



CUMC Newsletter

Community United Methodist Church Preschool

October 2017

October Dates

Oct. 6th and 7th

Mud Day

No Lunch Bunch TH

October 8th

Messy Church
Sing a New Song!

October 15th

CUMC Fall Festival
3-6pm
(See attached flyer)

October 17th

NO SCHOOL

The school will be closed so the staff can attend a workshop in Los Angeles

October 22nd

Daddy and Me Day

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

Daddy and Me Day

Dads are invited to come to school and interact with their child in our preschool setting. The Daddy and Me Schedule is as follows:

Saturday - October 22nd

9-10am - MWF and 5 Day Pre-K

Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Paul/Lloyd, Miss Denise, Mrs. Quilico & Ms. Leyla

10:30—11:30 - TTH

Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Paul/Lloyd, Miss Morgan & Mrs. Majick's TWTH
Miss Denise's PM class.

This is a special day for dad and preschoolers only so please do not bring siblings. There will be root beer floats available near the covered patio in the quad area of the church. So your play won't be interrupted, please turn cell phones to silent during Daddy and Me Day.

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

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.

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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.

Volunteers

We love having your help at our school. However, due to California State regulations that govern our program, we cannot allow siblings to stay in the room while you assist as it affects our teacher/child ratio. If you want to help in the room, we ask that you find childcare for you other children.

Developmental Testing

Every year CUMC Preschool offers Developmental Screenings through Chancey and Bruce. This year's testing will take place on Nov. 3rd and 4th. This is a great tool for finding out where your child is developmentally and is especially helpful if you have any concerns or want to identify areas that might need a little extra attention. If you have any questions about this assessment, please speak to your child's teacher or Vicki in the office. Thank you.

Halloween

This holiday can be enjoyable for children. It can also be frightening and over-stimulating. 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.

Please plan for and be prepared for road construction on Heil in October.

Construction will be from Gothard to Edwards.

Babysitting Nights at CUMC Preschool

Babysitting Nights are Back at CUMC Preschool! This year you will have 3-4 dates to choose from. The first babysitting night will be held by the CUMC Youth Group on Nov. 19th as a fundraiser for the important mission trips they plan each year. These trips take them all over the country helping families rebuild after natural disasters or helping communities that are coping with the affects of extreme poverty. The CUMC Preschool staff will also be hosting a fundraiser babysitting night on March 18th to help raise money for improvements of our play yard. The other two dates (one by the CUMC youth and one by the CUMC Preschool staff) will be given as they are set. Please watch for details for signing up as there are a limited number of spots and they go quickly.

Parenting Matters - Parenting Class

We are very excited to offer another year of our Parenting Matters class. Ruth Lynch, M.A., LMFT will be assisting in moderating these classes. This is an informal, discussion-based group. You are invited to attend every class or drop in when you can. Each hour long class (6:30 - 7:30pm) starts with a discussion of a parenting topic (i.e. bedtime routines, discipline vs punishment, consistency, etc.) and ends with families sharing what is working and not working with their kids while receiving great advice. Free Child Care is provided. Tentative dates for this classes are Oct. 24, Jan. 30th, Feb. 27th, March 20th, April 24th and May 22nd.

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Picture Directory

Would you like to be a part of the CUMC Picture Directory? . Each family will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait for participating. For an appointment, please log on to cum-chb.org and click on register for photo directory.

Food Closet

Donations can be dropped in the labeled collection bin located across the hall from the Blue Room. If you check out our school website (events page) you can find the monthly item that is being requested – although the Food Closet will take and use anything!!
Thank you!

Facebook

Like us on Facebook at CUMC Preschool. Updates and school happenings posted regularly!

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.

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 Wednesday, 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. Wednesdays are getting to be a very popular day so sign up ahead of time, if you can.

Friendly - and IMPORTANT - Reminders

FYI - Car Seats!

As of Jan. 1st, 2017 children under 2 must be in a rear facing car seat **UNLESS** they are 40 or more pounds or 40 or more inches tall.

Change of 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.**

Phone Numbers

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.