



Creative Center for Young Children

December 2025

Important Dates:

December 1-19, 2025

Reverse Advent Benefiting The Willkie House

December 19, 2025

Lunch with Santa (Preschool)

December 22-31, 2025

No school for DTS & DMPS

December 25, 2025

CCYC closed for Christmas

December 31, 2025

Center wide PJ and New Year's Eve Party

January 1, 2026

CCYC closed for New Year's Holiday

January 2, 2026

No school for DTS & DMPS

Updates from First Church

Join us Sunday at 10:30 AM!

Fellowship Time following worship in Kenyon Hall.

Join us on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) to participate in live stream worship at 10:30 AM.

Nursery and Children's Church available during worship

Sunday School begins at 9:15 each Sunday morning.
All are welcome!

Events at First Church

We Welcome and Affirm Everyone

December 13, 2025, 9:30am

Weaving for the Homeless in Kenyon Hall

December 24, 2025 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Service with more information coming soon for this service.

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First Church Website:

<https://dmfirstchurch.org/>



From the CCYC Office

Please fill out the RSVP form for Lunch with Santa on Friday December 19th for all our preschool families!

[Lunch with Santa Sign up! – Fill out form](#)

Lunch will be served at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please let Ms. Amanda or Ms. Nicole know if you have any questions.

Reverse Advent

This year we are completing a center wide reverse advent that is benefiting The Willkie House. A pillar of Des Moines' black community, the Willkie House legacy dates to 1917 when it hosted the War Recreation Board's leisure programs for black servicemen in the city. Its name and function changed in the early years, as did its location. The need for a larger, modern facility was clear by 1945, led by Lillian Edmunds, the new facility opened on June 17, 1951, as the Willkie House, named for Wendell Willkie, an American statesman who had called for equality of opportunity for all races. With time, the Willkie House's mission evolved to focus on youth development. The current mission of Willkie House is to develop character and esteem in young people through the promotion of academics, social skill building, health, and recreation. The Willkie House has an Amazon wish list of more items. You will find the Amazon wish list here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2V56FGE2ECJ5I/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

- 12/1: Crayons
- 12/2: Winter Hat
- 12/3: Pens
- 12/4: Construction Paper
- 12/5: Single serve Pretzels
- 12/8: Marker
- 12/9: Winter gloves
- 12/10: Small Canvas
- 12/11: Single serve Snacks
- 12/12: small prizes for a prize box
- 12/15: White paper
- 12/16: colored pencils
- 12/17: Stickers
- 12/18: Napkins
- 12/19: paper cups

Lunch with Santa!

Mark your calendars for December 19th if you have a preschool child attending CCYC. We will have our annual Lunch with Santa that morning. You should have seen the link in the box at the top of this page to RSVP for our Lunch with Santa as well as from the email Ms. Amanda sent out. We will be serving turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, roll, and fruit.

We have some other fun things planned for that morning. We will have reindeer games during our Creative Movement time, a fun Christmas tree craft time, and of course some gross motor time in the gym. Here is the schedule for our time with Santa if you would like to join us, you are more than welcome:

Picasso: 10:30-11:00

Bach: 10:00-10:30

Mozart: 9:30-10:00

Lunch will be served at 11:30 down in Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Week

Ms. Nicole recently sent out an email about care for all children during winter break. Normally, preschool children do not need to sign up for care, but we ask that everyone fills out this form so we can plan staffing. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. As a reminder, we will be closed on Wednesday December 25, 2025, for the Christmas holiday and Wednesday, January 1, 2026, for the New Year's Holiday. We want to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season! Ms. Amanda and Ms. Nicole.

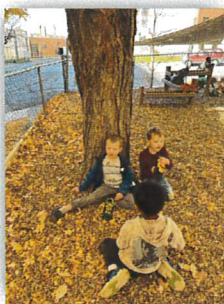
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Pictures from around CCYC



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