



**Trinity UMC Preschool  
Newsletter April 2020**



**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Butter Braid Fundraiser**

**EXTENDED!!!** March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Delivery Date: Tuesday, April 28th**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday – Online Service
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Butter Braid Orders Due
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Butter Braid Delivery Date
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Luncheon

**LOOKING AHEAD – TENTATIVE SCHEDULING**

- DATE TBD – May Day Games
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – 1’s & 2’s End of Year Program
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3’s End of Year Program
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of School
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Preschool Graduation

**April Birthdays**

**One Year Old**

Bryson Cox April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Two Years Old**

Kaden Bynum April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Three Years Old**

Finn Deese April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Four Years Old**

Bella Flores April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Five Years Old**

Avery Murray April 30<sup>th</sup>

# May Day Games – DATE TBD



It would be within this column of our April Newsletter when we would write something up about what you can expect to see for our May Day Games on the front lawn May 1<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, there is too much uncertainty surrounding our ability to reopen for me to schedule an event on May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is my hope that we will be able to reopen in May – enjoy our May Day celebrations, End of Year Programs and Graduation; however, I have to be practical in scheduling these events tentatively at this time.

May Day is an all-time favorite event at Trinity UMC Preschool. For our new families, May Day is a day filled with JOY and LAUGHTER as the children play games, run, and dance around the may pole on the grounds of the church. The children would practice throughout all of April to prepare to run the relay races. Perhaps holding the egg on the spoon or throwing a bean bag into the hoop on the ground. Moms and dads would be taking pictures and/or jumping in to play. We would have a covered dish luncheon after the games and all of our families would sit together picnic-style and enjoy each other's company for a while.

May Day is a very special event at Trinity, as it was by far one of Claudia's favorite events. Although, we may not be able to celebrate May Day on the official holiday (May 1<sup>st</sup>), we will host our annual event as soon as possible. We hope that when that day arrives, you will ALL be able to attend! It is sure to be a FUN day and we will be eager to see you all and spend some quality time catching up. What a celebration it will be! Stay tuned for additional details in the coming weeks.

## SCHOOL UPDATE FROM MS. SHELLY

I am sure by this time that you have heard that all NC Public Schools will be closed until May 15<sup>th</sup> and we are currently under a stay at home proclamation from the state of North Carolina through April 30<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Under these conditions, we have decided that it is in the best interest of our students and staff to extend our closure until further notice. My heart is heavy during this time and I fervently ask for your continued prayers for our teachers, our staff, and our board members as we navigate these decisions and do our best to ensure the continued success of our beloved preschool program.

I assure you that we will be offering to pro-rate your account for the time the school has been closed. You will not be required to pay tuition for the days your child was unable to come due to this school closure. With that being said, donations made in any amount will greatly help us to sustain our program during this time.

The teachers and I will also be working (remotely) to offer you additional materials, suggestions, and activities to help keep your little ones engaged and entertained. I would like to organize ZOOM or Google Hangout Meetings for each of our classrooms to connect and will be reaching out to each of you on a personal level so we can coordinate additional ways to assist you during this time. Be looking for further communications from us and please reach out to us as often as you can.

We love you! We miss you! Continue to pray and wash those hands... cause Jesus and germs are everywhere!  
-Ms. Shelly



**Worship with us online this Easter season!**

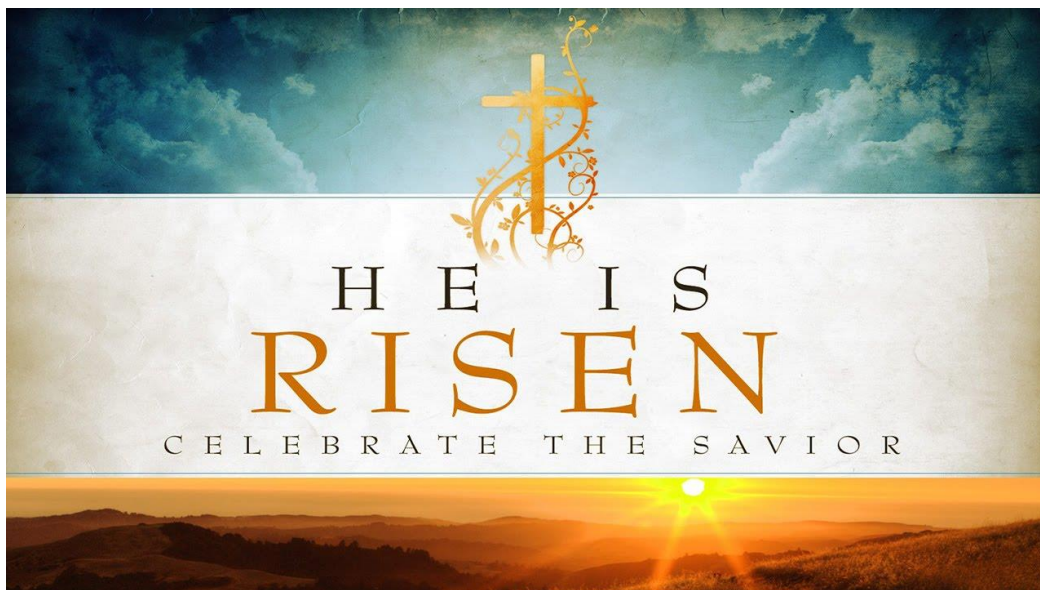
Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Make your own palm branches and wave them when prompted during the service! Be sure to take pictures and share with us how you celebrated Palm Sunday with Trinity UMC!

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Worship services may be cancelled, but Easter Sunday is NOT!  
Plan to join us for a wonderful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

<http://trinityumcofcharlotte.com/streaming-video.php>



# SUMMER CAMP

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 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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!



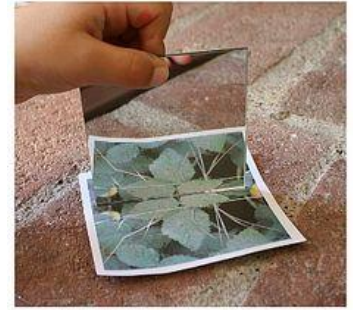
## HURRICANE Unit Study



Hi Ho HOMESCHOOLING



## Tot 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.