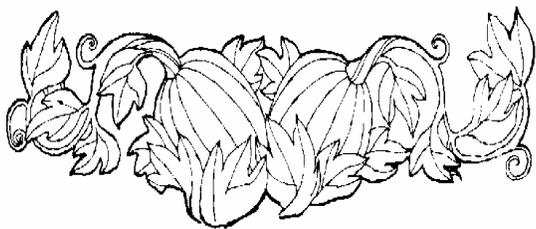


Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter October 2009



DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12th - Fall Fundraiser Begins

Oct. 23rd - Fall Fundraiser Ends

Oct. 31st - Halloween

Oct. 31st - Trunk or Treat

(See Article for Details)

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 1st - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day

(Playschool CLOSED)

Nov. 12th & 13th - WNC Conference

(Playschool CLOSED)

Nov. 25th, 26th, & 27th - Thanksgiving Break

(Playschool CLOSED)

WNC Workshop

On November 12th and 13th, the staff at Trinity Playschool will be going back to school. These are the dates for the Western North Carolina Workshop for educators in weekday ministries. Around 1,000 teachers and directors attend this workshop each year. Each day participants will hear a keynote speaker and then attend two classes. This year there are 54 classes being offered on subjects dealing with topics like sensory integration, phonemic awareness, telling the story of God in the classroom, music, art, math and science.

All of the staff will be attending classes so Playschool will be CLOSED on these two days.



October Birthdays



One year old

Trevin Tyner October 9th

Two years old

Abigail Day October 15th

Emily McGrady October 24th

Zachary Webb October 28th

Three years old

Blakley Watson October 6th

Amanda Moran October 7th

Austin Moran October 7th

Four years old

Armond Robbs October 2nd



A SPOOKTACULAR TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EVENT

October 31st | 5 pm – 8pm

Sponsored by the Age Level and Outreach Committees

Join us on Halloween night for safe and fun treating for your entire family. Our event will take place from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm and the community is invited to join our church family for this fun evening. Come out this Halloween for lots of fun in the Trinity UMC Parking Lot and Family Life Center. We will have costume

contests, face painting, lots of candy, games and much more. If you have any questions, please see Shea Hartsell in the Playschool Office.

Life in the Classroom with:

"Miss" Susan's Transitional Kindergarten

What's more fun than listening to the hum (or sometimes the roar) of your child's classroom? Come on in to "Miss" Susan's transitional kindergarten class and you will certainly hear the hum; (but more likely the roar) of a great fun day!

Step on in but be ready and alert as you'll be learning from start to finish! Be ready to be filled with all the joy you used to have as a child. Move around through the classroom and join in, asking each child what they like best about their class!

1. Samantha - I like when we read books!
2. Gracy - I like to change groups and go to the home living room.
3. Tad - I like to be the line leader and do the calendar and the weather. I said it was snowing!
4. Jordon - I like to go out to the playground and I like to learn stuff like our science!
5. Abel - I like to play with the blocks and build toweres!
6. Lucy - I like to do math. We did fractions with apples!
7. Owen T. - I like being the helper and the line leader!
8. Lauren - I like to color. We colored big BIG apples!
9. Brianna - I like when "Miss" Susan reads stories. I want to read my books all by myself too!
10. Addie - I like to do Show & Tell. We learned about apples today!
11. Ty - I like to play with the cars and the blocks! I like to play tag on the playground.
12. Owen L. - I like making new friends and playing in the bean tub.
13. Samanyu - I only like to run around on the playground and sing!



Did you have fun? Did you learn anything? Are you tired? I bet you are! That's why "Miss" Susan

sometimes needs a little nap at the end of her day. Come and join us on any day and get filled with a little joy!

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

Trinity Church also offers Youth Programs for Kindergarten through 12th grade on Sunday afternoons from 5-6:30pm. Feel free to stop by Sunday afternoon and see what Trinity's Youth Program has to offer your family!

- K-2nd Led by Shea and Holly Hartsell
- 3rd-5th Led by Margie & Buddy O' Shields and Mike Taormina
- 6th-12th Led by Shelly Black and Elizabeth Hyatt

Talk to Claudia or call the church office 704-399-1684 for more information!

Fall Fundraiser

Throughout the year the Playschool has Fundraisers to fund classroom needs, the Scholarship Program and special projects that exceed our yearly budget. It is our wish that no child is kept from attending Trinity Playschool because of the inability to pay the full tuition. Our first fundraiser will begin October 12th and run through October 25th. You will be receiving more information soon!! If every family does their part, you will be amazed at what we can accomplish for our school. Thank you in advance for your participation.



With Love from Claudia

There are so many skills a good kindergarten teacher needs to possess in order to provide her class with well balanced curriculum that covers all areas of development. We are blessed to have "Miss" Susan as our transitional kindergarten teacher here at Trinity. I know of none better.



Through her curriculum she hits all the bases: academic, social, spiritual, cognitive and physical development. And of course she is very proficient in one skill that all teachers of kindergarten and preschool need; which is the skill of tying tennis shoes. I've watched her reading to her class, bend over, tie up a shoelace and not miss a beat.

The other day after tying probably the twentieth set of shoelaces for the day she said to her class, "If I had a penny for every time I have tied a shoelace I would be... You know what kids; I'm going to start charging you each a penny every time I have to tie your shoes."



That night Tad Hudson told his mom, "I need some pennies to take to school." "Why?" she asked. "Because I have to give "Miss" Susan a penny each time she ties my shoes." The next day he brought in eleven pennies.

We all got a good laugh out of this but it also got me thinking how literal children are and how they take everything to heart that the adults in their lives say to them. It also got me thinking that when we talk to children we should always realize they hear exactly the words we say without adding anything else or thinking, "What she really means is this." How many times have each of us been guilty of saying to a child when they are crying, "Stop that, you are acting like a baby" which is saying to them after you leave the baby stage, tears aren't allowed when you are sad or angry. How much more sense does it make to take the time first to say, "You are so

sad" or "You are really mad, sometimes I get mad too."

If we take the time to acknowledge what the child is feeling the child knows that we hear them and want to help. From this they know that big girls and boys; even Moms and Dads feel the way they feel and sometimes cry. So, my sometimes meddling Grandma advise to you is when you talk to your children...Say what you mean and mean what you say and realize that from your words and the words spoken by other important adults in your child's life speak what they perceive as total truth to the child's heart.



I would like to close with another "Miss" Susan story. One year Susan had a little boy in her class that trouble seemed to follow around. He had trouble sitting still, keeping his hands to himself and in general following any rules. If he ever forgot it he was always reminded when he would hear perfect strangers advise his mother as to what they would do to him if he was theirs. His truth perception was he wasn't a very good kid. The only way Susan could have a normal together time with her class was to sit the little boy at the front of the group next to her left foot which left her right hand free for holding a book and her left hand for resting on the boy's shoulder if needed. One day the child asked, "Why do always have me sit up front with you?" Now "Miss" Susan will always speak the truth but from years of teaching she knew what she said to the child would have a profound impact on the child. "I have you sit right here because You are Special." After that when I would visit the room the child would tell me he sat where he did because he was special to "Miss" Susan. The little boy is in public school and still has some trouble with the rules but he will keep trying because the truth he knows is, He is Special to "Miss" Susan.

Spiritual Formation @ Home

Strengthening Families for Christ

Under the leadership of Teresa Auten,
District Youth Leader

WHEN: Sunday, October 18th : 2:00 – 5:00p.m.

WHERE: New Covenant United Methodist
Church

14514 Lucia-Riverbend Hwy,
Mount Holly, N.C.

WHO: Parents, grandparents, teachers, clergy,
anyone who loves children

COST: \$5.00 in advance; \$10 at the door

Breakout Sessions (Choose 2)

- Dads Who Disciple
Hank Dozier
WNCC United Methodist Men's
President
- Beyond Bedtime Prayers
Ann Starrette
Director of Spiritual Formations
Davidson UMC
- Simply Sabbath
Teresa Auten
Lake Norman District Youth Leader
- Creating Space...We'd make room for God,
but our calendar's full
Clergy family Rev. Mark and Jill Muckler
Rocky Mount UMC

If you or someone you know is interested in attending this conference at our neighboring church, please see Shea Hartsell for a registration form. Thanks!

Scholastic Book Club

This year at Trinity many teachers will again be participating in the Scholastic Book Clubs. Through this club you will be able to purchase books for your child at a great price. And every time you purchase books, your child's teacher will earn points for classroom books and other educational materials to use in the classroom.



Here's how it will work. Every couple weeks or so, your child's teacher will send home flyers with the current month's selections. Look it over and check the boxes on the order form for anything you would like to order. Then turn in your order form along with your check payable to Scholastic Book Clubs. Your order should arrive in about 2 weeks and can be picked up in your child's classroom. Participation in this program is completely optional. This is just a way to help update and expand our classroom learning materials.

Event Schedule:

2:00 Networking/Dessert/Resource tables
2:30 Opening welcome
2:45 Breakout sessions (Choose 2)
4:45 Closing challenge and sending forth