



**Easter 2026**

Easter is a special time here at Cherry Street. Our number one priority is teaching children about Jesus and His great love for each of us. We want each child to know Jesus and to find salvation. Our Holy week at Cherry Street is full of stories, activities, and re-enactments of the days leading up to Easter Sunday.

We were once again blessed to have our amazing volunteers put together Easter baskets for EVERY child here at Cherry Street. Your donations of candy, eggs, baskets and grass make it all happen. Thank you for helping us make Easter memorable and special for our kids!



**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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**MORE Playground News**

Last month I shared that we received \$10,000 from Casey's Cash for Classrooms grant program towards replacing the play structures at our East and West locations. I am OVER JOYED to share we have received \$2,500 from the Community National Foundation and \$200,000 from the James & Jean Cooper Foundation for our playground project!!!

We will begin the bidding process right away to get this project underway! Our children will be so excited to use new equipment. Thank you for the generous donations to help us keep our children safe on the playgrounds!!



**SUMMER 2026!**

We only have a couple of spots left in our summer programs! You can still register your child on our web site at [www.cherrystreet.org](http://www.cherrystreet.org). We will let you know when your child has a spot. The program starts 8 am-12pm June 1st and goes until July 23 for kids K-4th grades and 10 am -2 pm for kids in 5th & 6th grades. If we fill up for June, we do anticipate open spots in the elementary program for July. We are looking forward to another amazing summer with the kids!



**Fresh Fruit Friday**  
We would like to thank the United Methodist Church for sponsoring the month of May!

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Warehouse Happenings

The warehouse kids make unleavened bread in cooking class in honor of Holy week. They agreed it isn't the tastiest recipe they have made so far this year, but it was interesting to learn the process.

The kids have been making personalized pennants in Art class and working on their Mother's Day gift pieces. In Tech class they been working on their coding skills. They are developing a Cookie Clicker game. The goal of the game is to collect cookies as quickly as possible. They have to avoid obstacles or they loose cookies. It's a pretty basic coding process and the kids are able to personalize their game with design and color options. In Bible they covered Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross. The knowledge of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins is pretty overwhelming. After Holy week they returned to the Old Testament to learn more about Moses.

We surveyed the kids last year before reopening the Warehouse to see if we should just focus on 6th & 7th grades. The overwhelming result was yes, just 6th & 7th but now all the current 7th graders want us to let 8th grade come too! We may need to re-evaluate before the 2026-2027 school year. What great news the kids want to keep coming! We have the space, but I'm not sure we will have the funds in the budget for additional staff. Please be praying about this for our children. We want to be sure we are meeting the needs of our kids but we have to be intentional with our plan and purpose.

### Annual Greenhouse Sale

We want to thank EVERYONE for coming to support our greenhouse sale! We also want to send a big shout out and thank you to our 5th graders that came to volunteer for the day. We sold \$1622 in plants! Those funds will go directly back into the garden program!



**Items we need for Christmas 2026 baskets:  
toilet paper**

Thank You to our amazing volunteers for preparing the newsletter for mailing each month! You're the BEST!