

Trinity UMC Playschool Newsletter September 2010



September Birthdays



DATES TO REMEMBER LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

October 4th - 8 - Scholastic Book Fair
October 18th -29th - Fall Fundraiser
October 29th , Nov 2nd & 3rd - Fall
Pictures

About our Newsletter

During the first week of each month you will receive your Trinity Playschool Newsletter. We have a column called "Parent Exchange". In this column, you can tell the other parents anything that you would like to share. This is the space where you can announce yard sales; introduce your small business or any thing that would be of an interest to other parents. You never know, you may have something like a baby crib that another parent would love to buy used. Make sure you give Crystal any announcements that you want to include in the up coming newsletter by the 20th of the previous month.



Playschool Newsletters are now
on the webpage!

Two Years Old

Addison Walker September 7th
Gaither, Jordan September 27th

Three Years Old

Olivia Ritter September 11th
Anthony Luber September 25th
Oliver Fee September 27th

Four Years Old

Franki Gilreath September 11th
Savannah Massey September 13th

Five Years Old

Aidan Harper September 22nd
Gracie Cooke September 29th

Six Years Old

Alexander Erickson September 22nd

Images By Faith

During the spring we had Faith Massey come to take our outdoor pictures. They turned out great! She took it upon herself (as a surprise to Claudia) to print some of the pictures, have them framed and hung them in our hallways! She hung over 30 pictures of varying sizes. The pictures make such a difference in the Playschool building. You walk in and see all the children's smiling faces, no matter what is going on in the outside world everything just seems ok. THANK YOU FAITH WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE THE PICTURES!

With Love from Claudia

The following is a reprint which appeared in our April 2002 newsletter. Claudia's column will start next month.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" 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, he 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 round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea." Matthew 18:1-6

WOW, Jesus said a mouthful about what He thinks about children. For Jesus to honor children in this way, it would pay us to all think about children and try to figure out how they are different than most adults. A couple weeks ago Haley Ferrel's grandmother shared a story with me. After school, she was taking her grandchildren to the car on one of those cold, windy, rainy days we had in March. As she hustled them to the car, she said, "Hurry, Hurry, it's raining! BRRRR." Two-year-old Haley looked up and said, "Grandmaw, it's a beautiful day; it's just a little bit of rain." Haley's grandmother, who is very wise, was reminded of a very important fact. Children see beauty where we can't. I firmly believe children are born knowing and loving Jesus (little ones who believe in me.) It amazes me as I watch groups of children playing together. To them, it does not matter the color of the skin, social status or that they fought over the same toy an hour ago. They don't hold grudges and what's inside is more important than what is outside. .

Parents and teachers, Beware. Pettiness, bigotry, dishonesty and hate are learned behaviors. Don't feel the weight of that millstone around your neck.

Snack Help Donations

Everyday our children eat their snack out of a standard size coffee filter. These are great for holding snack and allow for quick cleanup. The children upstairs also get their juice in small paper or plastic 5oz cups. Because we use these items daily, we are asking for your help. If you could provide either or both of these items, we would be happy to receive them in the playschool office. Thank you in advance for your help in providing these snack time essentials!

Check us out on the Web!

Please check out our WebPages which are part of the Trinity United Methodist Church Website. The web address is trinityumcofcharlotte.com. Look for us under the Playschool Tab. The pages will include: General Info, School Calendar, Archived and Current Newsletters, Staff Info, Registration Forms, and a Playschool Blog. The Blog will be updated regularly with all of the important dates and information happening at Trinity Playschool.

DROP-IN LUNCH BUNCH

Drop-in lunch bunch is offered on a first come first serve basis. Any parent that wishes to have their child drop-in for lunch bunch must first see Crystal in the office so that she can approve the request.

Drop-in forms are available at the Playschool Office. The fee for Drop-in Lunch Bunch is \$10 this year and needs to be paid once space is verified and your request is approved.

From The Office



Monthly tuition payments are due on the first day your child attends each month and must be paid by the 15th. A late fee of \$10.00 will need to be added to all tuition payments received after the 15th. Please include your child's name in the memo line of your check. Checks can be made out to "TUMC Playschool" and placed in the drop-box outside of the playschool office. If you have any questions about accounts, please come see Jennifer or Crystal in the playschool office. You may also contact us via email at tumcmoney@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Jennifer Harrison –Playschool Financial Controller
Crystal Figaro –Office Staff

Hot Dogs

A few years ago a group of Trinity members (mostly senior citizens) came up with the idea of selling hot dogs each Wednesday to raise money to buy a church bus. That group of members have not only bought their bus but have helped pay off the family life center and so much more. The menu of hot dogs has grown over the years to include hamburgers, corn dogs, chicken sandwiches, bologna sandwiches, BBQ's, fries, chili and pintos. You'll even find some of the best homemade desserts that you will ever taste. Many of the playschool families stay each Wednesday to eat lunch together. It has become one of the most popular places in the area to eat on Wednesdays. Also, don't forget if your child stays for Lunch Bunch you may order their lunch in the Playschool Office and have it delivered Wednesdays. Make sure you stay one Wednesday soon. You will be glad that you did.

Enrollment Update

We do have a few spaces available in all age groups. Please let your friends and family know that there is still time to attend Trinity for the 2010 – 2011 school year. If you have any questions about availability, please let Claudia know. Also, any and all forms that you turn in during the course of the year should be given to Crystal in the Playschool Office.

DROP OFF AND PICK-UP

We would just like to remind everyone that Playschool drop-off is no earlier than 8:55. This ensures that teachers get the time they need to prepare for the day ahead.

Playschool pick-up is at 12:00. We do assess a late fee of \$5 after 5 mins., \$10 after 15 mins., and then \$1 each additional 5 mins. afterwards. Same rates apply for lunch bunch.

Thank you parents for adhering to these guidelines that keep all of our children happy and safe.

Every Sunday:

Open Hearts.
Open Minds.
Open Doors.



This Sunday, **September 19th** is Trinity's Homecoming. This will be held at the 11:00 service and Sherriff Chip Bailey will be the guest speaker. After the service a covered dish dinner will be held in the Family Life Center. Please come and experience a great service and a great meal afterward.

Below are our Sunday Worship Hours:

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. 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 5:00 - 6:30

2nd -5th Led by Margie 5:00 - 6:30

6th-12th Led by Shelly Black 5:00 - 6:30

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

When Additional Help is Needed:

We adore all of our children at Trinity and believe each child was created perfectly by God. Sometimes it appears that a child could use additional services. Trinity is in partnership with the very best therapists from CMS, Thompson, and Private agencies. Our goal is that each child will reach their fullest potential while at Trinity and with our children we know...The Sky's the Limit! The following referral process outlines the details we use for acquiring extra help.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Trinity UMC Playschool shall use the following procedures for referring parents to appropriate social, mental health, educational and medical services for their child should the center staff feel that an assessment for such additional services be a benefit to the child. Whenever ANY staff member is concerned about a child's development or behavior, and feel that further evaluation should be performed, they should report it to the child's Lead Teacher who will review concerns with the Director. If the Director agrees, the Lead Teacher is requested to complete an observation report and review the child's record prior to making a referral.

REFERRAL MEETING WITH PARENTS

The Director schedules a meeting with parents to notify them of the center's concern and prepares a current list of possible referral resources. At the meeting, the Director and Lead Teacher will provide to the parent(s) a written statement including the reason for recommending a referral for additional services, a brief summary of the center's observations related to the referral and any efforts Trinity may have made to accommodate the child's needs.

The Director will offer assistance to the child's parents in making the referral. Parents will be encouraged to call or request in writing an evaluation. If parents need extra support, the Director of Trinity Playschool, with written parental consent, will contact the referral agency for them.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE REFERRAL

The Director will, with parental permission, contact the agency or service provider who evaluated the child for consultation and assistance in meeting the child's needs at Trinity UMC Playschool. If it is determined that the child is not in need of service from this agency, or is ineligible to receive services, the staff of Trinity UMC Playschool shall review the child's progress at the center every three months to determine if another referral is necessary.

RECORD OF REFERRALS

The Director/Lead Teacher will maintain a written record of any referrals, including the parent conference and results. A referral checklist will be kept in the child's record at school.

Parent Exchange

A Whole Lot of Fun

A good laugh and smile is a whole lot of Sunshine

-  Name: Hollie Barnes
- Age: 21 years old
- Years Experience: I've been babysitting since I was 14 (8 years experience)
- Love interacting with kids of all ages...Watching movies, playing games, reading stories, etc...
- Mobile # 704-264-9342
- Hours Available: M-F: 6:00 PM until Sat: Call for hours

Are You Looking For A Pet?



Chances are you have seen the additions we have to the Church/Playschool. We have one white and black cat that the children have named Trinity. And recently we have seen two black (tiny) kittens. These kittens need **GOOD** homes!!! If you are interested in taking them or know of someone who might be please let us know. They are so cute!

Wanted:



- People who go through life making decisions with their hearts more than their brains.
- People who think jokes four-year-olds tell are funny.
- People who think there is no such thing as terrible twos, just twos who act like twos.
- People who may find the energy of a three year old tiring, but like them anyway.
- People who know all the wet diapers in the world are worth the smile from a one-year-old.

**IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU,
YOU ARE NEEDED AND
WANTED AS A SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER FOR TRINITY
PLAYSCHOOL.**

On the bulletin board outside of Crystal and Jennifer's office you will find a sign-up sheet. On it, please put your name and phone number, days you could sub and ages that you feel comfortable working with. Sub pay isn't great but the admiration and sticky kisses from a class of preschoolers more than make up for the small paycheck.