

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

PURPOSE -FUMC Preschool is a Christian based program. We provide a loving, family-oriented environment where morals and values are taught and modeled daily. We are committed to working within each child's comfort zone to ensure optimal social, emotional, physical, spiritual and educational development.

PHILOSOPHY -We believe each child is unique, a child of God, a superstar, bursting with imagination and ready to conquer the world! Through play-packed adventures and fun learning moments, we spark curiosity and let imaginations run wild. Our activities foster friendship, creativity and problem-solving skills. Parents and teachers work together to help students grow from dependency toward a happy, self-directing, responsible, contributing members 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 which is directly accessible to the outdoor play area. A fenced in 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.

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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 – The anticipated Tuition is \$1080/year for two sessions a week; \$1620/year for three sessions a week, \$2160/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 \$40.00, not applicable to tuition, must be submitted with the completed enrollment papers. A registration fee of \$20.00 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 by the 15th of the month. Payments after the 15th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee. Tuition paid off in full will get \$5 off every month paid. Pay off 9 months you will get \$45 off bill. This does not apply to scholarship families.** Payments made preferably by online banking using bank routing number and bank account, check or cash. 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 includes 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 director should be notified of a daily absence. The director should be notified of any communicable disease.**

SNACKS - A small snack is provided during class. This is a nice language time with the children.

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