

# Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter September 2011



## September Birthdays



### DATES TO REMEMBER LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

October 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair

October 15<sup>th</sup> 8am-8pm- Cropping day at the church

October 22- Fish Fry

### About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Preschool Newsletter. This will be emailed to you each month, you will be able to find hard copies if you prefer outside Jennifer's Office. We also have a column called "Parent Exchange". In this column, you can tell the other parents anything that you would like to share. This is the space where you can announce yard sales; introduce your small business or any thing that would be of an interest to other parents. You never know, you may have something like a baby crib that another parent would love to buy used. Make sure you give Jennifer any announcements that you want to include in the up coming newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.



#### Two Years Old

Jonatha Ferguson	September 17 <sup>th</sup>
Ziggy Marsh	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ansley & Logan Mitchell	September 16 <sup>th</sup>

#### Three Years Old

Addison Walker	September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Gaither, Jordan	September 27 <sup>th</sup>

#### Four Years Old

Olivia Ritter	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
Anthony Luber	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
Oliver Fee	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
Jayden Mota	September 19 <sup>th</sup>

#### Five Years Old

Franki Gilreath	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
Savannah Massey	September 13 <sup>th</sup>

### Check us out on the Web!

Please check out our WebPages which are part of the Trinity United Methodist Church Website. The web address is [trinityumcofcharlotte.com](http://trinityumcofcharlotte.com). Look for us under the Preschool Tab. The pages will include: General Info, School Calendar, Archived and Current Newsletters, Staff Info, Registration Forms, and a Preschool Blog. The Blog will be updated regularly with all of the important dates and information happening at Trinity Preschool.

## Snack Help Donations

Everyday our children eat their snack out of a standard size coffee filter. These are great for holding snack and allow for quick cleanup. The children upstairs also get their juice in small paper or plastic 5oz cups. Because we use these items daily, we are asking for your help. If you could provide either or both of these items, we would be happy to receive them in the playschool office. Thank you in advance for your help in providing these snack time essentials!

## DROP-IN LUNCH BUNCH

Drop-in lunch bunch is offered on a first come first serve basis. Any parent that wishes to have their child drop-in for lunch bunch must first see Jennifer in the office so that she can approve the request.

Drop-in forms are available at the Preschool Office. The fee for Drop-in Lunch Bunch is \$10 this year and needs to be paid once space is verified and your request is approved.

## DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

We would just like to remind everyone that Preschool drop-off is **no earlier than 8:55**.

This ensures that teachers get the time they need to prepare for the day ahead.

Preschool **pick-up is at 12:00**. We do assess a late fee of \$5 after 5 mins., \$10 after 15 mins., and then \$1 each additional 5 mins. afterwards. Same rates apply for lunch bunch.

## **Hot Dogs**

A few years ago a group of Trinity members (mostly senior citizens) came up with the idea of selling hot dogs each Wednesday to raise money to buy a church bus. That group of members have not only bought their bus but have helped pay off the family life center and so much more. The menu of hot dogs has grown over the years to include hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken sandwiches, bologna sandwiches, BBQ's, fries, chili and pintos. You'll even find some of the best homemade desserts that you will ever taste. Many of the playschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch together. It has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat on Wednesdays. Also, don't forget if your child stays for Lunch Bunch you may order their lunch in the Playschool Office and have it delivered Wednesdays. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did.

We do have a few spaces available for 2011-12. Please let your friends and family know. If you have any questions about availability, please let Claudia know. Also, any and all forms that you turn in during the course of the year should be given to Jennifer in the Playschool Office.

## Every Sunday:



### 2011 HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming Service is September 18<sup>th</sup>. The choir will begin singing at 10:45 in the Sanctuary and the service will begin at 11:00 am. There will only be ONE Service on this day. We will be honoring the new members, new babies, and Remembering those who have passed away since last year's Homecoming celebration. Plan to pack your picnic baskets to join us for lunch after our service.

Below are our Sunday Worship Hours:

Celebration Service: 9:00AM

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

Worship Service: 11:00AM

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade on Sunday's from 5:00pm-6:30. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Leaders-Shea and Holly Hartsell

3<sup>rd</sup> grade-6<sup>th</sup> grade Leaders Shelly black and Sherri Barth

7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade Leader Lynne Bruce

### When Additional Help is Needed:

We adore all of our children at Trinity and believe each child was created perfectly by God. Sometimes it appears that a child could use additional services. Trinity is in partnership with the very best therapists from CMS, Thompson, and Private agencies. Our goal is that each child will reach their fullest potential while at Trinity and with our children we know...The Sky's the Limit! The following referral process outlines the details we use for acquiring extra help.

### REFERRAL PROCESS

Trinity UMC Playschool shall use the following procedures for referring parents to appropriate social, mental health, educational and medical services for their child should the center staff feel that an assessment for such additional services be a

benefit to the child. Whenever ANY staff member is concerned about a child's development or behavior, and feel that further evaluation should be performed, they should report it to the child's Lead Teacher who will review concerns with the Director. If the Director agrees, the Lead Teacher is requested to complete an observation report and review the child's record prior to making a referral.

### REFERRAL MEETING WITH PARENTS

The Director schedules a meeting with parents to notify them of the center's concern and prepares a current list of possible referral resources. At the meeting, the Director and Lead Teacher will provide to the parent(s) a written statement including the reason for recommending a referral for additional services, a brief summary of the center's observations related to the referral and any efforts Trinity may have made to accommodate the child's needs.

The Director will offer assistance to the child's parents in making the referral. Parents will be encouraged to call or request in writing an evaluation. If parents need extra support, the Director of Trinity Playschool, with written parental consent, will contact the referral agency for them.

### FOLLOW-UP TO THE REFERRAL

The Director will, with parental permission, contact the agency or service provider who evaluated the child for consultation and assistance in meeting the child's needs at Trinity UMC Playschool. If it is determined that the child is not in need of service from this agency, or is ineligible to receive services, the staff of Trinity UMC Playschool shall review the child's progress at the center every three months to determine if another referral is necessary.

### RECORD OF REFERRALS

The Director/Lead Teacher will maintain a written record of any referrals, including the parent conference and results. A referral checklist will be kept in the child's record at school.

### **Spanish and Dancing Update.**

Rubi Carter was offer a full time job teaching Spanish at Community School of Davidson. This happened in late August. We will hopefully be meeting with a lady that Rubi suggested as a replacement this week. More information will follow. Miss Rubi will certainly be missed but we are very happy for her.

# Wanted:



- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three year old tiring, but like them anyway.
- People who know all the wet diapers in the world are worth the smile from a one-year-old.

**IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED AS  
A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR TRINITY PreSCHOOL.**

On the bulletin board outside of Jennifer's office you will find a sign-up sheet. On it, please put your name and phone number, days you could sub and ages that you feel comfortable working with. Sub pay isn't great but the admiration and sticky kisses from a class of preschoolers more than make up for the small paycheck.

## *With Love, From Claudia*

Last night I was working on my article for this month's Newsletter when my daughter called and told me to turn on the TV to CBS and watch a documentary about a probationary firefighter from New York City that was in the middle of filming when September 11, 2001 happened. I realized then, in remembrance of the Ten Year Anniversary, I would take us back to that time in history. Following is the article that appeared in our newsletter October 2001.

September 2001 will be a month that will live in all of our memories. Images seen in the paper and on TV are very much a part of who we now are. The images we saw will not only affect our dreams, but stay with us when we wake. So many of the images robbed us, of our innocence and feelings of security. We all must realize that not only have the horrific images affected us, but also images of people risking their lives for others will shape who we are. I will never forget Nicki Noble's face as she told me of the first airplane crash which we thought was a terrible accident, and then the look on Nicki and the rest of the parents' faces when the second plane told us that this was not an accident. As the morning progressed, I will always remember the courage and determination on the Playschool teachers' faces as they tried and succeeded to make the day as normal as any other day for our children. We saw police and firemen on TV bring to life John 15:13, *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.* They didn't even know the people that they laid their life down for; they just knew their brothers and sisters needed their help. From the streets of New York to high over the ground on United Airlines Flight 93, real American heroes were shining. This brings me to an image of an American hero that I will always carry when I think of September 11<sup>th</sup>. This hero came in a very small package. It was 12:00 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and as I walked down the hall of the school, I was feeling such fear and hopelessness. My faith in a kind and bright tomorrow had been shattered. My eyes locked with a person down the hall. For a second, he just looked at me and then, before my eyes, energy seemed to start in his toes and travel to his face. I saw the face of God in all of its glory. His glorious smile reassured me that the sun **would** come up tomorrow and that we **were** all resting firmly in God's hands. My hero is not quite one year old. He was in his mother's arms as they waited to pick up his big brother, Zachary. I will always believe little Jacob Yengulalp was used by God to carry a very important message of love. Look at the face of God. I firmly believe that God was not responsible for the tragedies on September the 11<sup>th</sup>, but I know that He is responsible for the random acts of kindness that we are seeing. He is responsible for the decrease in crime throughout our nation and the crowds that have been in all churches the last two Sundays. He is responsible for prayer becoming part of His children's lives again. I pray that as a world, we continue to stand firm in the hands of God.

**At this time we would like to pay a special tribute to the First Responder parents, whose children are in our school this year.**

**Mathew Figaro, Detective, Cornelius Police Department. Father of Krysten (Kyky) Figaro  
Crystal Figaro, graduating soon from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Academy, Mother of KyKy Figaro  
Chad Hunning, Firefighter - City of Charlotte, Father of Layla Hunning  
Andy Krageger, City of Charlotte, Police Sargent, Father of Drew Kraeger  
Kyke Shank, Firefighter - City of Charlotte, Father of Fischer Shank  
Hai Tran, Firefighter - City of Charlotte, Father of Addison Tran**