

New Life United Methodist Church

Preschool Times

May 2012

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Important Dates:

May 8-10: Mothers Day Coffees

May 16: Stars and Stripes Day

May 1 and 15: Stay N Play

May: 17: Water Day

May 22: End-of-Year Program

May 24: End-of-Year Picnic

May 29—June 1: Olympic Summer Camp

A Note From the Director

I can't even believe this is our last newsletter for this school year. What a great year we have had. It has been such a joy for me to watch your children grow socially and spiritually over the past 9 months. They truly are a blessing.

Well, with only a few weeks left, we have a lot going on, from our Mother's Day Coffee to our End-of-the-Year Program and Picnic. Please read the articles inside the newsletter for more details on the various activities.

Remember, Olympic Summer Camp begins the week of May 29th. We have a wonderful program planned, but space is limited.

Thank you again for letting me spend time with your precious children.

Olympic Summer Camp

Join us this summer for a week of unforgettable fun! All children 3-years old (by Sept. 2012) thru Rising Kindergarteners are invited to experience the fun of our Olympic Summer Camp.



May 29—June 1, 2012
9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
\$100 per camper



Registration is currently under way and space is limited to 18 campers. Space is filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Children do not need to be enrolled in New Life UMC Preschool to attend, but must be potty-trained. For more information, call Tracy Cooper at 794-4522 or visit our website at www.newlifeumc.org and click on the "Preschool" tab.

The Fab Fours and Fives

Look out kindergarten, here we come! Wrapping up the year is an exciting and sad time for all of us. First, we want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your child's young life. We have enjoyed watching your child grow in God's love and will truly miss the smiles, hugs and laughs we have shared together. Your children are precious treasures not only to you but to us. They have grown so much this year! May God continue to be an important part of your child's life!

As May begins, we will learn about the zoo and wild animals. The children will enjoy creating elephants, lions, giraffes and zebras. From the zoo, we're off learning about transportation. Keep an eye out for our 3-dimensional transportation mural. During Water World week, our fours will become aware of the fish and other creatures that live under the sea and talk about different types of shells— maybe even do a little fishing! We will celebrate summer by camping out, chalking, drawing fireworks and celebrating the end of a wonderful year with a Beach Party — the day after Graduation.

Have a happy and safe summer!
We love you all!

- Mrs. Maria
- Mrs. Joan



A Note From Our 3's

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost over ! We have seen your children grow so much over the past 8 months and we are thrilled that we have been able to witness and share in that process ! May is going to be a really fun month for our 3's. We will explore the world of bugs and ocean life as well as some favorite books! We will also celebrate Mother's Day and Water Day as well as our summer birthdays. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Mrs. Leigh Ann
Mrs. Mary Lou

The Terrific Two's

It is hard to believe that this is the last month of school. It has been very exciting to watch your children grow and learn over the past year. They are truly a gift from God and I have enjoyed them immensely.

This month will be a very busy month. We will entertain our Mothers at a coffee just for them and we will be preparing for our end of the year program. Our unit will be UNDER THE SEA and we'll be talking about all of those fun little critters that are below the surface while we are on top. We will review our colors and shapes. At the end of the month we will have a school wide water day.

Thank you again for sharing your precious children!!!

- Mrs. Lauren
- Mrs. Karen



Mother's Day Coffee



All "Moms" are invited to a Mother's Day Coffee the week of May 8th (2's—May 8; 3's—May 9 and 4's May 10) at 9:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar now and plan to stay in your child's classroom immediately following drop-off for a special Mother's Day Coffee. This celebration will last about 20 minutes.

End of the Year Festivities

I know it is hard to believe, but it is time to plan our End of the Year Festivities.

Our End of the Year program and graduation will be held on **Tuesday, May 22** at 7:00 p.m. Parents, grandparents and other family and friends are welcome to attend. The program will last approximately 30 minutes.

Our last day of school will be a picnic at Huguenot Park, Thursday, May 24. Please pack a lunch for you and your child and meet at Huguenot Park from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. A flyer will be sent home with directions later this month.

Mark your Calendars now.

WATER DAY



New Life Preschool will enjoy "Water Day" on Thursday, May 17.

Have your child wear a bathing suit to school! We will be playing outside in pools, sprinklers, water tables, slip and slide... anything to get wet!

Please have sunscreen already on your child and send in a towel (labeled) and a change of clothes.

It is time to start thinking about summer and what better way to do that than to enjoy "WATER DAY" at New Life Preschool!



I can't believe it is nearing the end of another Great Year with our Preschool Music Program. I have really enjoyed teaching your children this year and getting to know them! They are wonderful musicians who have grown a lot since September. We have had the opportunity to sing, dance, and play instruments on Tuesday mornings. From our "Hello Neighbor Song" right up until it is time to sing "Good-bye" the children are engaged in learning through music. I look forward to our end of the year program where the 2's, 3's, and 4 year old classes will share with you their musical talents. Hope to see you there! Blessings, Mrs. Lori, Preschool Music Teacher

Stars and Stripes Day



Our 3's and 4's have been learning the Pledge of Allegiance in their classrooms this year. To celebrate what a great job they have done learning the pledge, we are going to have a "Stars and Stripes Celebration". On Wednesday, May 16th, at 10:00 a.m. the 3's and 4's will gather outside and recite the Pledge of Allegiance together.

This is not an event parents need to attend, but please have your child wear Red, White and Blue to school that morning.

Fall Registration... Help Spread the Word

New Life UMC Preschool will begin 11 years in ministry during our 2012-2013 school year.

We truly appreciate you trusting us with your children this year and year's past. The teachers will be spending part of their summer planning another great year for all of our returning students.

Currently, we still have space available in each age group. If enrollment allows, the church has two more rooms we can expand into next year. We can only do this with your help. Please tell your friends and family about our school. We would love the opportunity to help other children in our community have a wonderful preschool experience.

Registration forms are available online at www.newlifeumc.org under the "preschool" tab. I will also be available throughout the summer to give tours by appointment: Call Tracy Cooper at 794-4522 or Email me at preschool@newlifeumc.org.

**Thank you for your support of New Life
Preschool.**