

October Dates

Oct. 5th and 6th

Mud Day

Oct. 13th

Bounce U FUNdraiser

October 14th

Messy Church
Messy Builders!

See what is going on in the life of this busy church. Go to cumchb.org and find "The Chimes".

Change or Clothes

Accidents happen. Please send a change of clothes (shorts, t-shirt and underwear) in your child's bucket each day. Please label all jackets and clothing.

Bounce U FUNdraiser

Friday, October 13th — 5:30-7:30

Child \$12 Adult \$5

Price Includes Food

Please register children before the event at www.bounceu.com/huntington-beach-ca. Adults can pay at the door. Parents can also fill out safety waivers online. Bounce U is located at 5445 Oceanus Dr. Suite 115 (92649 off of Graham Street near Bolsa.) We hope to see you there for this fun family night AND thank you for supporting CUMC Preschool!

PSA— City of Huntington Beach Residents

FYI - The City of Huntington Beach recommends everyone download the following app for your phones for local emergency information— OCALERT and listen to local radio station KWAVE—107.9.

Mud Day

MUD DAY IS COMING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Your children will be experiencing dirt, sand and water and literally getting in the mud! Here are some important things to remember when preparing your child for Mud Day at CUMC:

- Please send your children in old clothes that can get muddy. They can wear a bathing suit under their clothes.
- Shoes are required for Mud Day.. We recommend water shoes or crocs.
- Please send an old towel and a change of clothes for your child. It is also recommended that you send or bring a plastic bag for dirty clothes/shoes at the end of the day.
- You will pick up your child at the side gate, not in the classroom.

This is a great day! You are welcome to come early and take pictures of your child (around 11 works great). Be ready to pick up your mud pie!

On-Line or Mailed Tuition Payment

The Preschool mail is sorted in the Church office. If you pay tuition electronically, please instruct your bank to write "CUMC Preschool" on the "pay to" line. Using our whole name, "Community United Methodist Preschool" results in the computer omitting "Preschool" and the check is directed to the Church finance committee. This also applies to any payment you mail. Stop by the office if you have any questions. And, for those of you who prefer to pay tuition and lunch bunch/stay & play in cash, please know we do not keep cash for change in the office. We also accept credit cards in the office for all transactions. Thank you for your help.

Contact Us

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Website and Facebook

Please be sure to check out our Preschool website at cumcpreschoolhb.com. There are a lot of interesting articles, links to other related sites and important information regarding programs, calendar events and activities happening at CUMC Preschool. We update regularly and hope that it is a useful tool for you to use in gathering information about the preschool. We also post a lot of reminders and fun information on our CUMC Preschool Facebook page.

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Snack Notes

When it is your turn to provide snack for the class, a half gallon of drink is enough for the entire class. We highly recommend water be served and that you avoid sending any drink that is in prepackaged individual containers. One of the skills children practice at preschool is successfully pouring from a pitcher into a cup.

Halloween

This holiday can be enjoyable for children. It can also be frightening and overstimulating. At preschool, we emphasize the fun and some of the traditions of the holiday. **We ask that you please do not send your child to school in a costume or mask.** Costumes are a favorite dress-up at Preschool. If you have any that you do not need anymore, please consider donating them to us. Also, we would appreciate it if no party favors, balloons or gift bags were sent to be distributed in the classroom.

Phone Calls

We ask that when you leave an emergency phone number where you can be reached that you make every effort to have your phone close by while your child is at school. We realize this isn't always possible, but there are times when it is important to reach you during school hours. **PLEASE ANSWER YOUR PHONE.** Thank you for your help.

Please Let Us Know - Feedback Requested - Opportunities

Parent Handbook - If you did not get a parent handbook (full-page pamphlet) at registration, please stop by the office and pick one up.

Tile Wall - Our tile wall by the front door is a "growing" wall. If you are interested in having your family or child make a tile, please see Vicki for details.

Coffee and Connections - For families at school on Tuesday, we are offering time to have a cup of coffee and make connections with other preschool parents. The nursery will be open providing a place for your younger children to play while you chat.

Holiday Collections - In November we will be collecting Turkeys and Food for Thanksgiving Baskets given by the CUMC Food Closet. In December we will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for Olive Crest. This organization takes in children for foster care/adoption.

Lunch Bunch/Stay and Play - If you want your child to stay for Lunch Bunch, Stay and Play or Enrichment, you **MUST** sign-up in the office. Tues., Wed. and Thursday's are getting to be a popular day so sign up ahead of time, if you can.

YOGA and SPANISH CLASS - Parents....there are still spots available for Yoga on M and W from 9 - 10am. Please stop by the office for a registration form, or drop in for a class for \$15. Childcare is available and included in the cost. There are also still a few spots available for the Spanish class that meets from 11-45 - 12:15 on Tuesday afternoons.

Making Friends

Social interaction is an important part of development for young children. They are not born knowing how to maintain relationships with people over time or how to resolve conflicts constructively. These social skills are learned by observing how peers and family members respond to different situations and by experimenting and experiencing the consequences of their actions.

Many children at this age are just becoming aware of other children. They may be shy and watch from the sidelines, while others put a great effort into making friends. You can help by being supportive as your child tries to establish friendships. We encourage you to ask your child about his/her friends and give the opportunity to interact with other children outside the classroom. Use your classroom roster and plan a play date or meet them at the park.