

FUMC PRESCHOOL
400 South Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

PURPOSE - This preschool is an expression of concern for assisting parents in the rearing of young children. The program is designed to: help young children lay the foundation of Christian attitudes, behavior and ways of living through experiences with peers and adults in a Christian setting.

-work with parents to help children grow in every way promoting optimum verbal, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development and help each child work toward his own creational development potential.
-promote understanding and respect through relationships with people of different faiths, races, nationalities and economic backgrounds.

PHILOSOPHY - The foundation of this school is a child-centered program in an atmosphere of love, fundamental to learning in a Christian setting. Each child is unique, a child of God. In this light, it is essential that the parents and teachers work together in a sincere effort to understand each child as they strive to help each one meet his own goals, and to help him/her grow from dependency toward a happy, self-directing, responsible, contributing member of society.

CURRICULUM~ The curriculum of the school will be unique for each group of children. It will be determined with specific needs of a group in order to meet each child's individual developmental needs at hand. There will be learning experiences in art, music, numbers, letters, language, nature and science, dramatic play, social studies, as well as Christian living in a balance of quiet and active play, individual and group learning and directed and free choice of activity.

RELIGION IN THE SCHOOL - The emphasis will be placed on Christian holidays and different experiences in association with qualified teachers who live their Christian faith rather than religious indoctrination.

LOCATION - A spacious, cheerful, well equipped, ground floor room of the church directly accessible to the outdoor play area. A protected area with sand box and playground equipment is used for outdoor play.

PROGRAM - All families in the community are invited to enroll children 3 years up to 6 years of age in the school. Requirement is child needs to be toilet trained.

*Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. session: A class for 4 & 5 year olds. This class meets from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. Child needs to be Toilet-Trained.

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday p.m. session: A class for 4 & 5 year olds. This class meets from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Child needs to be Toilet-Trained.

*Tuesday and Thursday a.m. session: A class for 3-year-olds. This class meets from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m. Child needs to be Toilet-Trained.

CALENDAR - The preschool year is 34 weeks long. We try to encompass both the public school schedule and the university schedule. The school will begin after Labor Day and run until Memorial Day weekend.

TUITION FEES - \$765.00/year for two sessions a week; \$1125.00/year for three sessions a week, \$1440/year for 4 sessions a week. A reduction of 15% of the tuition will be made for the families enrolling more than one child in the school. The non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00, not applicable to tuition, must be submitted with the completed enrollment papers. A registration fee of \$15.00 is required if enrolling a second consecutive year or enrolling more than one child in a year. Tuition may be paid yearly, semi-annually, quarterly, or in nine equal monthly payments with the May payment being made by mid August. **Monthly payments should be made the first week of the month. Payments after the 15th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.** **Tuition made in full will get \$5 off every month paid off in full. So pay off 9 months at beginning will get \$45 off bill. Does not apply to scholarship families.** Payments made preferably by check or cash No Credit Cards to the preschool. Anyone delinquent in tuition payment for one month will be contacted by the treasurer to set up a payment schedule. If ignored, the child could be withdrawn from the school.

DISCIPLINE - No corporal punishment is used. Positive reinforcement and re-direction are used extensively. Only a time out situation is used if needed.

WITHDRAWAL - The board of directors reserves the right to ask for the withdrawal of any child who requires special attention not provided for in the program or who demands so much supervision that the whole group is affected.

TUITION GRANTS - A limited number of grants will be available so that some children may be accepted at reduced tuition. Parents desiring to apply for a grant should request an application form. Each request will be considered by the Tuition Grant Committee. All applications should be given to the director no later than July 15.

TRANSPORTATION - Transportation will be provided by the parents.

PARENTS - Parents are an integral part of the program and are always welcome in the school. The school has fundraisers that parents can be involved in and many family activities during the school year.

ADMINISTRATION - This school is supervised by a Board of Directors, which will include membership of preschool parents. This enterprise is licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services Division of Child Day Care Licensing. The teachers meet professional qualifications for elementary certification and early childhood education.

HEALTH - Fresh colds are considered contagious for three days following the first symptoms, and the child should be kept home during this time. The teacher should be notified of a daily absence. The director should be notified of any communicable disease.

SNACKS - A small snack is provided during class. We usually have simple snack provided by parents, consisting of either crackers, goldfish, pretzels, fruit/ veggies or cookies and juice/water. This is a nice language time with the children.

***ENROLLMENT FORMS, TUITION GRANT FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION** may be obtained from the preschool 989-772-1580, or from Tina Rudoni 989-506-3363, or tinarudoni@yahoo.com..