

Trinity UMC
Preschool
Newsletter
December 2011



Inclement
Weather



If we should get snow or freezing weather and it is sticking, please come for your children, immediately. Don't wait for Charlotte Mecklenburg to close. We will post any closings or delays on Channel 9 WSOC-TV. You can also check via their website @ www.wsoctv.com/closings. Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside. The children do go outside daily unless it is raining or snowing.



Dates to Remember

Sun. Dec. 18th -

TUMC Children's Christmas Musical @
5:00pm

Mon. Dec. 19th - Fri. Dec. 30st

Christmas Break

Sunday Dec. 25th -

Merry Christmas

Looking Ahead

Sunday Jan. 1st -

Happy New Year 201

Mon. Jan. 3rd -

First day back from Christmas break

Late Fees

With the Christmas season approaching we know that the traffic will increase as well.

We ask that you leave in plenty of time to pick your child (ren) up on time, whether it be at 12:00 Pm Noon, or after lunch bunch at 2:00pm for the month of December. Please refer to your handbook on page 6 under Hours and Days of Operation.

TUITION REMINDERS

All tuition monies for December must be in the office no later than 12:00pm, Thursday, **December 15th**. After that, a \$10 late charge will automatically be charged to your account. **Tuition fees for December do not change. Tuition is figured on a yearly basis, and then broken down for your convenience into monthly payments.** If you have any questions about tuition, please let Jennifer know.



**Visit from
Santa**

Santa will be visiting our children during the week of December 12th-16th. Santa plans to visit our children on Monday December 12th and Thursday December 15th.

Extended Lunch Bunch

We will be extending our lunch bunch hours from December 1st through December 16th. Those of our students who are already enrolled in our lunch bunch programs will stay til 2:00 pm with no additional charge.

Those parents whose children aren't enrolled but would like to take advantage of some extra time to Christmas shop, bake, wrap, or decorate may do so. We ask that you see Jennifer or Claudia the day before you would like your child to attend so that we can make arrangements for additional staff.

The cost will be \$20.



December Birthdays



Four Years Old

Connor Midthun	December 13 th
Addison Tran	December 18 th
Ayden Frazier	December 20 th

Five Years Old

Crimson Dellinger	December 14 th
Thomas Davies	December 19 th

Life in the Classroom

With Miss Susan's Transitional Kindergarten

Do you ever think about things? We do in "Miss" Susan's T.K. class! We think about a lot of things.....

Like did you ever wonder how gravity works...What goes up...? Must come down! "Miss" Susan call that "SCIENCE"!

And how does "Miss" Susan have invisible marbles that you can not see but you can feel?

Do you ever wonder about numbers and exactly how many numbers are there? And that we can do lots of things with numbers. "Miss" Susan calls that "MATH"!

Do you think about the lower case and upper case letters and all the sounds they make? Its fun learning those sounds and making words with them! "Miss" Susan calls that "READING"!

Did you know that you can write your name and spell your name and read your name at the samtime! T.K'ers can!

Do you know how much GOD loves you? So much that her gave us His Son! God calls that "GRACE". We love Jesus and we always let our light shine as T.K'ers!

Do you think about what good friends T/K'ers become? That they are always trying to think of ways to help each other! "Miss" Susan calls that "MAKING GOOD CHOICES"!

So come and join us in our Transitional Kindergarten Class. You will have so much fun and learn so much as you think about things! "Miss" Susan calls that "USING YOUR BRIAN"!



Christmas Happenings

Our past Christmas memories always include time spent at the church. The following events will bring your family closer to the meaning of Christmas. The Preschool family is cordially invited to attend...

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAYS

Circle #1 will once again be selling cookie trays for the holidays. They will have 50 trays to sell and each tray has 4 dozen cookies. There will be a wide variety of cookies on each tray, and each tray will be wrapped with clear cellophane with a large Christmas bow tying them up. The cost is \$15.00 per tray. These make wonderful presents for that special neighbor, teacher or just to have to take to a

Christmas party. If you would like to order a tray please see a member of Circle #1 or call the church office @704-399-1684 ext. 10 to get your name on the list.

These will be ready for pick up on Saturday, December 10th from 10:30am – 11:00am in the FLC.

HATS & GLOVES/MITTENS

During the Advent season Trinity will be collecting children's hats and gloves for the backpack ministry.



These will be used in the backpacks during the winter, any extra will be given to Hornets Nest School to distribute where needed.

When you are out shopping, we hope that you will remember this need and place one or two in your buggy for those in need. There will be a box in the FLC to place your items in or you may place them on the **FEED MY SHEEP** table in the sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 18th, 5:00pm

Children's Christmas Program

Trinity's youth, along with many playschool children, have worked hard to present "Jingle for Jesus!" This is an upbeat musical that will keep your toe tapping the entire time!

The performance will be in our Church Sanctuary. Please come out and support our kids as they teach us the true meaning of Christmas in their own way. There will also be a visit from the man himself "Santa"!!!

Saturday, Dec. 24th

Come join us for a Community Service on Christmas Eve in our Sanctuary. This service will be a candlelight service and will begin at 8pm.

Sunday, Dec. 25th

Please come join us for our Christmas Day Service at 10:30 am. This will be our only service this day and we will not hold Small Groups.

With Love from Claudia

Today the air is getting nippy, the skies are blue and my favorite time of the year is coming. I LOVE

CHRISTMAS! Christmas at my house starts at 12:00



midnight on Thanksgiving night and usually runs nonstop at an unbelievable pace through New Years. I have always decorated every room of my house and the outside. I have a total of seven trees in the house and four outside. They are my favorite. My grown children cringe as Thanksgiving is approaching, because they know that around 20 large tubs filled with decorations will have to be drug up from the basement. My daughter calls my house Christmas Over Kill and if she fills really testy, she says it looks like Christmas threw up all over the house. I secretly think she loves it as much as I do. I haven't missed a Black Friday Sale in years, but this year, I did. The majority of Christmas shopping will be over the internet. All the tubs are upstairs but at least half are still stacked up in the spare bedroom. After being so sick the last couple months my initial fear was Christmas would be ruined this year. As I was thinking about it last night and trying to get up the energy to string popcorn garland, I remembered a Christmas miracle that happened six years ago right here in the church yard.

Six years ago the holiday started as I went to the mall for the 20% off all clearance items Pre-Thanksgiving Sale at Hecht's. I came home and began working on the outside lights and was doing fine until I added that last strand of lights to one extension cord and everything went dark. Off to the store I went for another cord. After that I wrapped gifts to after midnight. I won't bore you with what I did Friday and Saturday but by Saturday night I was so tired and sore I wasn't moving to well but I was singing "Here Comes Santa Claus" into the wee hours. The way I figured it after all my work I WAS READY FOR CHRISTMAS so it suited me to skip the next 30 or so days and start Christmas immediately. I rushed into church Sunday morning to teach my Sunday school class for Middle School students. I'm ashamed to admit but during class I thought of a couple spaces left in my home where there were no decorations so I decided to skip preaching. As I was quickly sneaking to the car thinking that if I hurried no one would notice "Miss" Claudia was cutting church, Well SOMEONE noticed. My eyes were drawn to the Nativity in the church yard. What I experienced next was definitely one of those GOD MOMENTS that a person is not soon to forget. I saw Baby Jesus with his little hands stretching out to me and then I heard God's voice speaking to me as clear as if He was standing beside me. "You aren't ready for Christmas, as a matter of fact, you're not even near ready" "Somewhere on your way to the manger, you took a wrong turn and you better turn around now!"

When I came to work this morning I look at that same manger scene and it looked so different than it did that Christmas. It was still beautiful but different. It doesn't matter

though, because I will always be able to close my eyes and vividly see those little hands reaching to me. I don't know what caused me to go so crazy that year. I could blame it on the fact that I was a Grandmother excited about sharing Christmas with (the love of my life) two year old grandson, but without the true meaning of Christmas there would be nothing to share. Believe me, I've turned around and planned to take my grandson's hand in mine and walk together to the manger in search of the wonder and awe that comes with a God that loves us so much He always sees us when we make the wrong turn and cares enough to turn us around. May you and your children have a wonderful Christmas as you experience the joy that can only be found at the manger.

**The staff at TUMC Preschool
would like to wish all of our
Families a Merry Merry
Christmas and a Happy Healthy
New Year!!!!**

