



Covenant United Methodist Preschool

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Dear Covenant Families,

Wow... our final weeks of the 2016-17 school year are here! I would like to begin this final newsletter with a celebration of our staff. These women are amazing educators who love your children and do all they can to help them grow with a joy for life-long learning, a love of school and a heart for others. They are a gift and blessing to both the school and to me.

Sue Mason

(Assistant Teacher – Minion class), just finished her 19th year at CUMP! **Barbara Crown** (Teacher – Ladybug & Puppy classes) has been on staff for 13 years. **Kristy Walsh** (Assistant Teacher – Frog class) just finished her 12th year at CUMP! **Kathy Crapo** (Assistant Teacher – Ladybug and Puppy classes) celebrates her 11th anniversary at CUMP this year! **Liz McClure** (Teacher – Frog class) has just completed her 4th year at CUMP! **Emily Salgueiro** (Teacher Bear & Turtle classes) and **Pam Augustine** (Teacher – Minion class) have just finished their second year with us! **Pat Kennedy**, our super Administrative Assistant has also just finished her second year with CUMP. **Nancy Modarress** and **Dianna Wissink** (Assistant Teachers – Bear and Turtle classes) have both finished their first year on staff.



The butterflies will be released this month! The children were able to watch the caterpillars that were delivered in April turn into pupa and then they waited for the butterflies to break out! After they observe the butterflies for about a week or so, the children get to watch as the butterflies are released! Another great opportunity to watch and to see life up close.



Three year old moms – we look forward to welcoming you for “**Muffins with Mom**” on **Wednesday, May 10, 9:15-9:45 (Bear class) and Thursday, May 11, 9:15-9:45 (Puppy and Turtle classes)**. Come enjoy a breakfast treat and some fun play and story time with your son or daughter. If mom cannot come – please send another special person, male or female, as your child’s special guest. Due to space limitation in our classrooms, we ask that siblings please stay home if possible.



Four year old moms – the **Mother’s Day Tea** is an annual tradition at Covenant and a highlight of our 4 year old year! Please join us on **Friday, May 12, from 12:30-1:15pm in Fellowship Hall** for this extra special event. If mom cannot come – please send another special person, male or female, as your child’s special guest. We ask that siblings please stay home for this fancy occasion if at all possible.





Our 3 year old Spring Sing will be on **Thursday, May 18 at 9:30am**. *The MW class will NOT have class on Wednesday that week as their second class of the week will be the Sing.* Our 4 year old Sing will be on **Friday,**

May 19 at 9:30am.

Please bring children to school at 9:15 as usual. The children will not need a bucket and will go home with their families. Please join us afterwards for fellowship and goodies after the Sing. Family and friends most welcome!

It has been a joy to serve your child(ren) and family this year! Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gift.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We will miss you so much but are very excited as you begin a wonderful new stage in the



journey... elementary school! Please come back and visit, we love seeing you! Covenant Preschool is always your home. 3 year old families – we can't wait to see most of you in the fall! **Please remember to return your child's Immunization Certificate and Health Inventory via mail by August 1.**

The preschool office will not have regular hours over the summer. However, please be in touch anytime! Email Lisa.broadman@covenant-umc.org or call 301-527-9300 and your message will be quickly returned.

As I wrap up my second year as Director, I want to let you know that it has been my privilege to serve and know your family. Thank you so much for your support this past year. Blessings to you all! Have a wonderful summer.

Blessings,

Lisa Broadman

PRESCHOOL 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. Mother's Day
- B. Memorial Day
- C. Kindergarten (Pre-K)
- D. Preparation for September (3's)

Science

- A. Life Cycle of a Butterfly
- B. Dinosaurs (3's)
- C. Insects (Pre-K)
- D. Solar System (4 & 5 day Pre-K)

English-Language Arts

- A. Storybook Units
- B. Printing First Name w/ Picture Having the Same Beginning Sound as Name (Pre-K)
- C. Weekly Readers (Pre-K)
- D. Random Alpha Recognition (Pre-K)
- E. Sight Words
- F. Eric Carle Unit (4 & 5 day Pre-K)

Math

- A. Recognition of Numerals 0-15 (3's)
- B. Recognition of Numerals 0-30 (Pre-K)
- C. Counting 0-30 (Pre-K)
- D. Arithmetic Reasoning (Pre-K)

Spiritual

- A. Families are God's Gift to Us



NO MAY TUITION!!

YOU PREPAID MAY 2017 WHEN YOU REGISTERED! Woohoo!



Please join us for our final Chapel celebration of the school year. May 8th and 9th are the last dates for this year. Hope to see you there!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Wednesday, May 24 – M/W 3s
Thursday, May 25 – TTh 3s
Friday, May 26 – TThF 3s and
All 4s classes



CONGRATULATIONS:

As many of you may know the Covenant Church Children's Ministry Director, Kristen McRae, is relocating to Florida this summer. The church has been looking for a replacement and they were very fortunate to find one in our school! Please join me in congratulating Kerri Garland a current Turtles parent. With a 4 and 2 year old, Kerri knows much about working with children and helping them to learn about God.

While many of us will miss Kristen and her family, most especially her son Anderson (a current student), we know that the children in the church will be in very capable hands. Congratulations Kerri and best of luck!

TERRIFIC TWOS FUNDRAISER:



If you are looking for a lunch or dinner idea and want to take the night off, then stop by **Mythos Mediterranean Grill** on Sunday, May 21st. Mrs. Pitts, her teachers and Pastor Mandy will be there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Covenant United Methodist Church hosts an annual Vacation Bible School each summer. This year's bible school will be July 17 – July 21. 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!



REMINDER:

Now that the weather has begun to warm, a reminder to please send your child to school in closed toed shoes. The playground mulch is not friendly to bare feet and toes if it gets in a sandal.

If you send your daughter to school in a dress or skirt, please have her wear shorts underneath so that she may maintain her privacy.

Also, some mornings are still cool and outside play time can still be chilly. Please send your child to school with the proper outerwear so that they may enjoy their outdoor play time.

Meet the Teacher!

Mrs. Modarress



My Education!

I attended Massapequa High School on Long Island and then went on to get a BA in Business Management from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.



My Class Mascot!

Our MW class mascot is the Bear.



The Basics!

I grew up in New York but moved to Maryland after college. I live in Montgomery Village with my husband, Kevin, and our three sons - Mark, Brian and Jeremy.

My Favorites!

Food: Anything with pasta!

Color: Red

Drink: Flavored water and Wine

Book: Goodnight Moon

Movie: The Wizard of Oz

Sports: Football and Soccer

Singer: Billy Joel

Hobby: Cooking and Baking

Restaurant: Il Pizzico

Store: Kohls

Dessert: Cake

Candy: Truffles or Take 5

Flower: Iris



