



Trinity UMC Preschool Newsletter January 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 21st – School Closed

Jan. 22nd – MAKE UP DAY (Tuesday Sept. 18)

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 6th – In House Registration (For children enrolled this year, siblings, and church members)

Feb. 13th – 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

One Year Old

Chase Kelley January 24th

Two Years Old

Gabe Byers January 9th

Jameson White January 22nd

Three Years Old

Landon Hartsell January 26th

Five Years Old

Brayden Blount January 11th



Registration Time



For 2019 Summer Sessions and the 2019/2020 School Year!

Register before March 6th for only \$50! (Save \$25)

In House - Wednesday, Feb. 6

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

2018 TAX INFORMATION



We have your 2018 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 31st.

I am FINALLY Graduating!!



It is with great emotion... happiness, sadness, excitement, and anxiousness that I share my decision to retire at the end of this school year, May 2019. Through lots of prayer and seeking God's guidance, Mr. Jim (my husband) and I know it is time. We are having to spend much of our time caring for my mother these days and I want to be there for her as much as possible. We also hope to have many plans for travel, fun, and grandchildren time!

I have been so blessed these past 37 years (I started teaching when I was 12! LOL) to have had the privilege to teach and learn from the many children I had at Trinity! What a journey it has been, filled with memories and love that I have received from each and every child... and there have been many! I have always loved teaching and being with young children and it has brought much joy to my life.

I do hope to come by Trinity often for visits with the children, the staff, and the parents so don't be surprised when you see me! And the best news is... Miss. Susan is GRADUATING! Every year at our graduation program I always tell the children that now they are graduating and move up in life. Well, now Miss. Susan is graduating and moving up! I am excited and look forward to this next chapter in my life! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's precious life!

To God Be the Glory!
Look forward to my new adventures!

Love, Miss Susan

"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!!

With Love from Miss Claudia



Miss. Claudia is still on medical leave until February, but we wanted to include her words of inspiration in the newsletter this month. Please enjoy this article she wrote as you look back on previous Christmas memories and look forward to a wonderful new year! We love you Miss. Claudia and can't wait for your return!

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 2'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 hearts and memories that we would cherish forever.

So, for this New Year, read and tell the stories of 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.

