

# Adult/Youth 2025 Summer Sunday School Schedule

## 9:00 Room 210

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May 25	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
June 1	Spiritual Gifts – Understanding Spiritual Gifts in Scripture, Melissa Smithwick
June 8	Spiritual Gifts – Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, M. Smithwick
June 15	Spiritual Gifts – Using Spiritual Gifts in the Church and World – M. Smithwick
June 22	Spiritual Gifts – Love As the Greatest Gift & Growing in Faith – M. Smithwick
June 29	Mindfulness, Coping With Everyday Life, A Positive Approach to Dementia Care – Colleen Nolan
July 6	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
July 13 (VBS)	Hope Haven/Rescue Mission, A Look at Charlotte’s Homeless – Kristin Blinson
July 20	“What Is the Presbytery of Charlotte And What Do We Do?” - Jan Edmiston
July 27	“My Song, Your Song, Our Song: Presbyterians Making A Joyful Noise” - A discussion of congregational singing - Rev. Dr. William Pender
August 3	“The Good Book,” Examining the authority of the Bible for Presbyterians; How do Presbyterians use the Bible? – Rev. Dr. William Pender
August 10	Brain Health and Wellness / Memory/Wellness/Cognitive exercise – Jenny Yopp, The Ivey, Brain and Wellness Center
August 17	Lisa McLennon – Union Theological Seminary, Charlotte campus
August 24 (Biscuits and Bluegrass Sunday)	Adjusting to Your Lifestyle with Hearing Loss – Dr. Ivy Sauls
August 31	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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# Bios

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**Kristin Blinson** – Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Hope Haven, a therapeutic community providing a foundation of recovery for individuals and families impacted by substance abuse. She served the Charlotte Rescue Mission as Director of Development and then Vice-President/Chief Operations Officer. Kristin earned a Bachelor's degree from Davidson College, and a Master's degree from Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

**Colleen Nolan** - M.S. CCC-SLP, CDP - Positive Approach to Care certified Independent consultant.

**Rev. Dr. William Pender** – Rev. Dr. William C. Pender is honorably retired after 42 years of Presbyterian pastoral service (NC, FL, SC, and TN). He has a Ph.D. in New Testament from Duke University. He and his wife Sheri (new member of Sardis) settled in Charlotte to be near family who are Sardis members: Michael and Amy Pender Dockery, with children William, James, and Mary Lou.

**Dr. Ivy Saul**, Au.D - Audio and Hearing Services of Charlotte, Doctor of Audiology, Salus University, Elkins Park, PA

**Melissa Smithwick**, Sardis member – Enjoyed a 25-yr career as a Strategy and Transformation leader in financial services and Big 4 consulting. Currently transitioning to full time coach and speaker focusing on leadership development. Certified Life and Career coach. Earned a Master's degree in Christian Thought from Bethel Seminary, St. Paul MN. Volunteers as guardian ad litem in Mecklenburg Co. and a Girl Scout leader at East Meck.

**Jenny Yopp** – Director of Strategic Initiatives, The Ivey Center for Brain Health and Wellness