



# Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter December 2014

## Dates to Remember

Supper with Santa Wed, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Break - 12/22/14 - 1/2/15

## Looking Ahead to the New Year

Happy Days for Moms and Dads - Children  
return to school - Wed. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>  
School Closed MLK day - Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>  
School Closed - Jan. 23

## 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.



## Life in the Classroom With the young 3's



Classroom life with the young 3's is always exciting. We are learning new and exciting things and learning about each other. We know that **Cara** loves super heroes. **Jonathan** loves to paint. **Ms. Lillian**, is so expressive with her hands, when she speaks. **Carly** loves to snuggle

and lead our line. Our classroom "mother hen" is **Sydney**. **Logan** is our silly rough and tumble guy. **Zoe** loves to sing and dance. **Georgia** and **Anneliese** can always be found in our play kitchen fixing dinner. **Milo** is helping our class learn to count to 10 in Spanish. **Ryder** is sure to let the other teachers know how hard we have been "working" him. **Allison**, our quiet girl, is coming out of her shell and starting to chatter. Finally, **Rishaan**, our "Thomas the Train" conductor is coming home from India this month. We are enjoying our classroom life. There is never a dull moment.

## Supper with Santa

December is the month for one of my favorite events. For many years Santa has visited the first Wednesday in December. Fearing the doctor would not let me out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> so soon after surgery; I called Santa and told him of my dilemma. He is going to change a few things around and come this year on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup>.



As you all know the Hot Dog Committee serves lunch each Wednesday from 11:00 until 2:00 PM. On **DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**, 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 a hot dog or chicken nugget plate. The price is \$3.00. 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, Monday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## December Birthdays



### Five Years Old

Seth Hough      December 1<sup>st</sup>

### Four Years Old

Kingston Stokes      December 4th  
 Jerrick Ferguson      December 9th  
 Bentley Bruce      December 18th

### Three Years Old

Georgia McMillan      December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Two Years Old

Levi Key      December 24th

*With  
from*



*Love  
Miss*

## *Claudia's Daughter*

\*\*\* Written mid-November

As far as I am aware, there has never been another person asked to write the With Love, From Claudia column for the Trinity Playschool Newsletter, so when my mother asked me to do this a few weeks ago I found the idea of it rather daunting. The notion of sitting down and doing so was a bit intimidating, especially considering it has only been a few short weeks since we learned she has breast

cancer and are now trying to help her prepare for the course of treatment that is in the very near future. So cancer...it is pretty much the only thing on my mind and who wants to write about that? My thoughts on the subject are easy to convey. I hate it. I don't wish it on my worst enemy. We desperately need a cure. And lastly, don't get me wrong...pink is a fabulous color (happens to be my niece's favorite!) but I'm over it. I never care to see pink again. So that sums up my thoughts on cancer – but I've realized there's something way more important to write about...

My mother is a *VERY* social person (that shouldn't be a surprise to most of you that have met her!). A few days after getting her diagnosis Mom took to Facebook to begin sharing this journey with friends and family members. I was horrified as I started watching this play out on social media. (Side Note: It's not that I am anti-social, or even anti-social media, I enjoy Facebook too! I'm just not a put it all out there kinda girl like my mom is.) I saw as my Mother's prayers, praises, fears and even humor was written on her wall and shared with friends. I noticed the "Likes" and read several of the comments in response to her various postings. And I found myself thinking less and less about cancer and more and more about family, and those

individuals that were a part of the Trinity Preschool family. Former preschool “kids” were coming out of the woodwork! I watched as many former preschool graduates that now have children of their own rallied around my mom to share their love and support. I watched as literally 30+ years of playschool graduates, their parents and other family members reached out to show their love and support for mom. Ya’ll are no joke – you have lots of love. It goes without saying that there is something special there at Trinity Playschool. It’s the families, the teachers, staff...and dare I say my mother. Yes. I do. This Thanksgiving I know I will be thankful for the power of prayer and the teachers, staff and families at Trinity Preschool.

So are you ever going to be able to look at my Facebook page and read about what I had for breakfast? – Probably not. But am I also thankful for social media and the ability it gives us to connect with those we love? – Absolutely. Thank you for being there and loving my mom as much as you do.

\*\*\* Update written the morning of December 1. Mom had surgery one week ago today. She was discharged last Wednesday and able to share Thanksgiving dinner with her family on Thursday. Last Saturday she bossed the entire family around as she had us put up her Christmas decorations. (Another thing that is no joke...10 trees, hundreds of lights, bows, garland...) The preliminary testing indicated that her cancer had NOT spread and that surgery was a huge success. Please continue to pray for her to maintain a sense of peace as she waits for the final pathology report later this week.

*Join Us at Trinity UMC  
during the Christmas  
Season*



*Live Nativity  
Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 5pm.*

*Come enjoy hot  
chocolate and cider!  
Dress warm and bring  
a blanket.*



## *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*



The Angel Tree is up! Each tag on the tree represents a child or sibling of a child who attends Hornet's Nest Elementary and needs our help. There is a sign up sheet on the table next to the tree. Please put your name and phone number 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 Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.