soap

