



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

December 2022 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. We will also be participating in two special giving projects described below. Through these projects 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!

PLEASE NOTE: Mrs. Gallagher will be having surgery on Tuesday, November 29th. She will not be available the rest of that week. She hopes to return on Monday, December 5th. Emails sent to the office may not receive a response during the time she is away. Thank you for understanding.

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



two Christmas giving projects this year. Both of these projects are up and running already!

The first project is call The Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is a program through which families in need receive donations of items that they need/want for the holiday season, whether that be physical presents or gift cards. The Christmas Tree with the ornaments is located at the entrance to the church. Please join us in supporting those in our community by selecting a tag from the tree with a suggested gift to purchase. All gifts need to be returned to preschool and placed under the tree by Friday, December

9th. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GIFTS ARE UNWRAPPED AND HAVE THE ORNAMENT TAPED TO THE BOX/BAG!**

The second project is a food donation drive. We will be collecting food donations for the Maryland Food Bank. There will be a collection bin located just outside the preschool door for our families to participate. By donating food, we can ensure that our brothers and sisters receive adequate nutrition, especially the children who may struggle to get a full meal. The Food Drive will conclude on Friday, December 16th.

Both of these projects create a great opportunity to help your preschool child understand the importance of giving to others just as God has given so much to us. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Gallagher.



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 11:30 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 no later than 11:20 am and go directly to your child's class assigned space listed below.

Nienhuis/Wheelock's 2-Day Class - The Church Sanctuary (2nd Floor via front steps and to the Right - Directly above the preschool)

Rosti/Benzing's 2-Day Class - Trinity Classroom (1st floor of church)

December 21st at 11:15 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 no later than 11:05 am and go directly to your child's class assigned space listed below.

Nienhuis/Wheelock's 3-Day Class - The Church Sanctuary (2nd Floor via front steps and to the Right - Directly above the preschool)

Rosti/Benzing's 3-Day Class - Fellowship Hall (2nd Floor via front steps and to the left)

Smith/Scheid's 5 -Day Class - Trinity Classroom (1st floor of church)

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



After our Christmas Celebrations we will come together in the church Fellowship Hall for treats. Please click on the Sign Up Genius below to bring something to share for our celebration. Any questions please ask Mrs. Gallagher.

[Christmas Treats Sign Up](#)
[2-Day Classes](#)

Christmas Treats Sign Up 3&5-Day Classes



Reminder: Reporting Absences

When you know your child will be absent either due to illness, vacation or other reason please be sure to email both the preschool office (preschool@cmpcusa.org) and your child's teacher. A reminder of the teacher email addresses is below.

Thank you all for working so hard to keep our preschool a healthy environment this year by keeping your child home if they are not feeling well.

Preschool Teacher Contact Information:

Mrs. Nienhuis - julie.nienhuis@cmpcusa.org

Mrs. Rosti - stefanie.rosti@cmpcusa.org

Mrs. Smith - k.smith@cmpcusa.org



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 11th 10:30 am - Christmas Pageant

Join us for a Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church Tradition. The children and many adults of the church will present the Christmas Story together for all to enjoy.

Sunday, December 18th 10:30 am - Christmas Cantata

Join us for an amazing musical performance by our church choir, including many musical instruments, to experience the beauty and magic of the Christmas season.

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services - In-Person and Online via the church

website: www.cmpcusa.org

5:00 pm - Family Service

8:30 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: N, M, & H

Vocabulary: Christmas Words

Christmas Break - Just a reminder that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will be closed from December 22nd - January 2nd.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd.



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