

Trinity UMC Playschool  
 Newsletter  
 November 2013



November  
 Birthdays



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - (Preschool CLOSED)
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - (Preschool CLOSED) WNC Conference
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fish Fry 4PM until...
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day (Preschool CLOSED)
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Operation Christmas Child Sunday
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Supper with Santa
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Break

Five years old

- Ben Prince                      November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Armand Stevens              November 19<sup>th</sup>

Four years old

- Zavier Goedert              November 20<sup>th</sup>

Three years old

- Tyler Woolford              November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Two years old

- Sulli Maynor                November 26<sup>th</sup>

**Please Help Keep our Children Healthy**



As you know, this is cold and flu season. We understand that children may be fine in the morning and become sick very quickly, but please 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. This will help prevent the spread of viruses and colds. Thanks!!

**Every Sunday:**

- Open Hearts.
- Open Minds.
- Open Doors.



We invite you to bring your family and be a part of our family each Sunday.

- Celebration Service: 9:00AM
- Sunday School: 10:00AM (For all ages!)
- Worship Service: 11:00AM



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd**

**4:00pm – until**

**FLOUNDER, CATFISH,  
 SHRIMP, FRIES, SLAW,  
 HUSHPUPPIES**

**\$10.00 per plate**

**\$5.00 – 12 and under**

**Sponsored by - Trinity  
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# WNC Workshop

*We are going back to school!*

Each fall the Western North Carolina Conference holds a workshop for teachers and directors who work with preschool children. The conference offers two days (November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) where over fifty different classes are available. This year the workshop will be held in Matthews, NC. The entire staff will be attending. The teachers always come back from the workshop inspired and motivated.



# Dance Classes

Are SO MUCH FUN

We still have spaces for boys or girls to join our dances classes. Dance meets on Tuesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$25 per month for one day a week and \$45 for two days a week. If you are interested talk to Cindy or Claudia



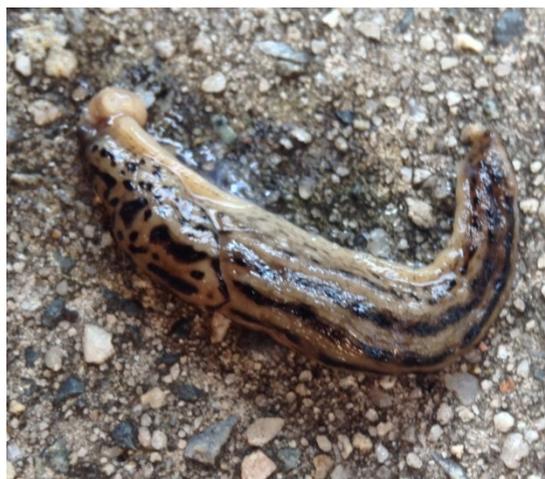
# The TKers went hunting



for spiders



but only found a slug!



Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department

A special thanks goes out to the firefighters at Long Creek Vol. Fire Dept. They visited our children during Fire Prevention Week. The ones and younger twos are not wild about transition times and moving from one area to another so we asked the firemen to drive through the cemetery with their lights flashing and siren blaring as the kids watched from their classroom window. After they left a couple of the kids picked up the play phones and started saying "Fireman" Miss Mary and Miss Amy told them to thank the firemen, so quite a few had imaginary conversations with the firemen. Long Creek Fire Department has supported the preschool for the whole 30 some years that we have been open. As a matter of fact, some of them are Trinity Preschool graduates! We will be seeing them again in December when they bring Santa Claus to Supper with Santa. The firefighters have told us that Santa really gets excited each year, when they turn on the lights and sirens.

## With Love from Claudia

I love the water, oceans, streams, lakes, waterfalls...I even love the sound of dripping water.

My mother, daughter and I arrived at Oak Island at 4:00 last Saturday. The grand kids were already there at the house and were begging Matthew and Crystal to take them outside to swim. I told Matthew that my bathing suits were in the suitcase tied to the top of Nana's car. Well, as usual, after about two minutes I got tired of waiting, rolled up my pants legs and told the kids, "Let's Go!" My plans were to only wade in just below the knees but after a couple of waves, I found myself wet up to my waist. At that time I thought, "What the heck!", and went through the next wave head first. The grandkids were delighted to see their Meme fully dressed and accessorized with hoop earrings and an art deco necklace, swimming in the ocean. Did I mention before that I love the water?

The next few days, I continued to play with my grandkids all the water games we could think of and must say that I was having too much fun to spend much quality quiet time with God. Toward the middle of the week, one late afternoon, most of the family had went inside to clean up for dinner. My son and I were alone on the beach. I was sitting reading and he was packing up the fishing gear. I looked up from my book to look toward the setting sun, not realizing that Matthew had propped one on his poles against the back on my chair. The image below is what I saw a few inches from my face. God was calling me to spend some quiet time with Him. All I could think



of for a second was, **"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."** (NIV) Matthew 4:19

For the rest of the week at ever sunset and sunrise He called to me and we had our quiet time. We are entering the holiday season where

one holiday after another comes, putting us in a joyous frenzy. We will laugh, play and have a wonderful time, but I suggest to you, don't waste any time during this special time and make Him call

out to you. Find those special times each day where you can have your quiet time with Him and your holiday season will be even grander than you can imagine.

### Operation Christmas Child 2013

For many years Trinity UMC Preschool has taken part in the Samaritan's Purse project, "Operation



Christmas Child". This organization is headed by Franklin Graham and takes Christmas gifts to needy children around the world. These are children that don't know what it feels like to have a full stomach, their own bed,

much less their own bedroom. Most of the children who will receive shoeboxes have never received a gift of any kind. That small box filled with small toys, school supplies and hygiene items is grander to them than if you were to give your child the whole toy store. Please consider taking on this mission project that will mean the world to you and your child. There is no greater present to give your own child for Christmas than to make this a family tradition each year where you and your child shop together to fill a shoebox.

Each of the children will be given a box starting at the end of this week to take home to fill. If you feel that you are not able to fill a box at this time, please return the empty box to the stack of empty boxes in Claudia's office where other parents are encouraged to pick up extra boxes for older children in their family.

On Sunday, November 17th we will have the dedication service for the shoeboxes at our 11:00AM church service. Miss Beverly, our music teacher, is practicing two songs for the children to sing as part of the service. We would love for you and your children to attend that Sunday. The children (preschool children, their older brothers and sisters and Trinity member's children) start the service by carrying in the boxes and placing them by the altar. It is one of the most beautiful sights that you will ever see. Helpers will be out front at 10:45 on that Sunday. Drop the children off with them so they can line up and then you can go into the sanctuary. Please turn in your boxes to Cindy's office by Friday, November 15th if you are not going to be able to be at the service.