

Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter December 2017



Dates to Remember

Keepsake Christmas - Sun. Dec 3rd 3 pm
Supper with Santa - Wed, Dec. 6th 6:00 pm
Christmas Break - 12/20/17 - 1/3/18

Looking Ahead to the New Year

Happy Days for Moms and Dads - Children
return to school - Wed. Jan 3rd
School Closed MLK day - Jan. 15th
School Closed - Jan. 22



December Birthdays



Two years old

Addison Smallwood December 27th

Three years old

Prakriti Madhavan December 15th

Four years old

Addison Joyner December 11th

Callie Joyner December 11th

Jake Black December 27th

Lucas Dempsey December 30th

Five years old

Landon Whitby December 26th

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 below 32 degrees.



TUITION REMINDERS

All tuition monies for December must be in the office no later than 12:30pm, Friday, **December 15th**. After that, a \$10 late charge will automatically be charged to your account, unless you have talked to Sara 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 Sara or Shelly in the preschool office.

**KEEPSAKE
CHRISTMAS:
A Christmas
Event for
Families**



On **Sunday December 3 @ 3pm** Trinity will host a Christmas program that families will love and can experience TOGETHER! During this engaging one-hour interactive program, you will hear a dramatic retelling of the Christmas story, sing Christmas songs, enjoy a snack AND each child will make their OWN keepsake nativity scene to cherish for years to come.

With Love from Miss Claudia



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Many parents feel that it is very important to ALWAYS be completely honest with your children and I could not agree more, but let's just imagine, what if you the parent, still believes in Santa Claus? Each year I watch the radar on TV to find out where Santa is. On Christmas Eve, the excitement is real and in my heart, he is real. Are we teaching our children to be gullible? Will they be upset when they find out the truth and think that we have lied to them? Most researchers feel that characters like Santa and the Easter Bunny are all harmless parts of a healthy child's fantasy world. Usually about the age of seven years old, children begin to realize that someone else is eating the cookies and drinking the milk, but instead of anger and disappointment, they feel pride in figuring it out. I personally think that Santa and the Easter Bunny are an enjoyable and important part of childhood. We can all use a little magic in our lives. Some might disagree with me on this whole issue about "telling their kids the truth" and say it's lying to their kids...but I think it helps develop their imagination and gives them something to look forward to on Christmas eve, Easter eve, losing a tooth....I still remember when I found out and remember the excitement it brought that made things "magic" I still believe in magic, just a different kind!! I remember one time on a mountain retreat with the MYF youth group seeing a beautiful sight. It was night time. We looked across a field to a mountain covered with pine trees. All through the branches were beautiful points of flashing lights. One of the kids said, "What is that?" I could have said lighting bugs, but found myself saying "Tree Fairies". Those kids are now in their early forties and they tell me

that they still think of me every time that they see tree fairies.

So I will end this column with part of the letter written to Virginia, from the editor of the New York Sun.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

Supper with Santa



December is the month for one of my favorite events. On Wednesday, December the 6th, we will have a visit from Santa Claus. He comes each year on the 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.

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 Friday, December 8th.

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

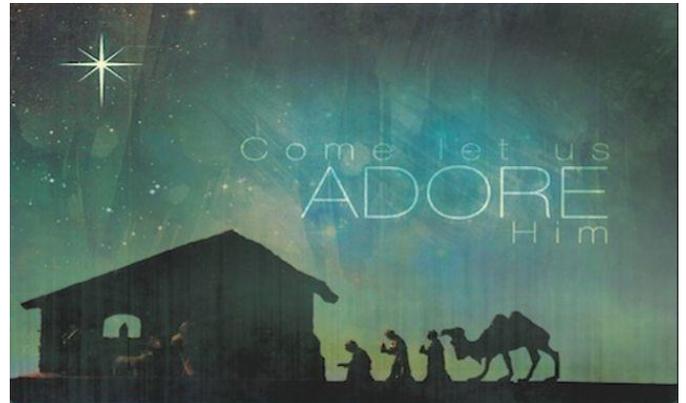
Flu Season is Here

It has been verified that a few of our children have already had the flu. Most children feel bad for a few days, but then make a full recovery. Our concern is, children returning to school too soon after being ill may pass on germs to their little

friend who may not be so lucky and

end up in the hospital. As our policy states, children should be without a fever or taking fever deducing medicine for 24 hours before returning to school. There are many times that the fever breaks, but children still do not feel well and have bad coughs or a lot of drainage. Remember that you can have the flu without the symptom of fever. We ask that you keep your child at home resting, so that they may fully recover and not pass the germs to their friends. Christmas is a very special time in the lives of children and adults and we want everyone to feel well for the holidays.

Christmas Services at Trinity



COME LET US ADORE

On December the 10th during the eleven o' clock service, the sanctuary choir will present Come Let Us Adore, a musical where we return to the scene of the humble manger. Come hear a blend of old and new Christmas music as we relive the miraculous story of Christ's birth.

There will be two services on Christmas Eve, one at 11:00 Am and a candle light service at

8:00 PM. Please come and join us.

Parent Exchange

I am a real estate agent with Your Carolina Realtors at RE/MAX Executive.

I will gladly offer anyone from our Trinity community my "friends & family" discount as well as donate a portion of every sale to the preschool.

Call, text or email anytime!

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Winter Sessions Registration



Each year we have little ones starting in January. If you have a child in Miss Mary's Class and you would like to add days to their

week, now it is to time to do it. A couple of you have already talked to me about it. I need you to talk to me as soon as possible so I can plan for your needs. We have the option of enlarging our Monday through Wednesday class or adding a new class on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have friends or neighbors that have shown an interest in enrolling their children and they were one year old, before September 1, 2017, now is the time to schedule a tour on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning before we leave for Christmas break on the 20th. We also have limited available spaces in our older classes.



My Present to Baby Jesus

The children are learning about the wonder of how Jesus came to Earth from Heaven as a tiny baby. They know what a gift

that was to us, so they began talking about what they would give to the baby Jesus, if they had been there. Here are some of the answers from some of Miss Susan's students.

Landon - I will give Baby Jesus a King Kong Christmas ornament. He will put it on His tree.

Mason - I will give Baby Jesus a big blanket. It will keep Him warm.

Lillie - I will give baby Jesus an LOL doll. He will play with it in His crib.

Wyatt - I will give Baby Jesus a special cape. It turns into a blanket, so He won't be cold.

Havisha - I will give Baby Jesus a yo-yo. He will make it go up and down.

Fischer - I will give Baby Jesus some "Silly String" He will spray it on the clouds!

Jack - I will give Baby Jesus a teddy bear to play with. When He grows up, He will protect me.

Daphne - I will give baby Jesus a new kitchen set. He can cook Spaghetti and Meatballs

Sonora - I will give Baby Jesus a scooter. He can ride the scooter instead of driving a car,

Taylor - I will give baby Jesus an apple. He will eat it for snack, when he is hungry.

Matthew - I will give Baby Jesus some blocks.
He ca build a big tower1