



A Christian Based Preschool

Reading  
Enrichment and  
Active  
Discoveries for  
Young learners



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**Special points of interest:**

- Registration
- Summer learning with children
- Ending the school year

Registration for  
2009-2010  
School year  
Phone  
419-238-0631, x 1

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# Classes Offered

**preschool registration**



**3 year olds**

Monday and Wednesday morning,  
8:30—11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday morning,  
8:30—11:00 a.m.

**4/5 year olds Class**

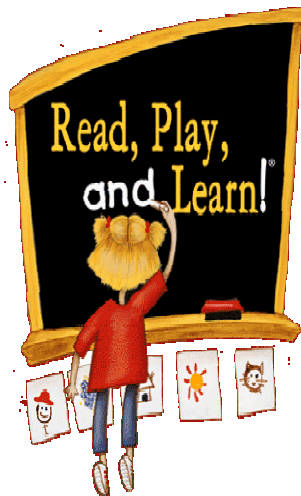
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30—11:00 a.m.

**Pre-Kindergarten Classes**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30—11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 12:15—2:30 p.m.

**Enrichment Class for Pre-K Class  
(and 4/5 year old if space is available)**

Wednesdays, 8:30—11:00 a.m.



**Read, Play, and Learn!**® is an innovative, play-based curriculum for children 3–6 years of age (1-6 years developmental age).

creatively build from the concepts, ideas, actions, and events of the stories in order to make learning more relevant for children.

At the heart of the curriculum are its two collections of storybook modules. The modules

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



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.**

<http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html>

# 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, Director of Christian education, Jana Thompson, Spiritual Formation Director, and Gloria Wendel, worship coordinator, assist in this time with the children.



**Bible Verses**

Each month a Bible verse is chosen for the children to learn.

# 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.

## Month of Free Tuition

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

*"Tell your friends about First United Methodist Preschool and get a month of free tuition."*

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

## Curriculum for 3's



**Wonder-filled Weekdays** offers lessons for children in Christian preschool ministries. These lessons 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, Goodbye Circle, and Evaluation.

## From Dillon Staas, senior pastor

School's out for summer! I remember how good those words sounded when I was a boy. It meant sun and beaches, baseball and camping, sleeping in and staying up late, vacations and long days of doing nothing. I looked forward to it every year. I even counted down the days!

By the end of the summer however, I was bored. I missed my friends, I missed the teachers, I missed the joy of learning new things. I was ready to go back when school resumed.

Your children are probably happy to be off for the summer. Hopefully they will also be happy to resume preschool in the fall.

At the end of each year our preschool board is busy getting ready for the next fall. We are working to make the First United Methodist Preschool a great place for your children. We are hiring new staff, making curriculum adjustments, purchasing

new supplies, and doing all we can to make your child's next school year a happy and meaningful experience.

Thank you for choosing First United Methodist Preschool for your child. If you think of anything we can do to improve your child's early educational experience, please call me at 419-238-0631 extension 2. In the meantime, have a great summer!



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**

**Phone number: 419-238-0631**

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**Office hrs: M-Th, 8:30—4:30**

**F-8:30—noon**

*To leave a written message for a staff member, please use the mailboxes in the Office Storage Room, across from the Office.*

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### First Church Preschool Board

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Moms enjoy the Mother's Tea with their children.



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