



Trinity UMC
Playschool
Newsletter
November 2015



November
Birthdays



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 5th and 6th - (Preschool CLOSED) WNC Conference

Nov. 7th - Fish Fry 4PM until...

Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day (Preschool CLOSED)

Nov. 22nd - Shoebox Sunday

Nov. 25th, 26th & 27th - Thanksgiving Break

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 2nd - Supper with Santa

Dec. 21st - Jan. 1st - Christmas Break

Five years old

Tyler Woolford November 3rd

Three years old

Taylor Woolford November 8th

Chloe Pierson November 28th

Two years old

Harper McMillan November 26th

Rocco Falcone November 26th

Seve Liner November 30th

Every Sunday:

We invite you to bring your family and be a part of our family each Sunday.



Celebration Service: 9:00AM

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

Worship Service: 11:00AM



Hi, I wanted to tell you about Trinity's delicious Fish Fry because I definitely will not be there!

Fish Fry
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
4:00pm – until
FLOUNDER, CATFISH,
SHRIMP, FRIES, SLAW,
HUSHPUPIES
\$10.00 per plate
Sponsored by - Trinity United Methodist Men



Don't Forget

Daylight Savings Time is over,

November the 1st. That is the day that we move our clocks back one hour. I love the fact that when I wake at 6:30 am, I can say that it really is 7:30 am.

WNC Workshop

We are going back to school!

Each fall the Western North Carolina Conference holds a workshop for teachers and directors who work with preschool children. The conference offers two days (November 5th and 6th) where over fifty different classes are available. This year the workshop will be held in Matthews, NC. The entire staff will be attending. The teachers always come back from the workshop inspired and motivated.



Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Special thanks go out to the firefighters at Long Creek Vol. Fire Dept. They visited our children during Fire Prevention Week. Long Creek Fire Department has supported the preschool for the whole 30 some years that we have been open. As a matter of fact, some of them are Trinity Preschool graduates! We will be seeing them again in December when they bring Santa Claus to Supper with Santa. The firefighters have told us that Santa really gets excited each year, when they turn on the lights and sirens.

With Love from Miss Claudia

Our first reunion of Trinity UMC (Playschool) Preschool was amazing! I so wish that I could have gotten in touch with all the alumni, parents and staff over the last 34 years. Hopefully in a few years technology will have reached the point to find a person when all you have is a name. One thing I did

learn from this reunion is that October may not be the best time to have a reunion. It seems to be a prime month to have weddings, family reunions and people who have taken off for that last vacation before the winter cold sets in.

All of us wonder sometimes if we are making a difference at our job. You wonder if your co-workers know how very hard that you are trying and if I, as a preschool worker, sometimes have these feelings, I can only imagine how more intense those questions are for people who work on secular jobs, like banks, retail and corporate businesses.

As I talked to the alumni I was humbled by things that they remembered about different staff members at Trinity Preschool that made a profound difference in their life and the person that they would eventually become. I realize that this does not apply only to people who work in Christian schools but all people who daily are given opportunities to make a difference in other lives. One thing that I know for sure is that every one of the over 2,000 children, who have come through these doors have made an amazing impact of my life.

So if you have those feelings sometimes that you aren't appreciated, remember that you are a child of God and you have been made perfectly to be able to make a positive difference in the lives that God chooses to put in your path and watch for those opportunities. When you think about it, your time on earth is short. Pats on the back mean nothing except for a few minutes of good feelings, but if you can make a difference in at least one life, that is all the reward any of us needs. It is never the way we see ourselves through other's eyes but the way God sees His perfect child, which is what life is all about!

Life in the Classroom

A Visit with "Miss" Mary Young Two Year Olds

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho it's off to work we go! Even though the children think of school as fun and play, they are actually busy at work...learning all the while. When children are building tall towers with blocks they are using math skills as well as cause and effect. Figuring out puzzles or shape sorters helps with spatial awareness and size recognition. Looking at the same book over and over builds confidence and memorization skills. Simply coloring or drawing helps develop fine motor skills which are necessary for correctly holding a pencil or scissors. Parallel play will eventually lead to friendships. The list could go on and on but I think you get my point. Even though it may seem like your children are just playing at preschool, they are developing important social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills that will create a strong foundation for their next developmental stage.

If that was a bit too wordy just know that your children are doing exactly what preschoolers should do...play, play, play and have fun in the meantime! Please soak up every minute you can with these precious gifts from God. They grow up in a hurry and once they enter "big" school, you will find yourself (at times) wishing they were back in preschool ☺

I enjoy all the different parts of our day but my favorites are singing and dancing, even though I am horrible at both. I can let loose and watch them laugh and smile which brings me joy!

Miss Mary

Kids Say and Do the



Cutest Things

One Thursday, Miss Susan was having a math lesson and since they were studying Columbus Susan was using different size boats for the activity. They were talking about Large, Larger and Largest and Small, Smaller and Smallest. Tyler Woolford said and then there is (He was saying a word that started with M). I heard Susan say a couple times "What". I don't think she understood him at first because he was saying a word that you never would dream a four year old could say or knew the meaning to. When Susan got to the word Smallest, he was saying, " And then there is Minuscule." Every year these kids are getting smarter and smarter.



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For Our Safety

The door will be
locked except for

8:55 until 8:10 and then again at 12:25 until 12:35. Please try and come during those times. If not, you will need to ring the bell and wait until someone can come and let you in. By the way, sometimes the doorbell gets stuck and you need to just punch it again to stop it.

Thanks,
Miss Claudia

Walk for Wishes

Thank You So Much for all the parents who came early to support the children as they walked with their strong little bodies for children aren't as lucky as they are. The older kids here really understand why they are walking and collecting money. Children are so kind and giving and want to help anyone they can. The littlest ones may not have fully understood what they were doing and why but they were old enough to enjoy the walk and could see by the smiling faces of the adults that they were loved. The children collected 1,499 pennies, 396 nickels, 498 dimes 489 quarters, 30 one dollar bills and a \$100 check, giving Team Isaiah a total of \$336.84. KIDS, YOU DID GREAT!!!!

Supper with Santa

December is the month for one of my favorite events. For many years Santa has visited the first Wednesday in December.



As you all know the Hot Dog Committee serves lunch each Wednesday from 11:00 until 2:00 PM. On **DECEMBER 2nd**, 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 a chicken nugget plate. The price is \$3.00. Invite your neighbors and join us for a magical night.



Hello Parents,

We are getting ready for Thanksgiving in Music class. All ages will sing songs about

Thanksgiving including some silly songs about Turkeys (and how the kids save the turkeys from becoming the Thanksgiving meal). Our theme song for the month is "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart." I thought this fit our Thankfulness theme, since showing God our gratitude for his blessings brings us so much JOY!

The 1s, 2s and 3s classes will get to play a lot of instruments this month including drums, bells and shakers. We will explore how they make sound, how to hold and play them and will even do some sound experiments with them.

The Pre-K class will continue their lessons with Mozart Mouse and will learn about quarter rests, half notes and learn how songs can have a musical form.

It's going to be a fun month and I hope your kids are enjoying music class!

Mrs. Beverly

Operation Christmas Child 2015



For many years Trinity UMC Preschool has taken part in the Samaritan's Purse project, "Operation Christmas Child". This organization is headed by Franklin Graham and takes Christmas gifts to needy children around the world. These are children that don't know what it feels like to have a full stomach, their own bed, much less their own bedroom. Most of the children who will receive shoeboxes have never received a gift of any kind. That small box filled with small toys, school supplies and hygiene items is grander to them than if you were to give your child the whole toy store. Please consider taking on this mission project that will mean the world to you and your child. There is no greater present to give your own child for Christmas than to make this a family tradition each year where you and your child shop together to fill a shoebox.

The labels that you will need and how to pack the box is on the table as you walk into the school. You can use a shoe box from home or a plastic shoebox that you can purchase at Walmart or a store like that. If you want to wrap the box make sure that you wrap the lid and bottom separately and use

two rubber bands to secure it. There will be extra labels available to use.

On Sunday, November 22nd Trinity will have the dedication service for the shoeboxes at their 11:00AM church service.

The church would love for you and your children to attend that Sunday. The children (preschool children, their older brothers and sisters and Trinity member's children) start the service by carrying in the boxes and placing them by the altar. It is one of the most beautiful sights that you will ever see. Helpers will be out front at 10:45 on that Sunday. Drop the children off with them so they can line up and then you can go into the sanctuary. Please turn in your boxes to Cindy's office by Friday, November 20th if you are not going to be able to be at the service.

*May the month of
November be filled
with Thankfulness*

