



## **December 2024 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 a special giving project partnership with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church 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 with our special nativity programs.

### **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. Please check the local channels and Howard County Website for closing/delay notifications.



### **Christmas Giving Projects**

We will be partnering with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church for a Christmas giving project again this year.

The project is called 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 will be located at the entrance to the church when we return from Thanksgiving Break. 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 15th. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR

GIFTS ARE UNWRAPPED AND HAVE THE ORNAMENT TAPED TO THE BOX/BAG!

This project creates 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 17th 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)**

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

**December 18th 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)**

**Benzing/Gallagher's 3-Day Class - Trinity Classroom (1st floor of church)**

**Smith/Scheid's 5 -Day Class - Fellowship Hall (2nd Floor via front steps and to the left )**

***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. All treats will need to be delivered on the day of the celebration at 9 am. Any questions please ask Mrs. Gallagher.

2-DAY CLASSES SIGN UPS LINKED BELOW:

[Classroom LOVE - BENZING/GALLAGHER- December 17th](#)

[Classroom JOY - NIENHUIS/WHEELLOCK - December 17th](#)

3/5-DAY CLASSES SIGN UPS LINKED BELOW:

[Classroom LOVE - BENZING/GALLAGHER -  
December 18th](#)

[Classroom JOY - NIENHUIS/WHEELLOCK - December 18th](#)

[Classroom HOPE - SMITH/SCHEID -  
December 18th](#)



#### **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@cmpecusa.org](mailto:preschool@cmpecusa.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. Benzing - [s.benzing@cmpecusa.org](mailto:s.benzing@cmpecusa.org)

Mrs. Nienhuis - [julie.nienhuis@cmpecusa.org](mailto:julie.nienhuis@cmpecusa.org)

Mrs. Smith - [k.smith@cmpecusa.org](mailto:k.smith@cmpecusa.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 8th**

#### **10:30 am - Christmas Pageant**

Join us for a family friendly retelling of the Christmas Story. This is a great event for the youngest among us!

### **Sunday, December 15th - 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 21st**

#### **4:00 pm -**

#### **The Longest Night Service**

The Longest Night service focuses on Christ, who is the Light of the world overcoming the darkness of loss, suffering, and loneliness. This special service provides hope and healing for those who find Advent and Christmas difficult.

### **Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services - In-Person and Online via the church**

**website:** [www.cmpcusa.org](http://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

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**Christmas Break - Just a reminder that Christ Memorial Christian Preschool will be closed from December 19th - January 1st. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.**

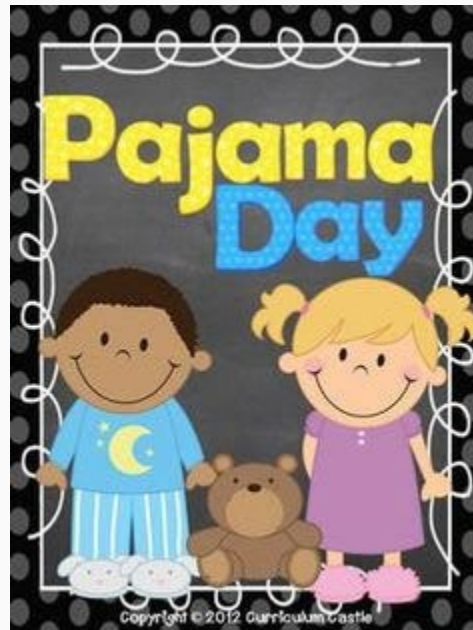


PRESCHOOL  
PAJAMA DAY!

We will be coming back to school after Christmas break as comfy as can be! Join your teachers and classmates and wear your pjs when you return to school in January.

**Thursday, January 2nd - Classroom Hope, Classroom Joy 2-Day, and Classroom Love 2-Day**

**Friday, January 3rd - Classroom Joy 3-Day and Classroom Love 3-Day**



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