

Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter January 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 15th - School Closed Martin Luther King's Birthday
Jan. 22nd - School Closed

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 7th - In House Registration (for children enrolled this year, their siblings and Church members)
Feb. 14th - Registration Open to Public
Feb 19th - School will be CLOSED

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

Meera Kedar

January 19th

Five Years Old

Daphne Poole	January 18 th
Fischer Brown	January 19 th
Atticus Arrington	January 20 th



For Summer Sessions and the 2018/2019 School Year is Coming Soon

2017 TAX INFORMATION

Parents please sign your name on the sheet, that will soon be outside Miss Sara and Miss Shelly's office if you are interested in getting the 2017 tuition paid information for your personal taxes. 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 31st.

In House, (Children enrolled this year, their siblings and church members) - Wednesday, Feb. 7

Open to Public -
Wednesday, Feb. 14

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

A Little Wishful Thinking

Ok, January has arrived, which not only begins a brand-new year but begins the best possible chance that we will see some snow, right here in the Piedmont. Everyone that knows me know that, besides children, my two favorite things are the beach and snow. I could stare at snow falling for hours. I love riding in a car and watching it swirl toward the windshield. We are due for a really, good one. The best snows come around 10:00 AM when the kids are here at the preschool. Someone notices it and within seconds the noise value has quadrupled. Everyone runs to the windows and within seconds, one of the teachers yell, "Kids, get your coats." Now that is what I call magically, with over fifty preschoolers and staff outside dancing in the snow. Below are instructions to follow **not if, but when** it snows. We are going to think positive, especially when Miss Susan and her kids do the Snow Chant every few days.

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. If you wake up to snow and CMS is closed, we will be also. If the snow has just begun, call 704-399-1684 ext. 23 for an announcement. Don't forget to cross those fingers and it would not hurt to say the snow chant every few days. "We want snow, we want snow, PLEASEE."



"Baby, it's 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. Thanks!

In 2018 tell these things to your children over and over

You are
AMAZING.
You are
IMPORTANT.
You are
SPECIAL.
You are
UNIQUE.
You are
KIND.
You are
PRECIOUS.
You are
LOVED.

Kids Say the Cutest Things

Fischer Brown is in "Miss" Susan's Transitional Kindergarten class and each day, his grandmother, Carol, picks him up. As they were driving home, Carol asked, "Fischer, what did you learn today?" He replied, "It was something important, Oh Yeah, monsters don't wear pants and they don't wear underwear either!" When Carol asked Susan what this was about, she laughed said that she had read them the book written by Peter Bently called, "Underpants, Thunderpants".

Sweet Life Café

Hello, Girlfriends!

We all love going out for a warm cup of coffee or tea with friends. And most of us long to extend those short visits and take time to slow down and really enjoy time together.

That's exactly what we'll do at Sweet Life Café. Join us at this retreat, where we'll savor time with God and friends. Together we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun!

We'll begin at 8:30 a.m. on January 27 and will finish by 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. Our Sweet Life Café retreat will be held at Trinity UMC in the FLC, and the cost is only \$22 per person! This covers breakfast snacks, lunch, snacks throughout the day, & fun and refreshing activities.

Contact Jennifer McLemore at

jgmclemore@yahoo.com or the church office at 704-399-1684 for more information.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship God, and to savor your relationship with Jesus. We hope you'll join us at Sweet Life Café. Warmly, Jennifer McLemore

With Love from Miss Claudia



I try not to make a habit out of repeating articles, but when I read last year's article with tears in my eyes and the sounds of Miss Susan's children

singing their Christmas songs, I decided that was, exactly, what I was going to do. If you were lucky enough to have ever spent a Christmas season with a room of preschoolers in a Christian school, you have experienced the holiday in a whole different way.

For the first fifteen or so years I was lucky enough to both teach and direct at Trinity. Each year, you add chapters to your own Christmas book. There are adults that I see that I can remember when they were four years old, with bath towels stretched across their arms for angel wings as they whispered in Mary's ear that she was going to have a baby.

I have a good friend who teaches High School English in Newton that worked for years at Trinity teaching two year old's. Each Christmas she cornered off a section of the room and spread hay on the floor. I painted child size animals to prop against the wall of the make shift stable. Each day Miss Jeannine would sit on the hay with the children and talk about the sounds and smells that were there and told them the Christmas story. On the day before Christmas break she would bring a baby doll and the children would wrap Baby Jesus in swaddling clothes and lay him in the manger.

When the children returned after the holiday the stable would be gone but Baby Jesus was still in the home living area. He got rocked a lot and attended many tea parties.

One of my most precious memories was Christmas 2002. The whole family was at my house, as always, on Christmas Eve. We have a tradition that at the end of the evening, someone reads the Christmas story from Luke in the Bible. This year my niece who was four years old and a member of Miss Susan's class at Trinity said, "I can tell the story." We all sat and Lacy stood in the middle of the room and began...." It was a long, long time ago and one night an angel came to a girl named Mary and said, "I have a secret to tell you. You are going to have a baby!" She then sang the song "Mary Had a Baby" She went on with the story, stopping every little while and singing the correct song for that part of the story, until the whole Christmas story had been told. The room was so quiet that you could have heard a pin drop. The Bible was closed because we knew not only had we heard the story that night, but it had become part of our heart and memory that we would cherish forever. So, for this New Year of 2018, read and tell the stories of our faith to your children and let them tell the stories back to you. I promise

you that
they will
take on a
whole new
meaning.



