



# CUMC Preschool News

Community United Methodist Church Preschool Nov. 2017

## November

### Friday Nov. 10th

Veterans Day  
No School

### Nov. 11th

Messy Church  
5-7pm

### Nov. 18

End of Food  
Collection

### Nov. 22/23/24

Thanksgiving Holiday  
No School



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## Christmas Program

We will visit with a minister and hear about Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. Afterward, we will sing carols. The dates and times for this event are:

### Tuesday Dec. 12th

9am - T/THClasses \*

### Wednesday Dec. 13th

9am - MWF Classes \*

**\*TWTH and the 5 day  
classes will go both days**

Everyone is invited and we hope that all families can join us for this 15 minute program. It is nice to catch our breath and have some fun during this hectic time of year. A reminder will be sent home closer to the date of the program.

## Thanksgiving

Each year the CUMC Food Closet gives out around 50 complete Thanksgiving Meals to families in need. We are doing something a little different this year. If you would like to help support this giving, we are looking to collect Turkeys (10-12lb) and gift cards to shop for needed items. We are also looking for any other Thanksgiving Food Items that you would like to donate. As a school service project, each classroom will be decorating a collection box that will then be filled with a Thanksgiving meal and handed out. If participating, all items need to be brought to school by Wednesday, Nov. 16th. THANKS for GIVING!



## Playground

The preschool is in the planning stages to renovate the playground. We are very interested in changing to a "natural playground". A design company called Nature Explore is coming to meet with us. We have a meeting scheduled Wed. November 8 from 6pm - 9pm. Anyone interested in learning about why a natural play space is important, or to learn how to use this space is welcome to attend the meeting. Please RSVP in the office.

## Reminders and Opportunities

**Nuts** - The United Methodist Women are selling a variety of nuts for your holiday baking and gift giving. Order forms are available in the office.

**Snack Alert - PLEASE** remember you've signed up for snack days. If you have forgotten your date, they are posted outside your child's classroom. We also ask that you be diligent and check both the ingredients and expiration date on snacks.

**Gift Cards** - Need some gift cards for the holiday season? CUMC sells cards for many popular stores. Place your order and receive your cards the following week. See the office for a list of stores.

**Coffee and Connections** - If you have time on Tuesday's after drop-off, the nursery is open for parents and younger children to meet with friends (or make new ones), share coffee and great conversation!

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## Photos

I am sure you have noticed that the teachers take **LOTS** of pictures.

In June, you will receive photos of your child involved in different school activities. If you would like to make a donation to help offset this cost to the teachers, please talk to your child's teacher about her photo-fund.

**Thank you very much!**



## Food Closet

Donations can be dropped in the labeled collection bin located across the hall from the Blue Room. Thank you!

## Social Media

Like us on Facebook! CUMC Preschool page. 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.

## Welcome Jaklen Gebraeel

We would like to introduce Jaklen Gebraeel to our families. Jaklen is our new Teacher's Aide. She will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. She has a degree in Education from Egypt and is currently attending OCC to get a certificate in Early Childhood Education, as well.



## Thank You!

Thanks to all who supported our fundraisers. Brewster's Ice Cream brought in \$120 and Bounce U brought in \$400.

## Friendly Reminder

We would like to request that you please send your child in pants that they can easily pull up and down. We are seeing many pants/shorts with buttons that your children cannot manipulate. We are trying to teach them to be self-reliant and appreciate your help in assisting us.

## Messy Church

We would like to invite all our preschool families to Messy Church! This is a fun, once-a-month, family worship time. We start the night by offering games and crafts that focus on our theme and are appropriate for the whole family. Next, we have a short, fun celebration time and then end our night with a dinner. Messy Church is not intended to take the place of any worship service you may already attend...but it is a family-friendly time of fun and fellowship to enhance your other experiences or provide something spiritual if you are interested and Sunday mornings don't work for you. If you have any questions, please see Vicki in the preschool office, Leyla in the Orange Room or Marty in the Education room (right next to the office). We will meet on November 11th from 5-7pm to celebrate giving THANKS for all we've been given with an emphasis on service and ways we can help people in our world. We will celebrate Advent on Saturday, December 2nd with a special extended time of 4-7pm. We hope to see you there and PLEASE don't hesitate to ask us for more information if this sounds like something you might be interested in!