



## December 2018 Newsletter

*For unto us a Child is Born. Isaiah 9:6*

December is a month filled with wonder and celebration at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. We will be busily preparing for Christmas by teaching the true meaning of the season. The children will have the opportunity to create special crafts and holiday keepsakes. They will learn Christmas songs as well as the meaning of the many symbols used at Christmas. During the month of December, we will also be participating in a special giving project described below. Through this project we hope to help the children understand that giving gifts is as important as receiving them. We will culminate the month by celebrating Jesus' Birthday together!

### **SHOW AND TELL**

There will be no Show and Tell during the month of December. It will resume in January.

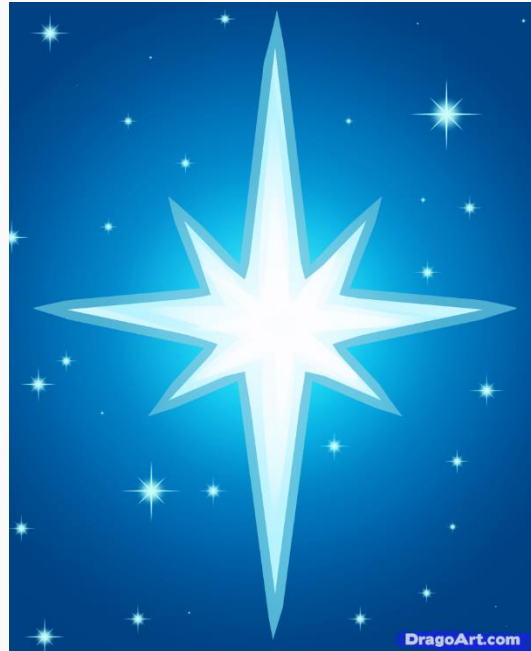


***WINTER CLOTHING:***

Please remember to send your child with gloves/mittens and hats as the days turn colder, all labeled with their name. We will always try to get outside to play whenever we can. Also, remember to check your child's change of clothes to make sure they are now weather appropriate.

**Our Inclement Weather Policy**

Just as a reminder our inclement weather policy is as follows:  
If Howard County Schools are closed due to weather we are also closed. If Howard County Schools are delayed either 1 or 2 hours we will open at 10:30 am and close at 12:30 pm. You will not receive notification from the preschool on these days



**Christmas Giving Project**

During the month of December we will be partnering with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church to collect for Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. The mission of this organization is to provide supportive and professional 24-hour crisis intervention, suicide prevention, shelter, and outreach services to individuals and families experiencing a personal, situational, mental health, or shelter crisis. You can learn more about this organization from their website at [www.grassrootscrisis.org](http://www.grassrootscrisis.org). A list of items requested by Grassroots can be found outside Mrs. Gallagher's office next to a bin to collect donations. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Gallagher.

## Construction Beginning

Construction on the rest of the Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will be resuming this week. We will need to make changes in procedures throughout the rest of the year to accommodate the construction and make sure everyone is safe coming and leaving the building. Please be sure to watch for emails daily as things may need to change even during the school day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Gallagher.



## Safety Reminder

As we are growing into our new, updated space we are learning new things each day. One safety concern that has arisen is regarding the extra space we now have in the large room. Please do your best to keep your preschoolers and younger siblings from running around this space during pick up time. Unfortunately, we have had a few injuries in this area. Thank you so much!



## Christmas Celebrations

All classes will be participating in Christmas Celebrations during the month of

December. The details of each event are listed below:

**December 20th at 11:00 am** - Our 3-Year Old Classes will have a short Christmas Program and Birthday Celebration for Jesus. Children should arrive at school at 9 am. Parents and guests please arrive at 11 am at Fellowship Hall in the upstairs of the church. We will be asking for donations to have a small lunch together after the program. Please watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon!

**December 21st at 10:30 am** - Our 4-Year Old Classes will have a Christmas Program and Birthday Celebration for Jesus. Children should arrive at school at 9 am. Parents and Guest please arrive at 10:30 am.

**Rosti/Benzing's & Nienhuis/Wheelock's 3 Day Classes** - Fellowship Hall

**Smith/Brathwaite's 5 Day Class** - In Lower Level Church Classroom

We will be asking for donations to have a small lunch together after the programs. Please watch for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon.

***PLEASE TELL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!***

## Preschool Directory Correction

Please correct the following in your Christ  
Memorial Christian Preschool Directory

**Brewer, Nolan**

**Address:**

**10925 Little Sparrow Place  
Columbia, MD 21044**

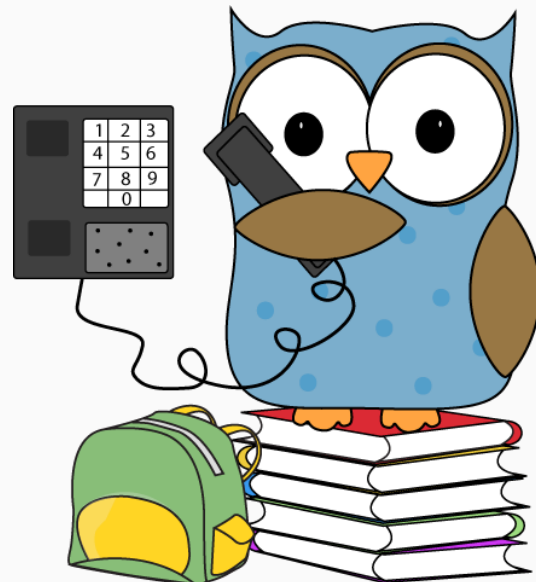
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## Christmas Events at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

*If you are looking for a church to celebrate this special time of the year we would love to have you at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our special events this month to celebrate Christmas are listed below.*

**Sunday, December 16th - Longest Night Service at 5 pm** - "The most wonderful time of the year" can often be difficult for some due to loss, illness or other hardships. Come for a quiet meditative service of remembering, sharing our hurting places with God and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Caroling at 6 pm** - Join us for an evening of caroling through the Allview community. Afterwards, we'll come back to the church for pizza and hot chocolate.

**Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service**

5 pm - Family Service  
9 pm - Traditional Service

## Basic Concepts for December

### 2 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-10

Colors: Red, Green & White

Shape: Star

Vocabulary: Christmas Words

### 3 & 5 Day Classes:

Numbers: 1-20

Colors: Gold & Silver

Letters: H & K  
Vocabulary: Christmas Words

**Christmas Break** - Just a reminder that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will be closed from December 22nd - January 1st. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.



We wish all our  
preschool families a  
**Merry Christmas!**  
We feel **blessed** to  
know all of you and  
have the opportunity  
to spend the mornings  
with **your children!**  
Enjoy your time  
with **family**. We will see  
you all in the **New Year!**

- The Teachers of  
Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

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Thank You for Registering your child at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool for the 2018-19 School Year.

**Our mailing address is:**

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