



A Christian Based Preschool

Reading
Enrichment and
Active
Discoveries for
Young learners



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Special points of interest:

- Summer learning with children
- Field Trips
- Ending the school year
- VBS at First Church

Registration for
2011-2012
School year
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Graduation Program
May 22nd
Church Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.



To Our Preschoolers



May 2—Library Visit—4/5's and Pre-K
May 4 and 5—Mother's Tea
May 11—Fire Station 3/4's
May 12—Fire Station—4/5 's and Pre-K
May 26—Ft. Wayne children's Zoo visit



Read, Play, and Learn!

® is an innovative, play-based curriculum for children 3–6 years of age (1–6 years developmental age).

At the heart of the curriculum are its two collections of storybook modules. The modules creatively build from the concepts, ideas, actions, and events of the stories in order to make learning more relevant for children.

The FUM Preschool uses this curriculum as it emphasizes a developmental approach to learning.

The books around which projects will be done this month are as follows. "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. It is a delightful story about Chester the raccoon and how he overcomes the difficulty of leaving his mother and friends to go to school for the first time.

"Silly Sally" by Audrey Wood. Dance a jig with a silly pig. Play leapfrog with a silly dog. Join Silly Sally and her outrageous friends as they parade into town in a most unusual way.

"I Feel Silly Today" by Jamie Lee Curtis we follow a little girl with curly red hair

through 13 different moods. Whether she is happy or mad or dancing a solo in jazz, she is always "full of pizzazz," and this book is, too. A clever mood wheel on the last page allows young readers to change the little girl's expression--both her eyes and mouth. This is silly fun with a smart lesson for children.

"The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. Chester Raccoon doesn't want to go to school--he wants to stay home with his mother. She has a special secret that's been in the family for years --the Kissing Hand. This secret, she tells him, will make school seem as cozy as home. All he has to do is press his hand to his cheek to feel the warmth of his mother's kiss. gives his mom a Kissing Hand, too,



For students, summer is a time for fun and play. It is also the time when children's learning slides. Research (Brace, 2002a) shows that during the summer students forget many of the reading and math skills learned during the school year. This "summer slide" requires schools and teachers to spend valuable time during the next school year helping students "re-learn" lost skills, and it greatly reduces the time available to master new skills and subjects.

A child's ability to succeed in school takes a partnership—one that begins at home and continues in school. To increase learning and stop the summer learning decline, the Michigan Department of Education has developed summer literacy activities for preschool, prekindergarten, and early elementary students to practice at home.

These activities are being distributed on a pilot basis as part of our ongoing effort to help teachers teach and children learn. Activities are aligned with the Michigan Curriculum Framework, Michigan Literacy Progress Profile and the No Child Left Behind Act.

Family FUNdamentals PDF Documents

[Executive Summary](#)

[Introduction \(Read First\)](#)

[PreKindergarten Literacy Activities](#)

[Kindergarten Literacy Activities](#)

[First Grade Literacy Activities](#)

[2nd Grade Literacy Activities](#)

[Additional Learning Materials - Picture Cards, etc.](#)

Please [tell us what you think](#) about the activities mail-in

All information contained in this publication may be printed, copied and given to parents as you choose.

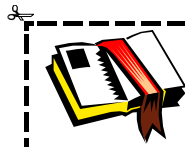
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Weekly Chapel

The Bible is a special book

The children of the preschool learn Bible stories in a chapel setting. Mrs. Hotmire, Dillon Staas, senior pastor, Lisa Johnson Christian education, Gloria Wendel, worship coordinator, assist in this time with the children.

Stories for May are: How Peter served Jesus; Love God with all your heart; rules to live by.



Bible Verses for May

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Philippians 4:4

Make a joyful noise unto
the Lord. Psalm 100:1

Church Library

Lending Library

First Church houses a lending library for children on the second floor in the room called St. Paul's Library.

There are books, videos, DVDs, puppets and stuffed animals which children may borrow for a period of 2 weeks.

The procedure is to sign and date the card inside the books or audio visuals and place the cards in the basket in the room.

For assistance, contact Lisa Johnson in the education office.



Vacation Bible School
First United
Methodist Church
Jefferson at Central
Van Wert, OH

419-238-0631

June 27 – 30 9 a.m.—noon
June 29, 6 – 8 p.m.- Family Night

**Age 3 (by May 1) through going
into grade 4**

You may register by calling
419-238-0631, ext. 30

Curriculum for 3's



First United Methodist Preschool Board offers a month free tuition to anyone who refers another family to our preschool and they attend FUMC Preschool.

Please tell your friends to mention the name of the referring family to receive the credit to your account.

Wonder-filled Weekdays offers lessons for children in Christian preschool ministries. These les-

sons integrate developmentally appropriate activities with religious development and are designed to help teachers make faith connections. The lessons are organized around monthly seasonal themes. Each lesson contains: An outline of the lesson with goals, objectives, faith connections, Bible verse, teacher's prayer, Center Time, including writing, math, art, worship, home living, and building centers, Wonder Time, Group Fun, Good-bye Circle, and Evaluation.

From Tonya Sroufe—teacher of 3/4 year olds

End of School!

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is near. It seems like only yesterday the children walked through the preschool doors for their very first day of school—many with tears in their eyes. Now they have adjusted to the fundamentals of being in school and developed a love of learning. We've covered

a lot of material and made many new friends along the way.

It has been a privilege to be entrusted with your children for the past nine months. Each of your children has brought such joy and happiness to my classroom. I was so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children

this past year.

Thank you for your help and support this year. Have a great summer.

Hope to see you next year.
Mrs. Sroufe



Our mission is to grow in our understanding and relationship with God in a loving Christ-centered community that is committed to worship, service and hope as we make disciples.

Sunday Morning at First Church

8:00 a.m.—Blended Service

Nursery open

9:15 a.m.—Contemporary Service

Nursery open

9:30 a.m.—Sunday school

2 year olds—adults

Nursery open

10:45 a.m.—Traditional Service

Nursery open

Alternative Worship Experience for

Kindergarteners—Grade 4

Child Care for preschoolers

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Grandparent's Day photo



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