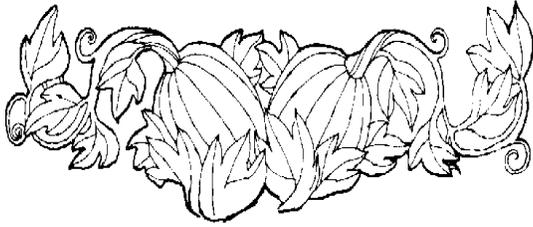


Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter October 2010



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 4th-8th - Book Fair
 - Oct. 14th - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
 - Oct. 16th - Church Fish Fry
 - Oct. 18th - Fall Fundraiser Begins
 - Oct. 26th - Cookies & Cider For Our Parents
 - Oct. 29th - Fall Fundraiser Ends
 - Oct. 29th - Event Images Fall Pictures
 - Oct. 31st - Halloween
 - Oct. 31st - Trunk or Treat
- (See Articles for Details)

LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov. 2nd - Event Images Fall Pictures
- Nov. 3rd - Event Images Fall Pictures
- Nov. 4th & 5th - WNC Conference
(Playschool CLOSED)
- Nov. 7th - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day (Playschool Open)
- Nov. 16th & 17th - Silhouette Artist
- Nov. 24th, 25th, & 26th - Thanksgiving Break
(Playschool CLOSED)

In Memory of Isaiah

Isaiah Joseph lost his brave battle with Brain Cell Glioma on September 17, 2010. For those who may not have known he was a Trinity Playschool Graduate. To honor his beautiful life we would like to purchase a Yoshino Cherry Tree, have it planted on our playground on the day of his



celebration service that will be held at Trinity, as well as purchase a stone plaque to be placed in front of the tree.

The cost of this would be about \$250.00, for those of you that would like to make a gracious donation to this effort we ask that you make checks payable to TUMC Playschool (please note in the memo line what the check is for) and give them to Jennifer or Crystal in the playschool office.

Blessings,

The staff of TUMC playschool



October Birthdays



One year old

Hannah McGrady October 2nd

Two years old

Trevin Tyner October 9th
Calliope Kolk-Tomberlin October 14th
Josephine Kolk-Tomberlin October 14th
John Michael Alexander October 21st

Three years old

Aliya Morris October 3rd
Bailey Smith October 9th
Emily McGrady October 24th

Four years old

Blakley Watson October 6th

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held October 4th-8th in Hucks Parlor. There will be books for children of all ages, Christian books and books for adults. This is a fundraiser for the Playschool so 40% of what you spend will benefit the school directly. Please plan to stop by; the Fair hours are 8:45am-10:00am and 11:30am -12:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering please see Crystal in the Playschool office.



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 O' Shields
6th-12th Led by Shelly Black

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

Upcoming Church Events - Everyone Invited!

Christmas play practice will start Oct. 17th during children's church at 11:00. We will have a kickoff party to view the DVD for the play on Oct. 10th from 5:15 - 6:30pm. The Christmas play will be December 12th at 5:30 in FLC. Your children will love participating in the Christmas Play so bring them on out!

Mystery Dinner will be November 13th - sign up sheets will be available shortly.



The Trinity United Methodist Men will host a Fish Fry on Saturday, October 16th beginning at 4:00pm in the FLC. The cost is \$9.00 for flounder, catfish and

shrimp with all the fixings. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors.



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, hotdogs, lots of candy, games and much more. If you have any questions, please see the office staff.

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 cookie dough fundraiser will begin October 18th and run through October 29th. 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 Miss Claudia

It's a rainy day as I look out my office window as September finally is coming to an end. A smile is on my face as I think about how excited the children were this morning coming in as they had just walked in from the rain. Kids get so much joy out of the littlest things. The fact that they do see the world and everything around them on such a higher plane than adults is one of the reasons that it is so easy to understand why they are talked about in such high regard in the Bible.

In Matthew 18:2-6 it says: *And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.*

Matthew 18:10 warns: *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.*

Our church learned firsthand this month about a child and angels. This month we lost Isaiah Joseph to cancer. Right after Christmas his grandmother noticed that his balance was off as he came down the stairs. Thinking maybe it was an ear infection she took him to the doctor. They were told the life changing news that he had an inoperable brain tumor. He started declining rapidly until he had a series of radiation treatments. All through the summer he was back to his old self, swimming each day and going to Disney World through Make a Wish Foundation. Each night while there he was tucked into bed by a different Disney character, Disney fulfilled every dream that an eight year old could have. All summer he would ask his friends "Do you feel the angels around?" He planned to return to school but on the first day he had a headache and was very sick, the family had been warned that the effects of the radiation would come to an end and then the cancer would come back with a vengeance. One day he told his grandmother that he would die in three weeks but everything was going to be OK. An angel had told him. Isaiah died peacefully at home three weeks to the day. His pediatrician was there. Isaiah took a deep breath

as she had her hand on his pulse. She took her other hand and placed his grandmother's hand over Isaiah's heart. The grandmother felt the final two beats and then she too felt angels all around.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night



I am so excited to announce our first ever Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night! This event will be held Thursday October 14th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Northlake Chick-Fil-A (outside of the mall). Come enjoy a great meal with your family and friends and at the same time attend a fundraising event! The school will receive a percentage of the sales on this night. **Be sure to tell them when you order (drive-through or dine-in) that you are with Trinity Playschool!** We would love to have you join us on this special night.

Classroom Availabilities

Enrollment has been slow this year, especially with our one year olds and all of you who have had children in the ones know what an amazing class that it is. The economy is the main reason, we feel numbers are down. While Trinity enjoys a great reputation it is not exactly in a high traffic area for new parents in the area to find us. A lot of our new parents have come to the school from messages they saw on Mommies.com where we have been told that many of you are members and say such good things about your children's school. Parents of the school have always been our best advertisement for Trinity and we love and appreciate you so much. This year we need an extra special effort from you, our cheerleaders and top sales force. We have flyers available in the Playschool office. What we are asking of you is to grab a few and carry them with you to share when you meet that Mom or Dad at places like the play ground at McDonalds, the grocery store or anywhere else you may run into parents of preschoolers who would be interested in the school. If you are interested in passing them out in your neighborhood, that would be great! Share your ideas with us if you know of any other way to get the word out. Love you all and so happy that we can proudly say, "Trinity Playschool has the best children and families in the world!"

WNC Workshop

On November 4th and 5th, 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 56 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.**

FIRE SAFETY AT PLAYSCHOOL

As many of you know that when you send your child off to elementary school they practice all kinds of drills, one would be the fire drill. Here at

Trinity we feel that preparing escapes plans and practicing fire drills are important part of our routine. These drills are held each month on different days and times, so that all of our children and staff understand the fire escape plan. Please feel free to ask us when we plan to do our next drill so that you can speak with your child about it and maybe even incorporate a fire escape plan at your own home. Studies show that children and even adults that regularly practice fire drills and escape plans are less likely to panic and more likely to remember what to do in case of a fire.



Cookies & Cider For Our Parents

The staff of Trinity Playschool will host our first ever Cookies and Cider for the best parents in the world from 11:30-12:00 on Tuesday October 26th. This event will be held outside by the playground. We will hold a similar event on Thursday January 27th. If your child



attends on Tuesdays you will be invited to the October event, if your child attends on Thursdays you will be invited to the January event. If your child doesn't attend on either of these days feel free to come to either event. This is a time for the Trinity staff to show our appreciation to you and a time for you to enjoy the fellowship of other Playschool parents.

Life In The Classroom: Miss Shae & Miss Jana

Our class is working hard on making new friends. It's October and their almost there. Here are some things for each one of them to remember in our class all year long!

Dear Savannah, Alex, Sydney, Khaki, Riley, Cam, Tyler, Franki, Julia, Joshua, Kylee, Angela, Nehemiah, Maylie and Peyton:

1. You are a star in our class! 
2. It's ok to make mistakes...that's how we learn. 
3. We're nuts about you! 
4. You are going to learn so much this year! 
5. Everyone needs a hug, let us know if you need one.
6. We are going to have lots of fun during our year together! 

Sincerely,
Miss Shae & Miss Jana

Dancing with the Trinity Stars

Starting October, 12th Trinity Playschool will offer dance classes for BOYS and GIRLS who are enrolled in the Older Two class through TK class. Dance classes will be held each Tuesday and Friday during regular school hours, during Outdoor Playtime. Classes will be led by "Miss" Rubi, our Spanish teacher at Trinity. The children will be instructed in tap and learn routines with a Latin influence. These classes will be limited to ten children per class so if you are interested, sign up quickly. Tuition for the class is \$25.00 per month. Tuition for October will be FREE as an introductory offer. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board by Claudia's office. Complete your form and attach a \$10.00 registration fee and return to Crystal in the playschool office, If your child only comes two or three days a week and you would like to sign up for the other end of the week and not miss any outdoor playtime, please notate this on your form.



The following was shared with me by Connor Midthun's mother Audrey. I loved it and want to share with all of you. Miss Claudia

A Bag of Potato Chips



A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

to beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied! "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

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