

Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter December 2012



Dates to Remember

Supper with Santa Wed, Dec. 5th

Deadline for returning Angel Tree Gifts -

Christmas Break - 12/19/12 - 1/1/13

**Happy Days for Moms and Dads - Children
return to school - Wed. Jan. 2**

Inclement Weather

If we should get snow or freezing weather and it is sticking, please come for your children, immediately. Don't wait for Charlotte Mecklenburg to close. If you wake to bad weather, check to see if CMS is closed and we will be also or call the school's number 704-399-1684 ext. 23 for a message from Claudia. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside daily unless it is raining or snowing.



Pick Up Late Fees

With the Christmas season approaching, we get busy and traffic increases. Please give yourself a little extra time when picking up your child, so a late pick up fee will not be added to your account. We have been letting everyone slide on this but will start charging late fees this month. We adore both you and your children, but many times teachers have appointments that they must get to at the end of school.

Please refer to your handbook on page 6 under Hours and Days of Operation.



Supper with Santa

December is the month for one of preschool's favorite events. As you all know the Hot Dog Committee serves lunch each Wednesday from 11:00 until 2:00 PM. On **DECEMBER 5TH**, they will reopen at 6:00 so we can welcome Santa Claus! He comes each year on Long Creek's Volunteer Fire Department truck. It is such a magical night as we stand on the steps waiting. The first thing that happens is we hear the siren and then we see the blinking lights through the trees as he makes his way down Beatties Ford Road. Adults feel like children again. Santa always arrives around **6:30pm** and will be available for photos with your child, so be sure and bring your camera. We will open the doors for Supper at 6:00 so come and enjoy a meal with your family before Santa arrives. On the menu you can choose from Hotdogs with all the fixings, Corn Dogs and fries. Invite your neighbors and join us for a magical night.



TUITION REMINDERS

All tuition monies for December must be in the office no later than 12:00pm, Friday, **December 14th**. After that, a \$10 late charge will automatically be charged to your account, unless you have talked to Cindy and made other arrangements. **Tuition fees for December do not change. Tuition is figured on a yearly basis, and then broken down for your convenience into monthly payments.** If you have any questions about tuition, please see Cindy in the preschool office.



*Join Us at Trinity UMC
during the Christmas
Season*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*You are invited to hear
"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

*Sunday, December 9th @5:00pm in the
sanctuary!*

JINGLE FOR JESUS II

*The children's program will be Sunday,
Dec. 16th @5pm in the FLC. Plenty of fun
for all ages! Music, dance, songs,
boomwackers, God Rods and much, much,
MORE...including SANTA and snacks. It
is not too late for your children to be a
part of the program. Bring your children
to the following practices:*

Kindergarten through 5th grade

Sunday - 12/2 - 4:00 until 5:30 PM

Sunday - 12/9 - 3:00 until 4:15 PM

Saturday - 12/15 - 12:00 until 1:00 PM

Preschoolers - ages 2, through 5 years

Saturday - 12/15 - 11:30 until 12:00 PM

*All Children in the play should arrive
on the 16th at 4:30 PM dressed in a
Christmas outfit.*

Christmas Eve

*You are invited to bring your families
and friends to worship with us beginning
at 8:00pm in the sanctuary. This is a
candlelight/communion service.*

Angel Tree



If you are looking for a wonderful feeling, take a tag off the tree and shop for a child you have never met. We have a chance to be Christmas love for a child.

The tree is located right as you come in to the school. Each tag on the tree represents a child or sibling of a child who attends Hornet's Nest Elementary and needs our help. There will be a sign up sheet on the table. Please put your name by the child's tag that you took. The Angel tree is at the entrance as you walk into the preschool. Wrap your gifts and secure the child's tag to the gift. All gifts need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 19th.



December Birthdays



Five Years Old

Addison Tran 18th



Three Years Old

Seth Hough 1st
Rachael Husak 11th
Landon Grove 17th



Note that the school will be closed for Christmas break on Dec 19th which is two days before CMS so that we may all have a full two weeks to enjoy the holidays.

With Love from Miss Claudia

The holidays are in full swing and I LOVE IT. Every room in my house is decorated and Christmas trees are everywhere. I find myself singing to my dog, "You better watch out, you better not pout, you better not cry, I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to town." She cocks her head and looks at me trying to figure out if her master has really lost it. This happens to me every year. I go into a manic state of delirium until God gets my attention. Each year He uses a different method. It may come in a quiet whisper...last year it was the baby Jesus in front of the church in the manger. As I walked by His little hands seemed to be reaching out to me. This year it came the way it has many times in the past, I had an Ah Ha moment; you know when something pops in your head with such an impact and clarity you wonder why you never thought of that before. As you know the children did their "Walk for Wishes" last month and raised a huge amount of money. The cash and checks received, totaled \$644.05 plus in the collection pot we also found a Hilton head golf marker, an English pound, an acorn, a rock, and a gum ball. Thanks to all who helped! Miss Cindy boxed up all the coins and took them to the bank to be run through the counting machine. She brought me the receipt that the machine gave, knowing me and knowing that I like things like that. The receipt showed the children had collected 2,360 pennies, 482 nickels, 736 dimes, 567 quarters and three silver dollars. I was trying to wrap my mind around 2,360 PENNIES! I told Cindy how amazing something so small as a penny could...Bam! I had my Ah Ha moment and my mind went to a very tiny baby who was sent to do a VERY BIG job. I kept

thinking about the pennies and the difference they made and how that didn't come close to the impact that tiny little baby had that was born in a manger over two thousand years ago. May your Christmas be filled with tiny little things that become huge miracles.



*The entire staff
at Trinity would
like to wish you
a very*

Merry  *Christmas*