



## Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter January 2020

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for the Holiday  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> – School Closed – (CMS Teacher Workday)

### LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – In House Registration (For children enrolled this year, siblings, and church members)  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Registration Open to Public

## Angel Tree

Thank you so much for the help that so many of you gave to make the Angel Tree a success. The greatest thing is that not only is it a gift for the child, but also means the world to the parents who, by your generosity, were able to give their child a good Christmas.



## January Birthdays



### Two Years Old

Chase Kelley January 24<sup>th</sup>

### Three Years Old

Gabe Byers January 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jameson White January 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Five Years Old

Landon Hartsell January 26<sup>th</sup>

## Registration Time



For 2020 Summer Sessions and the 2020/2021 School Year!

Register before March 1st for only \$50! (Save \$25)

### **In House - Wednesday, Feb. 5**

(Children enrolled this year, siblings, and church members)

### **Open to Public – Wednesday, Feb. 12**

You will be receiving forms and more information toward the middle of this month.

## 2019 TAX INFORMATION



We have your 2019 Tax Information ready for pick up. Please plan to pick up your statement from the Preschool Office at your earliest convenience. If preschool is also used as care for your child when you work, it may be taken as a tax deduction. This information will be ready for you by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## “It’s SNOW Cold Outside”



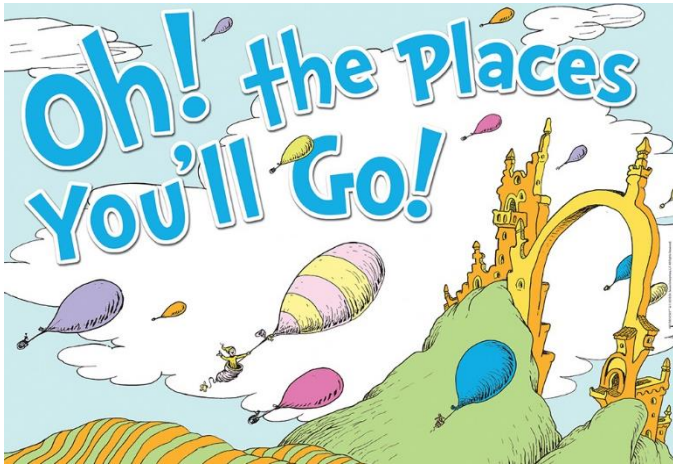
During cold weather, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside unless it is raining or below 32 degrees. Also, make sure each article of outerwear has your child’s name in them, as several jackets have disappeared.

## Please Help Keep our Children Healthy



We are still very much in the flu season, not to mention stomach viruses, colds and a whole list of other ailments. We disinfect constantly but need your help. We understand that children may be fine in the morning and become sick very quickly, but please continue to pay close attention to your child. If they are fussy and not acting like themselves, they are probably showing the first signs of being sick. Please remember to keep your child at home for 24 hours after having been sick, vomiting, or running a fever. Thank you!!





**"O, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!"**

*"He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"*

- Revelation 21:6

Hello Trinity Preschool folks! By the time that you are reading this edition of our newsletter, I imagine that you are about all HO, HO, HO-ED out.

The month of December is certainly a blessing and much joy is shared but sometimes I think that New Year's Day comes right after Christmas for a very good reason, by then we're ready to move on and plow some new ground!

Each New Year's Day, I try to imagine what the next year will hold for my family, more specifically for my grandchildren! In my mind's eye, I imagine all the places that we'll go and wonder what's in store.

Of course, travel is not limited to mere physical wanderings. Our greatest adventures may take place within our souls; and, it's such fruitful work to help children in the growth of their souls.

I am overjoyed each Tuesday and Thursday of a given school-week to be able to spend some time with the preschool kids during chapel. To put a finer point on things, we engage in soul work.

We talk about Jesus of course, but mostly from a *love your neighbor* point of view. We highlight such attributes as sharing, loving, compassion, giving and healing. I am constantly amazed at how quickly children grasp these soulful aspects of wholesome living.

Several years ago, I read a story about Maya Angelou. Oprah Winfrey interviewed her on her 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. Oprah asked Angelou for some advice; and, the dam broke.

This lady gave some wonderful motivation for us all, with regard to how to live in The Way of Christ. Here are some excerpts from this interview with Dr. Angelou:

*"I've learned that no matter what happens or how bad it seems today; life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.*

*I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.'*

*I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back.*

*I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.*

*I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.*

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

Did you catch that last part? *People will never forget how you made them feel!* I often feel this is the most important lesson that we can teach any child.

O the places you will go!!!!

What if in all of our travels during 2020, we gave much attention towards modeling this behavior for our children to see? I have heard it said that if all of us made the decision to work for peace, we'd never need militaries or police.

So, just maybe this year could be the year that we take Jesus at his word when he says, "I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance (John 10:10b Aramaic Text).

In His Love,  
Jimmy