



Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter March 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 3rd - Soccer Shots Spring Semester Begins
 Mar. 5th - Trinity's 60th Annual BBQ 11am-until
 Mar. 9th-27th - Butter Braid Fundraiser
 Mar. 15th - Preschool Sunday - 9am & 11am
 Mar. 27th - Teacher Workday (School Closed)

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr. 3 & 6 - Event Images (Class Pic & Grads)
 Apr. 4th - Easter Egg Hunt (Trinity UMC)
 Apr. 7th - Butter Braids Delivered
 Apr. 9th-17th - Spring Break - School Closed
 April 11th - Easter Egg Hunt (Hopewell Presby.)
 Apr. 12th - Easter Sunday



March Birthdays

Two Years Old

Parker Joyce March 2nd
 Isaac Gonzalez March 4th

Three Years Old

Hailey Basham-Wall March 22nd

Four Years Old

Gillian Twigg March 12th
 AJ Miller March 26th

Five Years Old

Rajveer Sushil March 21st

Butter Braid Fundraiser

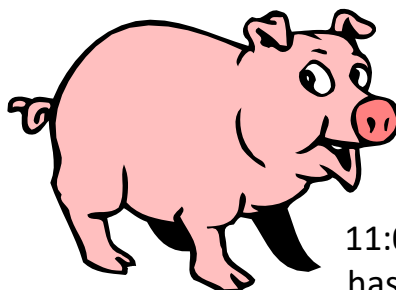
March 9th - March 27th we will be having our Butter Braid fundraiser. The school makes over \$5.00 on each unit sold. Butter Braids come in a wide variety of flavors and take up very little space in your freezer. All you have to do is take them out, thaw, rise, and bake!



Please plan to sell as many Butter Braids as possible to friends, family, and neighbors. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we use the funds from this fundraiser to help offset the costs incurred throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued support!

BBQ - THIS WEEK!

Thurs, March 5th is the Big Day!



Don't Forget!!!

BBQ Time Is Here!!!! Don't miss getting BBQ 11:00 am until. Trinity has the best around.

You can dine in or go through the drive-thru line. Prices are as follows:

\$10.00 for three sandwiches or a plate
 \$10.00 for a one-pound package



Trinity UMC Preschool

2020-2021 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration Report

We have a good start on registration for the Summer Sessions and Fall 2020-2021 school year. Our classes are filling up fast and we are doing tours for new students each and every week. If you haven't gotten your registration forms turned in yet, please do so as quickly as possible to ensure your spot for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, feel free to email Shelly for more information at shelly@trinityumccharlotte.com!



SAVE THE DATE

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th
@ Trinity UMC

Plan on hopping by to enjoy egg dying, cookie decorating, a craft, treats, and the Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring 12 plastic eggs filled with treats for the hunt. If you have any questions, see Shelly Black for more information.

TRINITY UMC



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY
MARCH 15TH

Please consider joining us as we celebrate Trinity UMC Preschool on Sunday, March 15th at either the 9:00am or 11:00am service or BOTH! The children will lead the service and our own Reverend Jimmy Howard will be delivering the message.

It will be a beautiful day in the house of the Lord as the children share Bible verses, sing songs, play the handbells, and more. You will see art on display and have the opportunity to tour our facilities.

Immediately following the 11:00 service, we will be hosting a luncheon with proceeds from the meal going to support the Claudia Myers Scholarship Fund. The cost will be a donation.

We hope you will be able to join us. We would love to see you and share all that Trinity UMC Preschool is doing.

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A Sneaker Recycling Organization

We are now raising money for our outreach ministries – such as our Backpack Ministry, Montana Mission Team, and Summer Lunch Program. The sneaker recycling organization will pay us one dollar for each pair of old sneakers that are still wearable and 50 cents even if they are not. Please check out yours and your kids closets and bag them up and put them in the bin located near the front entrance. (Please Donate Sneakers Only)

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JIMMY HOWARD

Hello Trinity Preschool, There is an old saying that goes: If you just ignore them, they will go away.

I am not sure where this adage came from. I researched the origin and didn't get anywhere. I suppose this saying has just been around for so long that no one really knows where it came from. The heart of this aphorism is that if we just ignore someone or something long enough, eventually it'll all go away. If we ignore something long enough it will sooner or later no longer be a bother to us. So, I tried that with my power bill. Yes, the dreaded power bill came last week; and, I knew it would be a doozy. After those cold mornings, I considered that Duke Energy could probably pay an extra dividend off my bill alone. And, there it was in my mailbox. That dreaded power bill. And, yes indeed the temptation was great...to just not open it. One response of course would have been to have ignored it; and, to hope that it would go away.



Yes, ignoring it would have been one way to handle it, right up until I am sitting at home in the dark. Denying and ignoring are always responses, not good ones but responses, nonetheless. At the core of things, denying and ignoring are fear-driven ways of dealing with things. We do it all the time and I am guessing that we have become so good at denying and ignoring that we may not even recognize when we are doing it.

And, this brings me to matters that we perhaps may ignore with regard to our children. Have you ever considered that every child comes into this world free of fear, falsehood and superstition? Yet, fear, falsehood, superstition and denial are learned habits. To put a finer point on things, the world just jumps on us and introduces us to pain, right out of the gate. We enter families of origin where a pecking order is already established. We begin our marathon of institutionalized schooling in life, feeling all confident and everything, only to find out that we do not measure up in multiple ways. Other kids may appear smarter, better dressed, more mature and simply have their acts together better than we do; and, we feel they are light-years ahead of us. Never mind that often there is as much as a year of age difference between the oldest and the youngest kid in any given class. When you are five years old, that's a twenty percent difference in maturity level.

So, we are driven to consider that we do not measure up and this forces us to go into a mental repair shop to fix what really *ain't* broken. But we think things are broken, nonetheless. I say again, every child comes into this world free of fear, falsehood and superstition. Then kids learn the human-made stuff.

So, where am I going with this? Our kids need to learn early on that God loves them right where they are; and, we do too! Have you ever considered that God's mission is to lead us back to where we came from, our original innocence? And, the Bible tells us plainly what God's vision looks like, "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness (Genesis 1:26a NIV).'" This was God's vision for us. And, it's been God's plan all along, to make a way to bring us home.

Jesus elevated the status of all children. He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these (Mathew 19:14 NIV)."

He also said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3 NIV)."

To watch my children and grandchildren learn about pain brings me great pain. How much greater then; does God feel pain watching us hurt?

We know how much our pain matters to God. God showed up in person to declare that hurt mattered. What if...what if today we decided that our mission was a simple one, one of just reducing pain wherever we saw it? At the very least, why not decide to stop perpetuating it? There is a new hymn out by Tasha Cobb by the title of *Break Every Chain*:

There is power in the name of Jesus... to break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.

God has made a way to *break every chain* that has damaged us in this life. We can be born again; and, it is our job to introduce our kids to the Savior who is Christ the Lord. He will lead us to the Promised Land.

So, I opened my power bill. It was painful. But my family and I were warm and safe from the cold. It was a pretty good trade!

In His Love, Jimmy Howard



61st Annual Trinity UMC BBQ

Thursday, March 5th – 11am Until

**Trinity United Methodist Church
6230 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC 28216**

Feel free to eat in, take out, or drive thru!

**Cost: \$10.00 per plate or 3 sandwiches
\$10.00 per pound**



For more information call the Church Office at 704-399-1684
Or visit our website www.TrinityUMCofCharlotte.com



We are going to have a
GREAT Summer in 2020!

Last Summer Sessions were AMAZING and this year we plan to top it AGAIN! We will have classes for our preschool children, two years through five years old and our Summer Adventure Camp for Elementary Age Children – Rising 1st-6th graders. The first year we hosted an Elementary Summer Camp, the older children were hesitant to come, because it was at a Preschool. They soon found out that this adventure is designed especially for them. We've already heard from several of our students from last year who are planning to return! It's going to be another GREAT Summer at Trinity UMC Preschool!

Check out our Summer curriculum for Preschool and Elementary age students on the next page!



Looking for Summer Staff

We may need additional Summer Staff. If you have ever taught preschool, Sunday School, or just have a love of children and think that you would enjoy a part time summer job, please contact the Preschool Office to apply! Like all teachers, the pay could never be what you are worth, but the benefits are amazing!



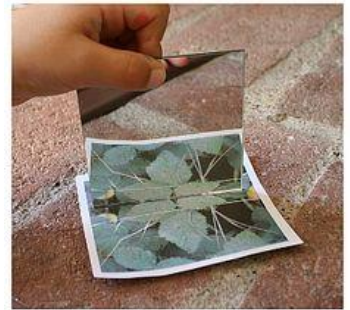
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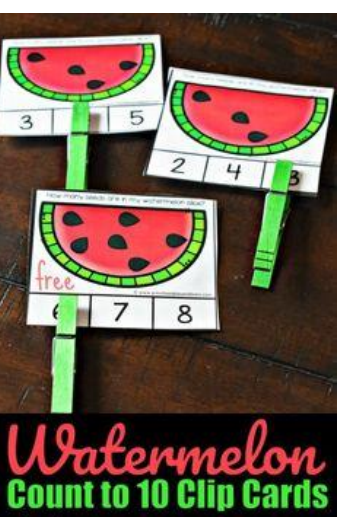
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Hot School PUDDLE JUMPING



Exploring Symmetry in Nature Math, Science, and the Outdoors





Preschool Summer Camp Fun 2020

Session One

Week 1 – 6/9 – 6/11 "SUMMER!"

Yaay! For Summer Break! We are going to be doing all things summer! We will be having fun with water, enjoying a popsicle on the playground, and going to the beach!

Week 2 – 6/16 – 6/18 "All About Trees"

Are trees alive? Our preschoolers will be exploring to find the answer to that question. We will be doing tree bark rubbings, researching different types of trees, and create our own tree guide!

Week 3 – 6/23 – 6/25 "Flowers & Symmetry"

Through many different activities and art projects, we will help teach our preschoolers all about symmetry! We will be identifying symmetry throughout the classroom and in nature!

Week 4 – 6/30 – 7/2 "Animals and their Habitats"

We are going to focus on three major habitats and the animals that live there.
We are going to learn about the forest, the ocean, and the arctic habitats!

Session Two

Week 5 – 7/14 – 7/16 "Bugs & Butterflies"

We are going to transform our classroom into an insectarium! Preschoolers will be able to rescue bugs from the sensory bin, study, and identify them!

Week 6 – 7/21– 7/23 "Weather"

Rain or shine, we will be teaching our preschoolers all about the why behind the weather. We will study different types of weather activities, make shape clouds, and talk about what to wear!

Week 7 – 7/28– 7/30 "Construction"

CAUTION! You are entering a zone under construction! We will be building, cutting, and working hard this week. Learning is hard work... especially with a construction theme!

Week 8 – 8/4– 8/6 "Dinosaurs"

ROAR! We are going to be talking about dinosaurs this week! We will learn about the different types of dinosaurs, study the eggs they hatch from, and do a dig to hunt for fossils.



Summer Adventure Camp 2020

For Elementary Ages Rising 1st – 6th Graders!

Session One - God's Natural World

Week 1 – 6/9 – 6/11 – "Hike an Unnatural Trail"

God created a beautiful world but there are places our world has been littered by manmade items. Campers will learn a valuable lesson about conservation and keeping nature clean and beautiful by walking an unnatural trail.

Week 2 – 6/16 – 6/18– "My Neighborhood Tree Guide"

Campers learn to identify trees by their leaves, seeds, bark, and overall shape. Through experiments they will learn how to estimate the age and height of trees.

Week 3 – 6/23 – 6/25 – "Finding Symmetry in Nature"

Learning opportunities are everywhere in nature! It is filled with all kinds of shapes and patterns. Campers will see God's hand in nature as they learn about rotational and reflection symmetry.

Week 4 – 6/30 – 7/2 – "What's Your Habitat?"

Campers will explore basic survival needs of humans and wildlife as they study and draw their own homes and neighborhoods.

Season Two - Magic Tree House Adventures

This amazing book series features Jack and Annie as they journey around the world and study history through a magic tree house. These books help students dive deeper into the subject matter, learn about different events in history, and discover other cultures.

Week 5 – 7/14 – 7/16 – "Buffalo Before Breakfast"

Join us as we travel back 200 years ago to the Great Plains, meet the Lakota Indians, and learn how to hunt buffalo. Can Jack and Annie stop the stampede? We will study buffalo artifacts and learn more about the Lakota Tribe.

Week 6 – 7/21 – 7/23 - "Twister on a Tuesday"

Jack and Annie are whisked to a midwestern prairie in the 1870s. They visit a one-room schoolhouse and learn about the hard life of the pioneers. Campers will learn about pioneer life on the prairie and all about the threat of tornados.

Week 7 – 7/28 – 7/30 - "Earthquake in the Early Morning"

An adventure that will shake you up! That's what Jack and Annie get when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to California in 1906. We will study the effects of the famous San Francisco earthquake that hit the city that day.

Week 8 – 8/4 – 8/6 - "Hurricane Heroes in Texas"

Jack and Annie are caught out in the rain in the most dangerous Magic Tree House mission yet! With the help of Meteorologist Brad Panovich, we will study how Hurricanes are formed and what makes them so dangerous.