

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter September 2009



September Birthdays



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 20th - Trinity UMC
Homecoming

Sept. 28th - CLOSED

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

Fall Fundraiser - TBA

Oct. 16th & 17th - Long Creek Opry

Oct. 4th - Crop Walk

One Year Old

Addison Walker September 7th

Two Years Old

Olivia Ritter September 11th

Anthony Luber September 25th

Oliver Fee September 27th

Three Years Old

Savannah Massey September 13th

Maggie Naugle September 16th

Madison Martin September 21st

Four Years Old

Hannah Kraeger September 11th

Aidan Harper September 22nd

Gracie Cooke September 29th

Five Years Old

Addison Smart September 8th

Ty Smart September 8th

Tad Hudson September 10th

Lauren Simendinger September 21st

Jordon Brooks September 21st

Alexander Erickson September 22nd

About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Playschool Newsletter. We have a column called "Parent Exchange". In this column, you can tell the other parents anything that you would like to share. This is the space where you can announce yard sales; introduce your small business or any thing that would be of an interest to other parents. You never know, you may have something like a baby crib that another parent would love to buy used. Make sure you give Crystal or Shea any announcements that you want to include in the up coming newsletter by the 20th of the previous month.



Playschool Newsletters are now
on the webpage!

Check us out on the Web!

Please check out our new WebPages which are part of the new Trinity United Methodist Church Website. The web address is trinityumcofcharlotte.com. Look for us under the Playschool Tab. The site should be fully functional by October 1st. The pages will include: General Info, School Calendar, Archived and Current Newsletters, Staff Info, Registration Forms, and a Playschool Blog. The Blog will be updated regularly with all of the important dates and information happening at Trinity Playschool.

With Love from Claudia

September is such an exciting time here at the Playschool. Each year I think it can't get any better than this, but this year is amazing. I don't think we have ever had a group of parents and children more precious than we have this year. And don't even let me get started talking about the staff at Trinity. The children, parents and staff make me feel like a proud Mama. The other day as I was showing a parent of a two year old the classroom and I got so tickled. No sooner than the little girl walked in, two of our little girls ran up, grabbed her by her hands saying, "Let's play Ring Around the Rosie!" There is so much about this year that lets me know how truly special it is going to be.

As I stood outside on the first day and watched all the parents and children, I thought about our first year, almost 30 years ago. We could have never dreamed this as the Playschool opened the doors for the first time on a rainy September morning with 13 children enrolled. At that time there was only two members on staff and I didn't have a clue what I was doing. All I knew for sure was that God was leading and that Jeannine Reynolds and I loved children and it seemed like it was going to be a fun job. Boy, were we in for a shock. God's plans were so much larger than ours were. This place was not just a place where children get together and play and learned a few cute songs. Along with the children came whole families where God could make miracles happen.

As I look back over the years I see all the ways God has reinvented the school. Someone asked the other day when Trinity became an Inclusion School where children with special needs are a valuable part of each classroom community. I don't really know because as a staff we would have never thought we had the skills needed to

make a difference in the life of a child with autism. We may not have had the skills, but God does, and He has led us every step of the way. We could write books filled with stories of all the past years, but it's not over. Sit back and be amazed as we begin a new volume to our collection of unwritten books. Only God knows what is in store for this year but I promise each of you that you and your children are in for a marvelous ride.



Snack Help Donations

Everyday our children eat their snack out of a standard size coffee filter. These are great for holding snack and allow for quick cleanup. The children upstairs also get their juice in small paper or plastic 5oz cups. Because we use these items daily, we are asking for your help. If you could provide either or both of these items, we would be happy to receive them in the playschool office. Thank you in advance for your help in providing these snack time essentials!

2nd Harvest Food Bank

Through the end of the year, we are teaming up with church members to collect donations for 2nd Harvest Food Bank. These donations will go to help families in the area who are in need of a helping hand. Please join us by dropping off any donations in the playschool office. For 2nd Harvest, we are focusing on collecting cereal, boxes of individually packaged grits and oatmeal. We appreciate you joining us in this worthwhile endeavor.

From Jennifer's Desk



Monthly tuition payments are due on child attends each month and must be paid by the 15th. A late fee of \$10.00 will need to be added to all tuition payments received after the 15th. Please include your child's name in the memo line of your check. Checks can be made out to "Trinity Playschool" and placed in the drop-box outside of the playschool office. If you have any questions about accounts, please come see me in the playschool office. I will leave a note pad on my desk on days that I am not here. You may leave a note for me and I will get back with you when I am in the office. You may also contact me via email at tumcmoney@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Jennifer Harrison –Playschool Financial Controller

Hot Dogs

A few years ago a group of Trinity members (mostly senior citizens) came up with the idea of selling hot dogs each Wednesday to raise money to buy a church bus. That group of members have not only bought their bus but have helped pay off the family life center and so much more. The menu of hot dogs has grown over the years to include hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken sandwiches, bologna sandwiches, BBQ's, fries, chili and pintos. You'll even find some of the best homemade desserts that you will ever taste. Many of the playschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch together. It has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat on Wednesdays. Also, don't forget if your child stays for Lunch Bunch you may order their lunch in the Playschool Office and have it delivered Wednesdays. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did.

Enrollment Update

We do have a few spaces available in all age groups. Please let your friends and family know that there is still time to attend Trinity for the 2009 – 2010 school year. If you have any questions about availability, please let Claudia know. Also, any and all forms that you turn in during the course of the year should be given to Crystal or Shea in the Playschool Office.

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

We would just like to remind everyone that Playschool drop-off is no earlier than 8:55. This ensures that teachers get the time they need to prepare for the day ahead.

Playschool pick-up is at 12:00. We do assess a late fee of \$5 after 5 mins., \$10 after 15 mins., and then \$1 each additional 5 mins. afterwards. Same rates apply for lunch bunch.

Thank you parents for adhering to these guidelines that keep all of our children happy and safe.

Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.



This Sunday, **September 20th** is Trinity's Homecoming. This will be our last Summer Combined Service at 10:30 am. Please come and experience a great service and a great meal afterward.

The Following Sunday Worship Hours Start **September 27th**:

Celebration Service: 9:00AM

Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)

Worship Service: 11:00AM

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sunday afternoons. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!

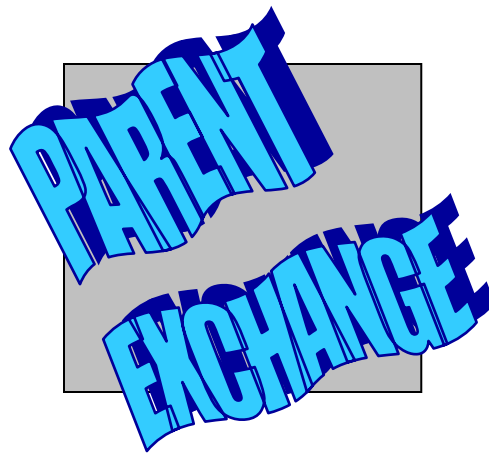
K-2nd Led by Shea and Holly Hartsell 5:00 - 6:30
3rd-5th Led by Margie & Buddy O'Shields and Mike Taormina 5:00 - 6:30
6th-12th Led by Shelly Black and Elizabeth Hyatt 5:00 - 6:30

Talk to Claudia or call the church office 704-399-1684 for more information!

DROP-IN LUNCH BUNCH

Drop-in lunch bunch is offered on a first come first serve basis. Any parent that wishes to have their child drop-in for lunch bunch must first see Crystal in the office so that she can approve the request.

Drop-in forms are available at the Playschool Office. The fee for Drop-in Lunch Bunch is \$10 this year and needs to be paid once space is verified and your request is approved.



ONE LUCKY PUP Dog Daycare and Boarding

One Lucky Pup is conveniently located just minutes from I-77 and Harris Blvd. Our facility offers your four-legged family member lots of love, socialization and plenty of exercise! We have over 24,000 square feet of outdoor play areas and 6,000 square feet of indoor climate controlled boarding and play areas. We also offer full service bathing or convenient self service bathing that allows you to bathe your own dog using our facility and products and we'll clean up the mess! For more information, please visit our website at www.oneluckypup.com or give us a call at 704-494-8476 to speak with an associate. We appreciate your business!

PORTAITS BY: The Sharpe Image

The Sharpe Image is announcing a special deal going into the Fall. For a limited time only, we will perform a location Portrait session with you, your family, or your pet for only \$100.00! We will give you a CD of edited images for you to get printed at your leisure. This is a great time to think about those back to school portraits, as well as portraits for Christmas. We also have several wedding packages starting as low as \$500.00!

Wanted:



- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three year old tiring, but like them anyway.
- People who know all the wet diapers in the world are worth the smile from a one-year-old.

**IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU,
YOU ARE NEEDED AND
WANTED AS A SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER FOR TRINITY
PLAYSCHOOL.**

On the bulletin board outside of Crystal and Jennifer's office you will find a sign-up sheet. On it, please put your name and phone number, days you could sub and ages that you feel comfortable working with. "Miss" April, our sub coordinator will get in touch with you if we need a sub for the day. Sub pay isn't great but the admiration and sticky kisses from a class of preschoolers more than make up for the small paycheck.

TWO NEW PROGRAMS AT TRINITY

EXTENDED PLAYSCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL ADVENTURES

We are excited to announce two new programs that take place here at Trinity. Please stop by the Playschool Office to register if either of these fit your needs.

The first program is Extended Playschool which allows your child to stay from

12:00pm – 3:00pm in the afternoon. Margie O'Shields, who taught our 6-month old class last year, heads up a fun afternoon for any playschool children. The monthly prices for the program are as follow:

1 Day per Week: \$50
2 Days per Week: \$100
3 Days per Week: \$150
4 Days per Week: \$200
5 Days per Week: \$240
Drop-In Rate: \$15 per Day



The second program, Afterschool Adventures, is hosted here but under the direction of Ja'net Brown. Her son Kolby attended Trinity Playschool so we know her well. Assisting her is our own Margie O'Shields. Together they are offering Before and Afterschool Care for children who are Playschool Age through 5th Grade. The hours for this program are:

Before School Care: 7:00am – 9:00am
Afterschool Care: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

If you are interested in this program, we will arrange for you to meet with Margie and view their Afterschool Area. You may pick up a complete list of prices for this program in the Playschool Office.

When Additional Help is Needed:

We adore all of our children at Trinity and believe each child was created perfectly by God. Sometimes it appears that a child could use additional services. Trinity is in partnership with the very best therapists from CMS, Thompson, Private agencies and we have Christie Knecht, behavior therapist, that we consider part of our staff. Our goal is that each child will reach their fullest potential while at Trinity and with our children we know...The Sky's the Limit! The following referral process outlines the details we use for acquiring extra help.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Trinity UMC Playschool shall use the following procedures for referring parents to appropriate social, mental health, educational and medical services for their child should the center staff feel that an assessment for such additional services be a benefit to the child. Whenever ANY staff member is concerned about a child's development or behavior, and feel that further evaluation should be performed, they should report it to the child's Lead Teacher who will review concerns with the Director. If the Director agrees, the Lead Teacher is requested to complete an observation report and review the child's record prior to making a referral.

REFERRAL MEETING WITH PARENTS

The Director schedules a meeting with parents to notify them of the center's concern and prepares a current list of possible referral resources. At the meeting, the Director and Lead Teacher will provide to the parent(s) a written statement including the reason for recommending a referral for additional services, a brief summary of the center's observations related to the referral and any efforts Trinity may have made to accommodate the child's needs.

The Director will offer assistance to the child's parents in making the referral. Parents will be encouraged to call or request in writing an evaluation. If parents need extra support, the Director of Trinity Playschool, with written parental consent, will contact the referral agency for them.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE REFERRAL

The Director will, with parental permission, contact the agency or service provider who evaluated the child for consultation and assistance in meeting the child's needs at Trinity UMC Playschool. If it is determined that the child is not in need of service from this agency, or is ineligible to receive services, the staff of Trinity UMC Playschool shall review the child's progress at the center every three months to determine if another referral is necessary.

RECORD OF REFERRALS

The Director/Lead Teacher will maintain a written record of any referrals, including the parent conference and results. A referral checklist will be kept in the child's record at school.