



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NURSERY SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL!!!

We are pleased that you chose to send your child to our nursery school. Hello to all new students and parents...welcome back to all those who are returning! This is the first issue of the monthly newsletters you will be receiving (starting in October newsletters will be sent via email). In it you will find all the information you need to know about current and up-coming events, school policies, and many other FYI items. Don't miss the calendar on the back where important dates and weekly themes are noted. It will help keep you up to speed on your child's nursery school activities. Have a great year!!!

INTRODUCING OUR TEACHING STAFF:



SHARON VAAS is the Director of First Presbyterian Church Nursery School. She began her teaching career with a 3rd grade class, followed by 8 years teaching 4-year-olds here at FPCNS. She then added the Assistant Director Job to her duties, before becoming the Director in 1997. This year is Sharon's 21th year as Director at FPCNS. She and her husband Dave, enjoy family activities involving their three grown children, Lucas in Van Wert, Anna in Westerville, and Sara in Colorado Springs. Sharon *loves* being a "Nana" to 4 grandchildren! She also enjoys playing the piano, serving in her church nursery and sewing.

MARY WALSH is teaching the **2 DAY 3 YEAR OLD CLASS** with Nicole Bartson. Mary has 14 years of teaching experience at FPCNS. Mary and husband John, have 3 children: John in Findlay; daughter Janice lives in Sylvania, OH with Mary's 3 grandchildren- 2 girls and one boy, and daughter Jackie is a QIDP with Anne Grady Services in Holland, OH. Mary is a volunteer with the Cuddler Program at the hospital, is secretary of the Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and enjoys riding bikes and spending time with family and friends.

NICOLE BARTSON is starting her 11th year at FPCNS and teaches the **2 DAY 3 YEAR OLD CLASS and 3 DAY 3 YEAR OLD CLASS**. She and her husband, Terry, have 2 children: Jarrett is in 11th grade and Shawna (FPCNS alumni) is in 9th grade. Nicole is on the committee for "The Pointe of the Evening" for Shawna's ballet and is a cloverbud advisor for 4-H. Nicole enjoys watching Jarrett play football and baseball, and Shawna dancing and marching band, and spending time with her family and friends.

LISA GUTHRIE starts her 1st year with FPCNS, and will be joining Nicole Bartson in the **3 DAY 3 YEAR OLD CLASS**. Lisa has been married to her husband Chad for 18 years. They have 3 children; Matthew who is 11, Brian who is 10 and Megan who is 8, all FPCNS grads! She had two dogs named Baxter and Bailey. Lisa enjoys going to her kids' baseball, basketball and soccer games and spending time with her family and friends. Like her children, she is a FPCNS alumni too!

TERRI HERNING teaches in the **3 DAY 4 YEAR OLD CLASS** and is starting her 19th year with FPCNS and has been a member of the church since 1999 and is currently serving on the board of Deacons. She has many years of experience with preschool children as well as teaching children up through the 12th grade. Terri and husband, Lee, have 3 children: Ben, Kristina and husband Adam, and Alex. Terri enjoys reading mysteries, cooking, crossword puzzles, SUDOKU, Jeopardy, MSNBC TV. She has two rescue pets; Sam her dog and a cat named Poppy.

MELISSA WARREN is new to FPCNS this year and will be teaching with Terri Herning in the **3 DAY 4 YEAR OLD CLASS**. She has been married to her husband Jay for 10 years. They have 3 children; Adam 11, Ariana 9, and Alexander (Al) who is 5. She enjoys farming, raising hogs, crafting, running, babysitting, photography, scrap booking and spending time with family. She attends church at Trinity Baptist Church.

JULIE DEPPEN starts her 25th year in the **5 DAY 4 YEAR OLD CLASS**. Julie and husband, Bruce, are the proud parents of 3 FPCNS graduates. Adrianna and her husband, Kevin, and granddaughters, Claire and Isabelle, live in Atlanta. Jake and wife, Bhakti, live in Seattle and had a baby named Nikhil born last September, and Grant is in Norfolk, Virginia and works at Old Dominion University. Julie keeps busy volunteering at the Christian Clearing House and the Hancock Historical Museum. Julie is happily looking forward to a great year with great friends.

CAROL SMITH is joining Julie Deppen for her 4th year in the **5 DAY 4 YEAR OLD CLASS**. Carol is married to Tony and they have 3 children: Lexi, Cameron, and Madison. Lexi is in 8th grade at Donnell, and their two boys, Cameron and Madison are in 5th and 4th grade at Chamberlin Hill. Carol enjoys reading, being with family, gardening, traveling and attending her kids' sporting events.



“Busy Bees at Preschool!”



MOM & ME, SPECIAL DAYS, DAD'S DAY

We have a special **MOM & ME NIGHT** with moms for all of our classes. This is planned in October with the hope that it will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's classmates and their moms early in the school year (check calendar for dates/times). **Please note that when classes are scheduled for the evening, there is one daytime class that is cancelled - this will be noted on your calendar.**

Your child will have his/her own **SPECIAL DAY** this year. Special Days at FPCNS have always taken place of a birthday celebration, so as not to exclude those with summer birthdays. A Special Day is set aside to recognize each child for the entire day. The teachers will choose that date at a time not close to the child's birthday. You will be asked to send photos of your child for them to tell us about. We make a crown for them and they get their picture taken. It is great!!!

DAD'S DAY will be held on an evening in February. Please check the calendar for this day and plan ahead to join us.

LIBRARY LADY: The children will have a visit from our “Library Lady” (Julie Deppen) during the middle of September. She will share some stories with the children and talk with them about the proper care of books. In the following weeks, we will begin using the library book cart so the children can check out books to bring home. More information on the book cart will be in next month's newsletter.



FAMILY MATTERS...



If YOUR CHILD IS ENROLLED IN THE 3 DAY 4 YR OLD CLASS...

You have the option of sending them a 4th morning (Tuesday)! If you would like to add this day, please let Sharon know. The tuition for 4 days is \$140/month. This class tends to be a small group with one teacher. The children love the smaller class and special activities that day! Mrs. Terri Herning teaches the 4th day. We can accept enrollment in this class up until Christmas break.

“Socks and Sneakers”

Those flip-flops are adorable.
Your sandals are so cute.
And you look very stylish
In your clogs and cowboy boots.

But when you're on the playground
Where there's dirt and mulch and rocks,
The safest things for you to wear
Are sneakers and some socks!

The mulch can scratch your ankles.
The rocks can stub your toes.
You might take a tumble
And bop your little nose.

Your teachers want to keep you safe.
We think you are very sweet
So please wear socks and sneakers
To protect your little feet!



PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

WHEN:

MONDAY, 9-18-17 - 4 year old classes
THURSDAY, 9-21-17 - 3 year old classes

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

TIME FOR BOTH DAYS: 7:00 p.m.

BABY-SITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE; MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED LATER

The parent orientation meeting is a time for parents to learn more about the nursery school program, with your child's teachers, and with other parents. Join us for a brief group meeting, then we will separate according to classes so that you may meet with your child's teachers. We hope that at least one parent will be able to come represent each child. Parents of returning children should come to hear about the 4-year-old program.

Newsletter By Email

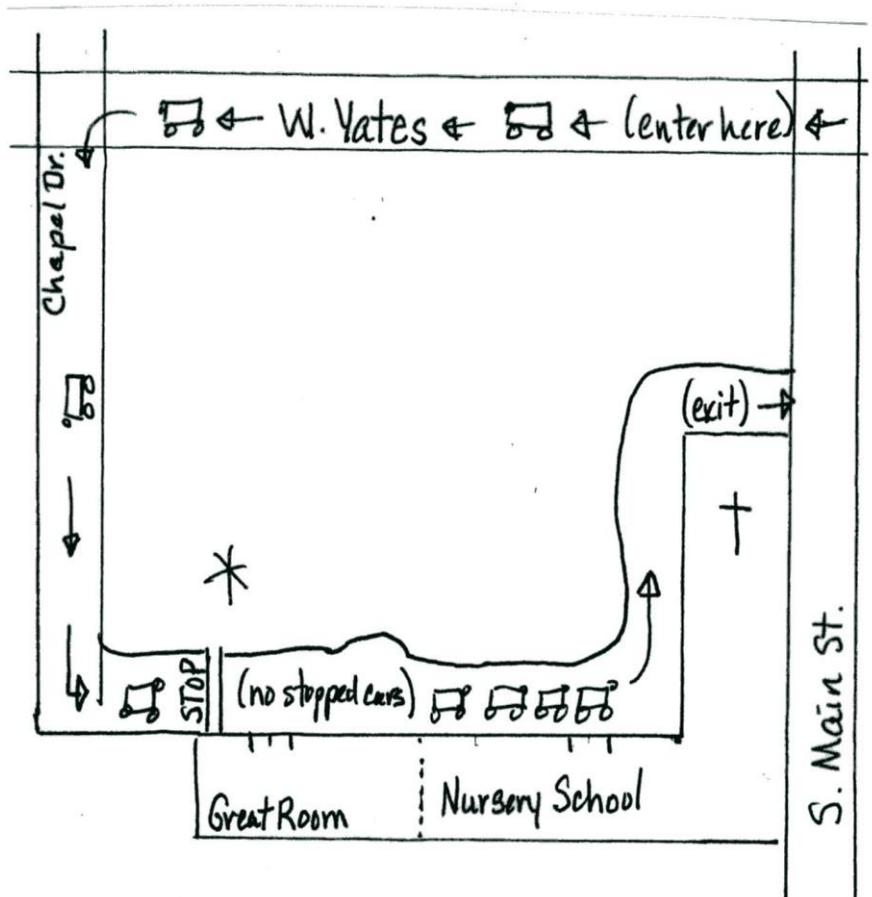
Beginning in October, newsletters and other pertinent info such as weather updates, reminders, etc. will be sent via email. **Please make sure you have turned in your email address.**

Thank you!

Drop-Off Lanes

We want to respect the church's property and people, so we have set up some guidelines. Since there may be church functions, please be mindful of what is going on around us.

1. Please enter at the back lot from W. Yates and drive around the outer edge of the parking lot
2. Pull up to the crosswalk by the Great Room entrance and STOP!
3. No cars should stop between the crosswalk and the "bump-out"
4. Four cars can pull ahead at a time for loading and unloading
5. Please be respectful of the church people and activities
6. If you wish to walk up please park in the lot



CARPOOLS --

For those who will be carpooling, please send a schedule of your plan to and from school for the teachers. You should be aware of the state law that requires children to be **4 years old AND 40 pounds** in order to ride without a car seat. Unfortunately, space and time will not permit us to exchange car seats at school. Please prepare for the safest possible travel for your child. **Teachers will assist your child in buckling up when he/she leaves school. Because air bags and improperly fitting seat belts are potentially life threatening for small children, please do not ask teachers to secure children in an unsafe manner. Thanks !!**

TUITION

Tuition is due on the 25th of each month. Please use the payment slips provided in your information packet. Any charges incurred by the nursery school for non-sufficient funds will be the responsibility of the parents. Notices will be sent to families who require adjustments due to a class change. To insure proper credit, please return the notice with your check.



****Books for Sale - If you would like to purchase a book for the Nursery School in honor of your child's Special Day, please check out the selection of new books in Sharon's office. (This is a way for us to cut down on duplicates and is an option for you)**

Recipe for a great year!! By Julie Deppen

Ingredients: 8, 9, or 10 Happy Girls
8, 9, or 10 Happy Boys (Gently aged for 3, 4, or 5 years)
2 loving Teachers

Mix above ingredients with smiles and slowly add ABC's and 1,2,3's

Fold in toys, books, music, blocks, and fun.

Add glue, play dough, paint, and water.

Stir carefully every day!

Top with glitter, cotton balls and stickers.

Serve with knowledge, success, and confidence for the future.

SNOW/CALAMITY POLICY

WE WILL SEND INFO VIA EMAIL

Please listen to the radio (WFIN, WKXA, or WBVI) during inclement weather to find out if Findlay City Schools are closed. **IF THEY CLOSE, WE CLOSE.**

If Findlay City Schools has a **2 or 3 hour delay...we will have a ONE HOUR DELAY WITH EXTENDED HOURS.** This will give us time to decide if we should remain open that day. *****CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO TO SEE IF WE DECIDE TO CLOSE.**

~~~The 9:00 classes would start at 10:00 and end at 12:30.

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***There will be NO PRE-SESSION that day.

In the case of many missed days, the following will happen:

The 2 day class will make up days if they miss more than 4 class days.

The 3 day classes will make up days if they miss more than 5 class days.

The 5 day class will make up days if they miss more than 7 class days.

The order of make-up days will be as follows:



1. Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King Day)
2. Feb. 19 (President's Day)
3. March 2 (Conference Day...do not cancel classes)
4. Dad's Days...do not cancel classes

You may call the school if you are unsure of what is happening (423-2112). Please use your own good judgement as to whether or not to transport your precious cargo! Please post this somewhere in your home, so that you can refer to this when needed.



CREATIVE ART

As we strive to be sensitive to each child's growth, development and individual needs, we try to set up classrooms to foster creativity in art as well as in areas of play. When you dress your child for school, keep in mind that messy art projects will be a part of every day. Children cannot be creative and be completely involved in activities if they are concerned about getting their clothes soiled.

Please praise your child's artwork with, "You've used beautiful colors!" or "That looks like it was fun to do!" (Instead of "What is it?".....You are supposed to know!)

Remember, it is your child's work, let your child tell you about it. If your child is proud of it, then he/she will continue to experiment in all the media provided and continue to grow and be creative.

PARTIES !!!!

Everyone loves a party !! The nursery school has four parties a year: **Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and an end-of-the-year beach party.** We strive to make these exciting days as stress-free and calm as possible. Our room mothers will work with the teachers to coordinate any special snacks and treats or any extra help that is needed. All parents, siblings, even grandparents, are invited to our Christmas party in the Great Room, where a special guest is expected (Ho, Ho, Ho - it is a surprise visit from a chubby bearded guy). **Please do not send in extra treats or party favors due to allergies and safety concerns.**

