

2021-2022

**Chippewa UM Church
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Welcome to the
Chippewa UM
Preschool

**IMPORTANT: Please read this
entire booklet and keep it on hand
throughout the year. All important infor-
mation is in this booklet. Please sign and
return the page found at the end of this
booklet.**

Thank You!

Thank you for attending the
Chippewa UM Preschool.

Your child will learn many new things and
experience many
exciting activities.

Here at the Chippewa UM
Preschool, we work very
hard to prepare your child for
Kindergarten.

Examples of this is by learning to
identify their names, putting their coats on
independently, cleaning up after their snack,
learning to express
themselves in appropriate ways as well as
letter recognition & sounds,
helping others and learning how to get along
with others.

You can help us make your child's
preschool experience a positive one by working
on these skills at home.

Chippewa United Methodist Preschool

The policies and procedures in this booklet have been determined by the the Chippewa United Methodist Church

Phone # for Preschool - 724-843-4828

Leave a voice mail message after hours.

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION:

STAFF:

Director/Teacher: Mrs. Chris Wilson

home # 724-846-9222

Teacher: Mrs. Bev Evans

Teacher: Mrs. Joanne Basko

Teacher: Mrs. Annette Phillips

Aide: Mrs. Chris Miller

Aide: Mrs. Rachel Lemley

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Preschool Calendar

September 7	2 Day 1st Day
September 8	3 & 5 Day 1st Day
October 11	No School
October 28 & 29	Fall Festival Parties
November 11	No School - Veteran's Day
November 24, 25, 26, 29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 16 & 17	Christmas Parties
Dec. 20 thru 31	No School - Christmas Vacation
January 17	No School
February 21	No School
March 11	No School
April 11 & 12	Easter Parties
April 13, 14, 15 & 18	No School - Easter Break
May 13`	No School
May 24	2 day Last Day
May 25	3 & 5 Day Celebration

*This Calendar Subject to change.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS: Snow cancellations will be announced on television and if announced early, an email update will be sent out.

*****IMPORTANT***** - Watch for Blackhawk School District cancellations not Chippewa UM Preschool. If Blackhawk cancels, we will be canceled. If Blackhawk has a 2 hour delay morning Preschool classes will be cancelled. So PLEASE watch the AM news if the weather seems bad.

ILLNESSES: If your child has a fever, please do not send them to school until 24 hours after fever is gone. If your child is ill and will miss a day, you do not have to call the preschool. Whatever your child misses will be sent home the day they return to school. If your child has a contagious illness, such as chicken-pox, please call and notify the director so a warning note can be sent home to other parents. If your child misses school for an extended period of time, please let the staff know.

EMAIL:

The email address for the preschool is

cwilson@chippewaumc.org.

This is a great way to ask questions or communicate with the staff. The email is checked each morning before classes begin. Also calendar, newsletters and pictures are available on the church web page under the preschool link. If you would rather go paperless and would like us to email your calendar, newsletter and tuition statements monthly please just send an email requesting that.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

TUITION:

5 Day Pre-K Tuition—\$1080 for nine months

3 Day Pre-K Tuition—\$810 for nine months

Toddler Tuition—\$675 for nine months

Tuition is due at Orientation. Payment arrangements must be set up at Orientation. Payments must be made on the 20th of the month and if a payment is not received by the 31st, your child will not be allowed to attend class until payment is made.

FEES: Bounced checks - \$20. fee

Late fee - \$1. per day late, \$5. for every week late

These fees will be enforced. After 2nd bounced check, all remaining payments must be made in cash only.

EARLY WITHDRAWALS - Your child is enrolled in the Pre-School for 9 months. If you withdraw your child before that time without due cause you will be charged 1/2 of the remaining balance of total tuition.

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Arrival to class should be no more than 5 minutes before class begins. The classroom doors will not be opened until the times listed below:

Pre-K 5 DAY AM - 8:45 AM

Pre-K 1 - 3 DAY AM - 9:05 AM

Pre-K 2 - 3 DAY AM - 8:55 AM

T - 1 2 DAY - 9:15 AM

Pre-K 3 - 3 DAY AM - 9:15 AM

T - 2 2 DAY - 9:25 AM

Pre-K 3 DAY PM - 12:30 PM

T - 3 2 DAY - 9:35 AM

DISMISSAL TIMES:

Students will be dismissed after parents sign child out on the clipboard. If you will be more than 10 minutes late and the staff may charge you a \$5 late fee. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

UNITS OF STUDY:

Toddler Classes - Colors, shapes, numbers, social development are the primary emphasis in the Toddler class.

Pre-Kindergarten Classes - All of the above and alphabet letters: recognition of upper and lower case and sounds; and printing names in the proper way. Fine motor skills including using scissors.

All Classes - Safety, health, manners, seasons, along with many other seasonal activities.

SNACKS: The Preschool encourages healthy snacks. All snacks must be store bought and individually packaged and must be sent in in a throw away container. All extra snacks will not be sent home. **PLEASE NO DRINKS.** We have a refrigerator in the room and access to a freezer. Snack items should all be the same. PLEASE send in the # listed on your students snack calendar, we need extras in case of accidental drops or spills. We will provide cups, **water** and napkins. The students enjoy the water we provide for them and it does not hurt anything if spilled. A Snack List is posted on monthly calendars - changes can be made for vacations, etc.

SPECIAL DAYS:

SHOW & TELL: - Each student will be asked to tell about something. Topics will be noted on the calendar. *This is subject to change.

SPEECH TESTING: - Will be done by the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. Speech classes available based on need.

PHOTOS: - Professional photos may be scheduled. Please watch for info.

PRESCHOOL PURPOSE: For the children to learn to interact socially and to learn readiness skills necessary for Kindergarten.

SCHOOL YEAR: 9 month program - September through May.

PRE-K CELEBRATION - To be determined at a later date..

DRESS CODE: Please have your child wear comfortable clothes. Please no face paint or makeup. No swimsuits, swim trunks or costume/dress up clothes. Shoes should be comfortable, no high heels please.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress reports will be done in January & May. However, we will notify you if there are any problems prior to the progress reports.

WEEKLY READER - Mini newspapers for the students. **Let's Find Out** for Pre-K students and **My Big World** for Toddler students.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS along with monthly calendars will be distributed to parents.

END-OF-THE-YEAR FIELD TRIP FOR PRE-K CLASSES To be determined at a later date.

MONTHLY BOOK ORDERS —The Preschool places an order once a month for books at discounted prices. This is optional but it does help the pre-school get free books and classroom items.

LIBRARY—Pre-K classes will enjoy checking books out from the Preschool Library cart. Wednesday is Library Day. Students are encouraged to independently remember their library books each Wednesday with a special book mark. The student will get a sticker each time they return their library book. After receiving five stickers the student will be able to pick a prize out of the treasure chest. Please let your child forget their book once to reinforce this lesson. It is better to learn now before they are older and the consequences are more severe.

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

2021-2022 At this time MASK Policy is:

The preschool safety plan welcomes children and staff to wear masks or face shields; however, face coverings are not mandatory. We also recommend vaccines for those that are able.

We understand your concerns and will continue to monitor and reassess the plan as needed.

(Adopted July 2020 by Chippewa UM Preschool Committee) This policy goes into effect if state mandated.

The Chippewa UM Preschool strives to provide a safe environment for your child. In order to help maintain a healthy environment during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chippewa UM Preschool Committee has established the following guidelines.

- Students will be dropped off at the door.
- Only students will be permitted to enter preschool hallway.
- Class drop off times may be staggered to help establish social distancing.
(Times will vary based on class enrollment.)
- Prior to entering preschool hallway, temperature checks will be taken.
Those with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above and/or COVID-like symptoms will not be permitted to enter the facility. (Please see Sick policy.)
- As mandated by the state of Pennsylvania, students will be required to wear a Mask as they enter and exit the facility.
- Masks will also be required in common spaces (hallways, restrooms, etc.)
- Class snacks must be store-packaged in individually sealed bags and brought to preschool in a disposable container.
- Staff will remind students to refrain from putting things (toys, fingers, equipment) in their mouths.
- Students will wash their hands with soap and water frequently, including prior to eating, after using the bathroom, after wiping their nose, sneezing, or coughing.

SICK POLICY

- If a student has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, the student will not be permitted to stay and attend preschool that day.
- If a student becomes sick while at preschool, the teacher will remove the student from the classroom, away from other students. The parent/guardian will be called to come get the sick child immediately. The teacher will keep the student comfortable until the family can arrive.
- A student with a fever must remain home from preschool for at least 48 hours and must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication.
- If a student has any of the following COVID-like symptoms, the parent will be called to remove the sick child:

COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES continued

SICK POLICY continued

- Fever over 100.4 degrees
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New confusion or inability to Arouse
 - Bluish lips or face
 - Diarrhea, vomiting or belly pain
 - Cough
- If a student has any two COVID-like symptoms, the parent will be called to remove the sick child:
- Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Persistent pain or pressure in chest
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
- If a student becomes sick at home with any symptoms, cough, fever, muscle aches, generally not feeling well, we ask that you notify us and keep the student at home.
- If the student becomes sick with symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19, please phone your child's pediatrician and ask for guidance. Please contact us and share that guidance so that our preschool will know how to proceed with our next steps in notifying the proper and required people.
- If anyone in the household tests positive for COVID-19, please notify the preschool and follow the CDC guidelines for self-isolation.

PRESCHOOL

- You are enrolling your child in our 9 month Preschool Program.
- Every attempt will be made to continue in-class learning for our students.
- In the event the Preschool must close, we will offer remote learning during the closure.
- Refunds will not be made for mandated school closures.
- In the event a substitute is not available, the class may need to be cancelled; however every attempt will be made to maintain a fully-staffed classroom.