

Cherry Street
Youth Center



Newsletter
April 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 Chanute by providing them with a safe, secure, and fun place to go after school that offers a wide variety of learning experiences and opportunities.

Here's a fast and easy way to make your donation to Cherry Street. Use your PayPal account and scan our QR code



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SUMMER 2026!

We are nearly finished with our summer plans for 2026. Our program will run June 1st—July 23rd. We will again get to attend VBS at the 1st Baptist Church and have two weeks of swimming lessons. We also have a field trip planned to the Whitetails & Wildlife Museum in Humboldt if we can arrange transportation with USD 413.

Our kids will be in “Super Hero Training” with us. We will be training like Spiderman, the Hulk, David from the Bible, and even Jesus (He is the REAL deal!). Aquaman will have some competition after our kids finish another season of swim lessons and we will be learning how to make things fly in STEM class just like Superman!

We will be rolling out the summer registration for our currently attending Cherry Street kids the last week of March. We will then open registration for other children from the community April 6th. We hope to inform parents by the second week of May if their child will be able to attend this summer.

Be sure to watch our Facebook page for updated registration information and the link to register. We anticipate having 60 elementary spots and 25 middle school spots (5th graders will transition to our middle school program).

Playground News

I am so excited to share we are the recipients of a \$10,000 grant from the Casey’s Cash for Classrooms grant program to go towards purchasing new playground structures for our elementary programs!

That gives us a total of \$15,000 raised so far. To replace both play structures at our East and West locations, we anticipate the cost to be approximately \$200,000. That would include the cost of equipment, installation, and removal of the old equipment.

I am looking for additional funding opportunities or matching grant opportunities that we might be eligible for. Please let me know of any resources you may have a connection with. We keep the safety of our children as a top priority and our equipment is beginning to show it’s 20+ years of use.

We hope to begin the playground updates as soon as funding is secured. Thank you for all your support!

We have 1 open spot at East for a student in K-2nd grades and 2 spots open at West for students in 3rd-5th grades. Go to our website at www.cherrystreet.org to register your child!



Nothing beats the tire swings on a nice sunny day at East!

Super Hero Training!
Join us this summer for AMAZING fun!

The 2026 Cherry Street Summer program will be June 1st - July 23rd
Monday- Thursday 8:00 am- 12pm
Children currently in grades K-4th grades are welcome to register using the QR code below or by going to www.cherrystreet.org.
Breakfast and lunch will be served each day.
We will be learning about modern day heroes and some Biblical ones.

We will attend VBS at 1st Baptist Church and participate in swim lessons. There is a \$10 per child fee for lessons.
*Completing the registration will get your child on our waiting list. You will be notified if your child is able to attend the summer program.



Cherry Street Youth Center



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Casey's CASH for CLASSROOMS GRANTS

Fresh Fruit Friday
We would like to thank the New Hope Baptist Church for sponsoring the month of April!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Warehouse Happenings

Did someone say fresh, made from scratch, blueberry lemon scones?? YUM! It takes quite a few lemons to get a quarter cup of zest. I'm happy to report zero knuckles were injured in the zesting process, lol. The kids did enjoy a lemon taste testing challenge while the scones were baking. Some of their faces were priceless!

I am happy to report the new schedule we implemented due to the large number of middle schoolers signed up to participate in the after school program is going quite well. We currently have 35 kids registered to attend!

Our summer program for Warehouse will move to our West location. As you can imagine the large space of the Family Life Center would be very costly to keep cool the entire summer and it is convenient for the kids to walk to East for lunch each day during the summer. We will return to the Family Life Center at the Zion Lutheran Church in the fall when the after school program starts back up.

We will be hiring at least one new teacher for the middle school program a Miss Alice will be attending Pitt State and will be moving to Pittsburg. Please be praying for the right person to fill her shoes. We will officially post the position in June.



Annual Greenhouse Sale

We have scheduled our greenhouse sale a little earlier this year. We will be open for business on April 18th. We will post at a later date the specific time frame and plants, flowers, and vegetables availability information on our Facebook page and will have a few flyers around town. Miss Kim, the garden teacher, and the kids work really hard on seeding and transplanting everything so things will be beautiful for the sale.

The proceeds from the sale go right back into the garden classroom to purchase some of the "extra" things or unbudgeted purchases/repairs that come up.



Items we need for Christmas 2025 baskets:
household cleaner (like 409 or Clorox wipes)

We are accepting new and GENTLY used Mother's Day gift items. Bring them to 710 N Forest Ave.
Thank You!