



Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed Easter and a wonderful Spring Break!

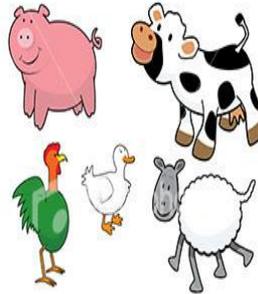
What a fun month we had with our eggs and chicks! Five babies hatched this year!! There is absolutely nothing like being able to watch the chicks make their entrance into this world. The chicks have added so much to our classroom learning experience. It is sad to send them home to the farm.

At the end of March, our **four year old students enjoyed a visit from Reptile Wonders.** Brian Kristal came and showed your children all sorts of snakes, iguanas, lizards and other assorted reptilian friends. This was a great show the classes love every year! Children brave enough to touch these critters were given the opportunity to do so. ☺ (Many were braver than the teachers!)

On April 5 is **Donuts with Dad Day for our three year old students.** Dads will be hosted in the classroom from 9:15 – 9:45 am. If dad is unavailable to come, no worries – please send



another special person (male or female) with your child. Due to space limitations in our classrooms we ask siblings please stay home if possible. This is a special morning for our preschoolers and their special guest.



Mary's Go Round is coming on **April 24** with a farm animal petting zoo for our 3 year old classes to explore. So fun! This is perfect as the children have just completed a science unit on farm animals.

All preschool families are invited to attend our annual **Preschool and Terrific Twos Sunday on April 22 at the 10:00 am service.** On this special day, the Covenant United Methodist Church community will celebrate our programs and students. Pastor Mandy will have a special time with the children. We hope to have the children sing a special song. There will be Sunday school for all children after the children's message with Pastor Mandy. Following the worship service, the preschool board will host a time of fellowship with yummy goodies! The Covenant Church community **LOVES** to see its preschool families! Please consider coming on this special day.

This month the children will have the wonderful opportunity to watch caterpillars become butterflies. Over several weeks your children will watch them become a chrysalis (or pupa) and then into beautiful "painted lady" butterflies. Every class will release their butterflies out on the playground.



Thank you to all who supported our Easter candy fundraiser! **We were blessed to receive \$700!!** All money earned from this fundraiser will go into our preschool fund.

Tuition Discount will be received for any family that introduces a new family to our school. Once the new family has registered, a 10 percent discount will be applied to your next month's tuition payment.

If you are practicing handwriting at home with your child, please be sure to use both upper and lower case letters; not all uppercase. Writing your name with the first letter capitalized and the rest of the letters lowercase is the "kindergarten way" so we might as well have them learn it this way right from the start!

As the school year begins to wrap up, you are invited to put a review on either or both of our Facebook and Yelp pages. Your positive comments are helpful to both the preschool and prospective parents. The best advertisement are your words! Please consider doing this for us.

Blessings,

Lisa Broadman



CURRICULUM:

The Pre-K classes will be going into greater depth and detail than our three-year-old children. All students cover subject areas unless noted.

Social Studies:

- A. Transportation (Pre-K)
- B. Circus (3 Day 3s)



Science:

- A. Growth of Plants
- B. Life Cycle of a Butterfly

- C. Earth Day (Pre-K)
- D. Human Life Cycle (Pre-K)



English-Language Arts:

- A. Storybook Units
- B. First Name Recognition (3s)
- C. Random Alphabet Recognition (3s)
- D. Printing First Name & Draw Self (Pre-K)
- E. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- F. Full Name Recognition (Pre-K)
- G. Sight Words for Kindergarten (Pre-K)
- H. Letters & Phonics – X, Y, Z (Pre-K)
- I. Manuscript - Letters X, Y, Z (Pre-K)

Math:

- A. Numeral Recognition 0-15 (3s)
- B. One to One Correspondence (3s)
- C. Numeral Recognition 0-30 (Pre-K)
- D. One to One Correspondence (Pre-K)
- E. Money (Pre-K)
- F. 100th Day of School (Pre-K)

Spiritual:

- A. Jesus Miracles
- B. Zacchaeus

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS:



Three year old moms – Muffins with Mom morning on Thursday, May 10 from 9:15 – 9:45 am. If mom cannot attend, any special guest, male or female is most welcome. No siblings please if at all possible.

Four year old moms – our annual Mother's Day Tea is Friday, May 11 from 12:30 – 1:15 pm. In case you are wondering what to wear (I did my first year here as a mom) dresses or skirts are commonly worn to the tea, though please come in whatever you feel comfortable wearing. If mom is unable to attend, please send another special guest to enjoy this event with your child. No siblings please.



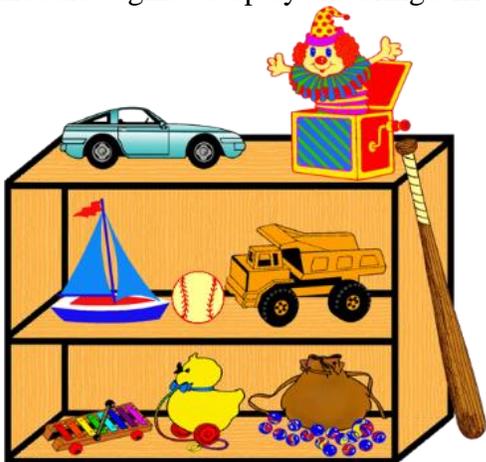
CALLING PRESCHOOL ALUMNI:

To welcome our visitors on Preschool Sunday, the Preschool Board of Directors would like to recognize all of the preschool alumni in the church family with special name tags. If you or your child would like to have a name tag made, please send a preschool photo of your alumni to Melanie O'Brien Obrien.melanie@gmail.com or bring one to me and I will pass it on to Melanie. Include the name you want on the name tag and the school years your alumni attended Covenant UM Preschool. Send photos no later than Friday, April 20. Here is an example of what it will look like:



TERRIFIC TWOS NEWS:

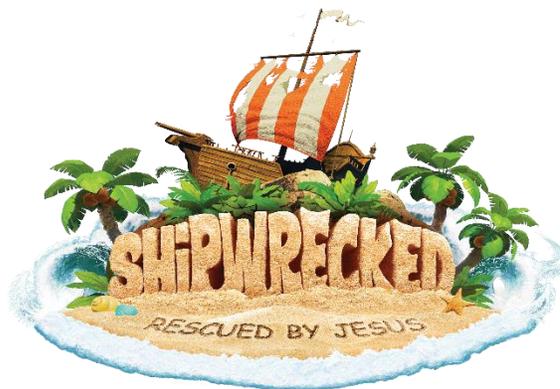
Mrs. Pitts is hosting a Spring Treasure Sale to benefit the Terrific Twos Scholarship Fund. The date is April 21st from 9-1:00. She will begin to accept donations on Monday, April 16. If you have donations of toys or clothes for children up to age 8, Marcia will gladly accept them. Each year this sale becomes even more popular with 'sneak peeks' given the Friday before the sale begins. Stop by and bring a friend!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Covenant United Methodist Church hosts an annual Vacation Bible School each summer. This year's bible school will be July 16 – July 20. The day will run from 9:30 – 12:30 pm. This is an amazing program where each child that attends has a wonderful time! It is also a great opportunity for the kids to catch up with their friends, since many preschool children attend. Don't forget to sign up early to make sure that you have a spot!

If you wish to register online, please visit CUMC-VBS.weebly.com or you can contact Kerri.Garland@covenant-umc.org for more details.



IMPORTANT DATES:

April 5 – Donuts with Dad for 3s

May 10 – Muffins with Mom for 3s

May 11 - Mother's Day Tea for 4s

May 17 – Spring Sing for 3s

May 18 – Spring Sing for 4s

May 24 – Last Day for 3s

May 25 – Last Day for 4s

Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. Durning



My Education!

I graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education.

WE ARE..... PENN STATE!



My Class Mascot!

Our MTTh class mascot is the puppy.



The Basics!

I grew up in PA and married my high school sweetheart. He served in the Air Force which brought us to Maryland. Our oldest son, Andrew, will graduate from Penn State in May. Our youngest son, Daniel, attends MC and works at Michaels. We LOVE attending Penn State football games and go to as many as we can! ☺

My Favorites!

- Food:** Italian
- Color:** Blue
- Drink:** Coffee and Diet Coke
- Book:** Frederick Beckman books
- Movie:** Pretty Woman
- Sports:** Football
- Singer:** Casting Crowns
- Hobby:** Photography & Making Cards
- Restaurant:** Ay Jalisco
- Store:** Michaels
- Candy:** Belgian Truffles
- Flower:** Roses and Hydrangeas

