



Thank you for your interest in FUMC Preschool. We hope the following information will be helpful in selecting a preschool environment for your child.

**Hours of operation:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 -2:30  
September – May

**Cost:** \$200 monthly plus a \$35 non-refundable registration fee; \$50 supply fee due in September and January. Scholarships are available

Children must be 3 years old and toilet trained by the start of the school year

Community registration begins March 6<sup>th</sup>. Availability will be filled by a drawing

We are a licensed preschool facility.

## **OUR PROGRAM**

### **PHILOSOPHY/GOAL**

Our purpose is to provide young children with a Christian environment where they can grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. We believe that children learn best through meaningful play. Our goal is to support the development of each child to his or her greatest potential. We believe this happens in a nurturing environment which fosters mutual respect and appreciates the unique qualities of each individual.

### **ENVIRONMENT AND CURRICULUM**

The administrators, teachers, and parents of FUMC Preschool share a common commitment to provide a secure and nurturing early childhood education program that fosters each child's independence, curiosity, and development of age appropriate skills.

The following elements are part of our daily program:

- Busy, noisy, happy, creative classrooms where play is valued as a primary vehicle for learning and advancement in all areas of development.
- Comfortable children relaxed and involved in a variety of activities.
- Encouragement of the spiritual development of love for God and love for one another.
- Daily schedules that provide a balance of individual/group activities, active/quiet play, large/small muscle exercises, and indoor/outdoor learning experiences.
- Self initiated and teachers initiated "hands on" learning experiences to allow children to learn by doing.
- Age-appropriate classroom learning centers include art, science/discovery, blocks, dramatic play, table games, math, writing, book corner, sensory table, chapel, and computer. These activities give children opportunities to enhance skills, make choices, solve problems, and experience autonomy while interacting with teachers and peers.
- "Circle Times" or "Together Times" planned each day for participation in group activities such as listening to stories, singing songs, or sharing ideas while building vocabulary, hearing correct language, and developing concepts.
- Care given to maintain good health, sound nutrition, and cleanliness practices.

The positions of the United Methodist Church and the National Association for the Education of Young Children concerning developmentally appropriate practice are followed daily.

