

# TRINITY UMC PRESCHOOL



## Newsletter

September 2017



### DATES TO REMEMBER

9/9/17 - Fish Fry

9/21 and 9/22<sup>nd</sup> - School Closed

### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

Fire Prevention Month

10/4<sup>th</sup> - Walk for Wishes

10/2 - 10/6<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair

### About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Preschool Newsletter. We 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 anything 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 Claudia any announcements that you want to include in the upcoming newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.



Preschool Newsletters are on  
the webpage at

[www.trinityumcpreschool.com](http://www.trinityumcpreschool.com)

### *With Love from Claudia*

As I sat on the wall yesterday and watched the parents and children coming to school on the first day, all I could think was, "Well God, this is the thirty eighth time that you have allowed me to experience a first day at Trinity UMC Preschool and I thank you for it."

My mom always worked with children. She taught Sunday School and kept children in our home while their parents worked. As a teen, I tolerated them, even thought that they were pretty, cute munchkins, but "Follow in my Mom's Footsteps"; I found that thought quite laughable. Oh, I wanted to get married and have a couple kids of my own, but raise a whole community did not appeal to me in the least. I had always loved numbers, so after school and marrying my high school sweetheart, I went into banking. At that time, I worked downtown in Charlotte's first tall building, the Jefferson Tower First Union Building. I worked with what I thought were the cream of the crop of intelligent, simulating people. Life was good. As we decided to have children, I choose to take a few years off while they were little with every intention of returning to the fast pace life of banking and busy Charlotte streets. When my youngest was four, the minister at Trinity told me of his dream of starting a school here and asked would I be interested. I had a friend at the church who loved children and worked with me as a volunteer in Trinity's children's ministries. It sounded like fun so we agreed. We started that September with eleven children enrolled, with no idea the plans that God had for this school. Hundreds of children later and a wild roller coaster of a ride, I found not what I planned for my life, but, what God had planned. In the thirty - eight years, I have come to realize that if you want to surround yourself with intelligent, stimulating people, a preschool is the place to be. I honestly believe that God has a plan for each of us and if you are very lucky when the opportunity presents itself, you will be ready to say, "Yes, Lord, use me."



# September Birthdays



## Two Years Old

Wyatt Self September 30

## Three Years Old

Alex Rockett September 25

## Four Years Old

Shiny Behera September 19

Lylah Hartsell September 21

Milana Estill September 28

## From The Office



Monthly tuition payments are due on the first day your child attends each month and must be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$10.00 will need to be added to all tuition payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please include your child's name in the memo line of your check. Checks can be made out to "TUMC" and placed in the drop-box outside of the preschool office. If you have any questions about accounts, please come see Shelly, Sarah or Claudia.

## 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 also get their water 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 preschool office. Thank you in advance for your help in providing these snack time essentials!

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. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did.

## Check us out on the Web!

Please check out our Web Pages which are part of the Trinity United Methodist Church Website. The web address is [trinityumcpreschool.com](http://trinityumcpreschool.com). Look for us under the Preschool Tab. The pages will include: General Info, School Calendar, Archived and Current Newsletters, Staff Info, and Registration Forms.

# Enrollment Update

We do have a few spaces available but not in all age levels. Where we are full, we have started a waiting list and will add a staff member or an additional classroom. Please let your friends and family know that there is still time to attend Trinity for the 2016-17 school year. If you have any questions about availability, please let Claudia know.

## Hours of Operation

Children may not be taken to their classroom until 8:55. This ensures that teachers get the time they need to prepare for the day ahead.

Preschool pick-up is at 12:30. We do assess a late fee of \$5 after 5 mins., \$10 after 15 mins., and then \$1 each additional 5 mins. afterwards.

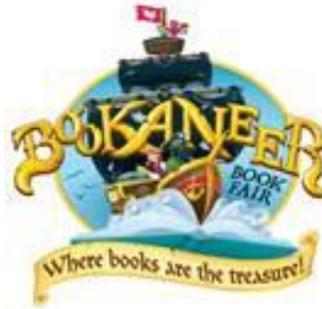
Thank you parents for adhering to these guidelines that keep all of our children happy and safe.

## Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.  
Open Minds.  
Open Doors.



Below are our Sunday Worship Hours:  
Celebration Service: 9:00AM  
Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)  
Worship Service: 11:00AM



Please plan on coming to the Book Fair.

October 2nd - 6th  
We at the preschool believe that every child should have access to plenty of books in their home. It is so important to read to them every day. We are all searching for that one book that excites and puts a spark in a child's heart for the joy of reading. Reading on their own is so much easier for the child who has been read to often as a preschooler. The desire to read independently, not just when required, results in children having a greater reading comprehension, improved language skills, enhanced vocabulary development, a wider base of general knowledge and more empathy towards others.

Fun Fellowship Great Finds Food Crafts Gifts

**FALL BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
**8:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church – Family Life Center**  
6230 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte NC 28216

sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Women

Do you want to rent a table and sell your items at the Bazaar? Yes, you can! Table rental is \$20. Space is Limited so reserve yours TODAY. (first come first serve for tables with electricity) We are asking for a donated item from all table vendors to support our silent auctions

Do you have a special talent BUT do not want to have your own table? Donate an item to us. We will gladly accept your handmade, homemade, baked, craft, jewelry or unique items to sell. All proceeds go to the UMW budget. We thank you for your donations.

**COME HUNGRY AS FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**

This is a great time to start thinking about Christmas gifts too so please plan to come out and enjoy fellowship, shopping and FUN.

Questions?  
Contact Avis at 704-906-0072 or avissummerslewis@gmail.com or contact the church office



# Wanted:



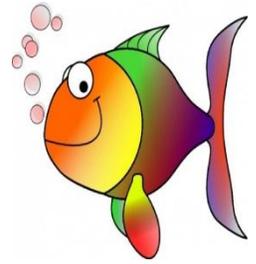
- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three-year-old tiring, but like 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**

There is a Sign Up sheet on the bulletin board by Claudia's office. If you would be interested in being a substitute teacher, please fill out your information

## FISH FRY

The UMM will sponsor a Fish Fry on Saturday, September 9th. The doors will open at 4:00pm. You can get Catfish, Flounder, and Shrimp with homemade hushpuppies, slaw and fries. The cost is \$10.00 per plate.



The UMM will be taking up donations of bottled water and monetary donations at their fish fry this coming Saturday for Hurricane Harvey. All the monetary donations will be given to Samaritans Purse for Hurricane Harvey relief. Please make all checks out to Trinity United Methodist Church and put in the memo section (Harvey).

If you are unable to join us at the Fish Fry this Saturday, please feel free to bring your donations of bottled water and/or any monetary donations to the Preschool by or before Friday this week! We will be happy to make sure the UMM get any/all donations.

We will also have several other opportunities to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts the next few weeks. So stay turned for additional emails about those opportunities in the coming days. Thank you for helping us extend God's love to these people in need!