

BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESCHOOL



PARENT HANDBOOK 2021-2022

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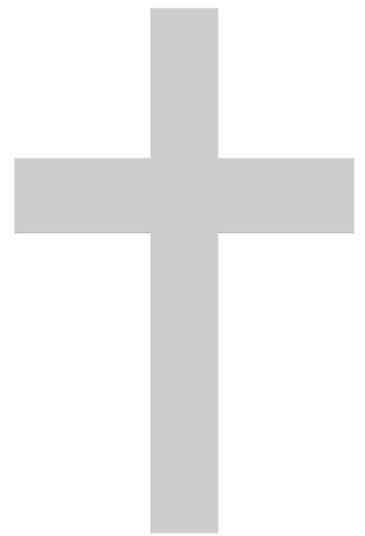
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Hello.

The beginning of a new school year is a thrilling time for any family with school-age children. So much is new. So much is filled with hope of growth and the joy of learning. The Staff of the Pre-School, the Pre-School Board and the people of Bethlehem Church are eager to welcome you to what will prove to be an exciting 2021-2022 school year. We count it a very real privilege to partner with you at this stage of your child's development and want you to know that we will sustain the staff and children with our prayers that your child will grow in wisdom and in stature.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Dennis Otto



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY:

Bethlehem United Methodist Church Preschool provides a quality education in a dynamic Christian environment. We believe that our role as a school is to partner with the family and church to help in the education of the whole child, socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

As a Christian school, we provide a safe, loving environment. Our program is based on the following truths:

- God has created each child uniquely in His image and has given that child special talents which should be developed and enhanced in a manner that glorifies God.
- A well-structured and fully planned program of activities. The STEAM Process is the foundation of all our classes.(Science, Technology, engineering, Art, Math) In addition, music, field trips, resource people, literature, problem solving, creative play and exercise is utilized to encourage the development of the whole child.

OUR GOALS:

- ✓ To promote the full development of each child.
- ✓ To provide many opportunities for creative play.
- ✓ To help each child develop a positive self-concept.
- ✓ To be sensitive to each child's emotional needs.
- ✓ To help each child grow in self-discipline by setting reasonable limitations, rules to follow and building respect between students and teachers.
- ✓ To help each child learn through direct involvement with a variety of materials, people, and places.
- ✓ To help each child grow in Kindergarten readiness skills.
- ✓ To respect the rights of others through cooperative play & sharing.
- ✓ To value and encourage the direct involvement of parents.

MEET OUR TEAM

CHRISTINA STAUFFER

Miss Christina is the new director here at BUM! She has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University. Before becoming a stay-at-home, she taught kindergarten in Washington, D.C., and fifth and sixth grade as a long-term substitute at Dallastown. She lives with her husband, Josh, their kids, Sophia and Matthew and their dog, Jake, in Red Lion. She loves to cook and enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is an active member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Dallastown.

KATELYN WHEELER

Miss Kate is part of our three-year-old teaching team and our head enrichment teacher as well. Miss Kate has a B.A. in Communications/Journalism from Polytechnic and State University. She is also a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Miss Kate is married and a mother of 2 BUM graduates!

KAREN LEHMAN

Miss Karen is our three-day, four-year old classroom teacher. Miss Karen will be working with the morning and afternoon classes. She studied at York College and has worked in two different York County preschools. Miss Karen has worked in the kindergarten program for the Dallastown Area School District for many years. Miss Karen is married with three children, two grandchildren, and enjoys teaching Sunday School and Bible studies at her church, New Fairview COB.

SARA DAY

Miss Sara is assisting Miss Ashley in the 4 day- 4-year-old classroom. She will be assisting in the AM and PM classes. Sara is a mother of a Bethlehem Preschool graduate! Miss Sara has a bachelor of science in Psychology. Miss Sara has worked with many young students in and outside of the classroom. She has extensive experience with behavior health and Autism Spectrum disorders. Sara is a mother of two children and an active member of Living Word Church. She enjoys reading, playing outside with my kids and watching them play sports.

SHARON KROUT

Miss Sharon is our three-year-old teacher. She will be teaching all three of our 3's classes. Miss Sharon is a mother of two Bethlehem Preschool graduates! Miss Sharon has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education. She also has experience teaching in the Southern and Dallastown school districts. In addition, she has experience in working with early intervention and at another local preschool. Miss Sharon is married and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She attends Codorus Church of the Brethren.

LINDA LAU

Miss Linda is our assistant teacher in our enrichment program. She can also be found in all our classrooms as a substitute teacher. Miss Linda is a grandmother to 3 of our students! She was a Health & Physical Education Major at Edinboro University and is a multiple business owner.

Miss Linda loves spending time with her family, sports, cooking crafting, gardening and creating new adventures for her grandchildren.

ANDREA FISHER

Miss Andie is part of our 3 day four-year-old teaching team, working with Miss Karen in the classroom. Miss Andie is a parent of four children, two of which graduated from the Bethlehem Preschool! She volunteers in her church and for the Dallastown Area School District. She also does bookkeeping for her husband's business.

ASHLEY JONES

Ashley is our four-day, AM and PM four-year old classroom teacher. Miss Ashley has an undergraduate degree in Art education and holds a certification in language and grammar clinician. She has teaching experience in the York Suburban and Dallastown School districts. Miss Ashley is married and has 4 children. Two are graduates of BUM Preschool! She is also an active member of LCBC church.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Our admission policy is to admit children of all faiths and national origins. A child must be 3 or 4 years of age by August 31st of the present school year to be eligible for the respective program. It is recommended that children be potty trained.

BIRTHDAYS:

Birthdays are special – and we enjoy celebrating them!! Parents/Guardians may bring in a special treat if they wish. Cookies, brownies, doughnuts and popsicles make great treats. Please note that cupcakes are messy and discouraged as a birthday treat option. In addition, cakes are time consuming to cut and serve, and are also not suggested.

Parents/Guardians are asked to refer to the 'Say No to Nuts' reference when providing birthday treats.

CLOTHING:

Comfortable clothing that lends itself to independence is suggested. Secure footwear provides safety in play. It is strongly recommended that children wear sneakers that tie or buckle shoes. Sneakers are essential for the four-year olds on their scheduled gym class.

We recognize potty accidents occur. Do not be embarrassed by this occurrence. Punishment is never warranted for a toilet accident. Miss Trish will assist with all accidents and will return student back to his/her class. The Preschool has a change of clothing for the child if this should occur. Parents/Guardians are asked to wash and return the borrowed clothes immediately. Another option is to keep an extra set of season-appropriate clothing in your child's backpack. (A warm change of clothes for the winter and a cool set for spring.) Please include underclothing, socks, pants/shorts.

COMMUNICATION:

We want to keep the communication channels open at all times between parents/guardians and teachers. Please feel free to ask questions regarding your child at any time. If you feel there is a problem about anything, let us discuss it. Parent/Guardian participation and sharing of ideas are considered a valuable asset to the program.

To report absences, concern, or to answer any preschool questions, please call our preschool office, 244-1486. Ext. 3. The director will pass on correspondences and questions to the staff. The preschool office is open from 8:30 AM until 3:15 PM every school day; you can stop in or call anytime! All messages left on the answering machine will be address in a timely manner.

Conferences are held in the early spring (Kindergarten registration time) for children in the four-year old classes. All students will receive evaluations throughout the school year. Conferences for all students can be arranged upon request.

A newsletter containing upcoming events, topics, snacks and Show-and-Tell schedules will be posted online monthly. The preschool link can be found at www.gotobethlehem.org.

Parents will receive communication via Remind App regarding school closings and delays pertaining to inclement weather, updates on infectious diseases, newsletters, calendars, and other announcements that need to be quickly communicated. (Remind App information will be sent home during Orientation.)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Staff can be reached throughout the school day by calling our preschool office, (717) 244-1486, ext. 3.

Bethlehem United Methodist Preschool

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- **Mrs. Christina Stauffer, School Administrator**
Office: 717-244-1486, ext .#3
E-Mail: bum.preschool@gmail.com
- **Mrs. Karen Lehman, karenlehman@comcast.net**
- **Mrs. Ashley Jones, ashleyjones.4@comcast.net**
- **Mrs. Sharon Krout, thekrouts@comcast.net**

If you wish to speak with a BUMC Preschool Board Member, please leave a message requesting a return call with the BUMC Office at 717-244-1486. (Select option #3 when prompted.)

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Discipline towards the children will be in a positive, non-punitive manner. Staff members will not use any form of physical punishment (spanking, pinching, arm jerking, etc.). They will not use language toward a child that ridicules or belittles. Your child will be treated with respect in all situations. If a student is having a bad behavior day, and needs to step out of the classroom, the director will aid in calming the student down and will work with the student to finish their work in the preschool office. Our policy is to love them through it. Parents will be notified if additional steps are needed for continued success.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN:

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Since the safety of the children given to our care is always our top priority, we felt it important to share the Bethlehem Pre-School Emergency Operations Plan with all of our families. This Operations Plan is approved and on file with the Dallastown Emergency Management Agency, which is in cooperation with other regional response teams.

The nature of events that would require evacuation are many and varied. They may be simple, as to require evacuation to a nearby location, to which we could easily walk. A fire in our building is an example. More complex events might require that our students be evacuated further than a block away, or even transported to a location outside of Dallastown. An example of such an event might be an accident with toxic materials which would endanger the whole borough.

We want you to know that we have arranged for these contingencies, with the following evacuation sites:

- ❖ In-Place Sheltering: Incidents in which we are required to take cover inside the building as an appropriate response. We would move the children within the building to a space that is determined to be most safe. An example would be weather or other sudden crisis.
- ❖ Immediate Evacuation (Walking Distance): Students would be evacuated one block to Dallastown Elementary School, S. Charles Street, Dallastown. This would be in the event of fire, storm or other incident that would make our building unsafe.
- ❖ Evacuation (Walking Distance): In the case of an incident that would endanger the block surrounding the church, students would be evacuated to the Dallastown Fire Hall, 50 North School Street, Dallastown.
- ❖ Total Evacuation (Transport): In the case of an incident that would endanger the entire community of Dallastown, students would be transported to the York County School of Technology, 2179 South Queen Street, York.

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation outside of the Bethlehem Church building, parents/guardians are encouraged to listen to WGAL-TV8 for information, or consult their website at WGAL.com. If circumstances allow, staff will also communicate updates via Remind App and on the church website at gotobethlehem.org.

We respectfully request that in the event of an emergency that you do not call our main number. This will allow us to receive important communication from the Emergency Management Agency and other emergency personnel as necessary. Upon assuring the safety of the children, efforts will be made to call the parents/guardians of each child to inform you of protective actions and where you may safely pick up your child.

Your Student Information Form lists the persons who are allowed to pick up your child. Please do not send someone who is not on that list as it will only add confusion to what may be an already stressful situation. In order to assure the safety of your children and our staff, we ask for your understanding and cooperation. We pray that no incident will require the responses outlined in this letter, but we know that you will feel better that we have anticipated a process to meet such events.

Thank you,
Preschool Director and the Bethlehem Preschool Board

ENRICHMENT CLASSES:

Our enrichment program is an opportunity for your student to grow beyond the preschool curriculum. Each student's natural talents and aptitude will be nurtured throughout each class. We use the steam process (science, technology, engineering, art, math) as a foundation of each enrichment class. Literature and creative play are integrated in each class as well! Classes encourage team work, problem solving, flexible thinking, working on memory, planning and prioritizing, taking initiatives, impulse and emotional control, and building confidence.

The classes are taught Miss Kate Wheeler and Miss Linda Lau. Classes are offered throughout the school year to all students enrolled at Bethlehem Preschool and the community. Each class is \$20 and class size is limited. Enrichment Classes are held on Mondays from 9:30-11:30AM and 1:00-3:00PM. Payment is due at the time of class registration. New classes and registration opportunities will be opened three times per year.

For more information, please refer to the Enrichment Class pamphlet, visit the preschool office or speak directly with Miss Kate Wheeler, 717-817-9112, kwheeler913@gmail.com. Information on the Enrichment Classes can also be found on the preschool website at www.gotobethlehem.org.



FIELD TRIPS:

Before a child can participate on a field trip, a signed permission slip must be submitted. In addition, a consent form must be on file for all field trips that involve transportation.

Parent/Guardian participation is used to provide field trip transportation. Parents/Guardians of children in the three and four-year old classes are required to accompany and be responsible for their child.

It is assumed that each child has permission to accompany the group on trips within walking distance to the school. Parents/Guardians will be made aware of these outings in advance.

FRONT PARKING LOT:

Bethlehem Preschool and the Preschool Board has a strict policy regarding the front parking lot. Permission to park in the front lot will be granted as circumstances warrant. Approval is dependent upon the completion of an application and review by the Board. Those granted permission will be issued a parking permit to be displayed on their dashboard.

Requests for a parking permit application can be made to the director. Applications are available throughout the year. Stop into our preschool office or talk to your child's teacher.

HEALTH:

Your child's health is a matter of major importance to all of us. All children attending this school should be free of contagious diseases. Children who have a fever, cough or infection may not be brought to school. Please keep your child at home if:

- He / She has begun taking antibiotics in the last 12 hours
- He / She has a persistent cough
- He / She has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (such as sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, abdominal pain or fever)
- He / She has a rash
- He / She has had diarrhea or vomiting during the previous 24-hour period

When a child has been absent due to illness, he/she should not return to school until he/she has been without a fever or symptoms for at least 24 hours. Please refer to the Health Screening card for guidance.

ALLERGIES: A 'Medication Administration Consent' form must be on file with the Preschool. The form is for students with allergies that need medications during school hours in case of an allergic reaction or other health related issues. The form, available upon request from your child's teacher or in the preschool office, requires a physician's signature.

HOURS:

Preschool hours are from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (morning classes) and from 12:30 PM–3:00 PM (afternoon classes). 3-day/ four-year old classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, either in the morning or afternoon. There is also a 4-day four-year old class that meet Tuesdays through Fridays, also either in the morning or afternoon. Three-year old classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning or afternoon, as well as a class that meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

The church alarm system mandates that children attending morning sessions should arrive promptly between 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM, or between 12:30 PM – 12:45 PM for afternoon sessions. This time is designated for greeting the children and self-directed tabletop activities. **If running late, ring buzzer at Door 6.**

Children should be picked up promptly at 11:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Parents/Guardians form a line outside each classroom for dismissal unless otherwise specified. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charge for habitual tardiness or for unauthorized non-emergency late pick-up after class. 'Habitual tardiness' is defined as a third occurrence of late pick-up.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

The Preschool Board is now requiring a signed waiver form be on file for those students who have not be immunized due to moral or religious beliefs. Waiver forms are available from your student's teachers or the preschool office. Forms must be turned in at the start of the school year.

In the event of an infectious disease outbreak at the school (i.e. chicken pox, whopping cough) those students who have not been immunized according to Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements will receive a personal phone call. All other students will be notified via e-mail communication or Remind App.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

The Bethlehem Preschool refers to the Dallastown Area School District (DASD) calendar, but do not always follow it exactly. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to watch WGAL news, check WGAL website for announcements of closings due to inclement weather and look for communication sent via Remind App. Cancellations and delays will also be on the preschool website, www.gotobethlehem.org.

- Full day cancellation: If DASD cancels classes for the entire day due to inclement weather; BUMC Preschool classes are also cancelled. We make up snow days, if the schedule allows, during our end of the year celebration week, May 24-27.
- Two-hour delay: If DASD puts into effect a two-hour delay, our schedule that day will be modified as well. With the modified schedule, our morning classes will be held from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM and the afternoon classes from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM.

If severe weather conditions arise after school has started, pick-up time will be at the parent's/guardian's discretion. Parents/Guardians are asked to keep their class lists available throughout the entire school year.



LUNCH BUNCH:

Lunch Bunch provides another opportunity for your student to develop independence while having fun at the same time! The program is staffed by the director and/or Preschool parents. All volunteers have clearances. If you would like to help, please let the director know!

Lunch Bunch is held in Preschool classrooms throughout the week from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM at the cost of \$5.00 per student/per session. The student enjoys the first 30 minutes of Lunch Bunch eating lunch followed by 30 minutes of different activities, listening to stories or enjoying free play. Children who are part of an afternoon Preschool class will be escorted to their classroom at the conclusion of Lunch Bunch. Students need to bring a packed (nut-free) lunch that is easy for them to eat. (Please note that there is no microwave or refrigerator available.)

Lunch Bunch is limited to 18 students on a first come/first served basis. Registering for a session can either be done in advance or the day of Lunch Bunch, if space is still available. Parents/Guardians should be aware that a Lunch Bunch session can be cancelled without prior notice if attendance is low, staff sickness, or if the weather is questionable.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR INTERNET POSTING:

Each student is required to have a permission slip on file stating their parent's/guardian's wishes regarding the posting of photos, craft items/school work, and their child's name on the internet. Bethlehem United Methodist Church has a website, Facebook and Instagram where information and updates on the Preschool program are posted. We will never post your child's name.

The 'Permission to Publish' form should be completed and returned to your child's teacher within the first two weeks of the school year. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to address their questions or concerns regarding the form to their child's classroom teacher or to our director.

SAFETY:

Every effort is made to ensure the safety of the children. If an accident occurs at school, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, we will contact the emergency contact person on the child's information form.

Your child will always be under close supervision. However, if a child for any reason leaves the supervision of the teachers without their consent, they will not be responsible for anything that may happen to the child during the time of absence.

Children should be escorted by their parent/guardian directly to the classroom. If your child is dropped off without supervision and does not go directly to the classroom, the teacher is not responsible.

Please notify the preschool office, 244-1486, ext.3, in advance if someone different is picking up your child. Identification will be requested as proof of identity.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

The preschool would like to stress the danger of the back alley behind the church due to the heavy car traffic and blind spots. Parents are required to hold the hands of their children at all times when stepping into the alley while entering and leaving the preschool.



'SAY NO TO NUTS':

Due to allergy concerns, we ask that no snack, birthday treats or lunches be sent that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Children with nut allergies can have very severe allergic reactions, which may require immediate medical attention. It is very important that ingredients be checked. By law, allergens must be listed in bold print on nutrition labels, very often at the end of the ingredients list. It is also unsafe to send foods to school that have a label that reads, "Manufactured in a facility that processes peanuts or tree nuts."

If you prepare a snack for your child to bring in to school, please cut the ingredients list out from the box and send it in with the snack. If the snack is home-made, please send a list of the ingredients used.

Parents of children with any allergies are encouraged to send snacks for your student throughout the year. Snacks can be stored in your student's classroom. Please notify the preschool office if you have any concerns or questions about our policy.

SECURITY SYSTEM:

Bethlehem United Methodist Church takes the security of our Preschool seriously. Our state-of-the-art security system provides a secure and safe environment for our students throughout the school day.

Exterior church doors will be unlocked for entry on school days according to the following schedule.

- AM Classes: 8:50 AM to 9:15 AM **and** 11:20 AM to 11:40 AM
- PM Classes: 12:20 PM to 12:45 PM **and** 2:50 PM to 3:10 PM

We ask all parents/guardians to respect the entry times posted above. Parents/Guardians arriving before or after the stated times will be required to push the call box button at door 6 to gain entry by the church office administrator, Linda Reed, or a preschool office staff member. Whenever possible, it is requested that parents/guardian inform their classroom teacher in advance if they plan to arrive early or late. **The safety of our Preschool children is our NUMBER ONE priority!**

SHOW AND TELL:

The monthly newsletters will advise as to when your child is scheduled for Show and Tell. The Show and Tell schedule is also posted on the preschool website at www.gotobethlehem.org. Please discourage your child from bringing items in on other days.

Occasionally, Show and Tell will have a theme. We welcome the opportunity for your child to share a toy, book, or any item of interest. Guns or war toys are not permitted. Utmost care of items brought from home will be given, but we cannot be responsible for damage or loss of these items.

SNACK TIME:

Starting good eating habits early in life is so very important. Snack time, coupled with a learning situation, is an ideal time to begin this journey down the road of nutritious food. With the willing participation of parents/guardians providing these snacks, we will use snack time for the betterment of your child's health. Rather than sugary juices, the children will receive water with the snack. The school will provide cups and napkins. Students are discouraged from carrying extra snacks in their backpacks.

During orientation and in September newsletters, your student's teacher will share with you some additional information regarding snack day assignments. If you choose not to help provide a snack periodically throughout the school year, please let your teacher know.

Parents of children with food allergies are encouraged to send snacks for your student throughout the year. Snacks can be stored in your student's classroom.

Snack Suggestions:

- Fruit – cut into pieces
- Fruit Snacks
- Pudding in Cups
- Finger Jell-O
- MINI Cupcakes only, please!
- Cheese
- Crackers
- Snack Mix
- Popcorn
- Muffins
- Veggie Sticks
- Ice Cream
- Graham Crackers
- Breads
- Nutritious Cookies
- Cereal Mix
- Pretzels





TUITION AND FEES:

- **Due at Registration:** A registration fee of \$30 AND the final month's tuition for the upcoming school year (May 2022) is due at the time of registration. All registration fees and tuition payments are nonrefundable.
- **Monthly Tuition:** Tuition for September 2021 through April 2022 can be paid monthly and is due by the 1st of each month. Payment by check should be made payable to Bethlehem UM Preschool. All tuition payments should be placed in the deposit box marked preschool payments in the classroom hallway or designated entrance doors.
- **Late Fee:** A late payment of \$10.00 will be added to your monthly tuition fee if tuition payment is not received by the 10th of each month. Please notify preschool director if you have concerns about tuition payments.
- **Returned Check Fee:** A fee of \$20.00 will be charged to cover the bank's Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) fee. In addition, cash only will be accepted for tuition after a NSF check has been received.
- **Activity Fee:** A fee of \$40.00 is due September 11th and must be paid before the first scheduled field trip. This one-time fee is used to defray the cost of vision screening, birthday box gifts, field trips, student newspapers, craft photos etc. Payment by check should be made payable to Bethlehem UM Preschool and be placed in the tuition box in the classroom hallway. (You can pay tuition and Activity fee in the same check)

Information about fees can be obtained by contacting the Preschool Treasurer, Cathy Mentzer, at 717-244-1486 ext. 3

UNEXPECTED CHURCH ACTIVITIES DURING PRESCHOOL HOURS:

From time to time church activities (funerals, special services, luncheons, etc.) may be held during Preschool hours that may cause a disruption to normal Preschool drop off/pick up procedures, or, may greatly limit parking availability. For such events, parent/guardians will be given notice and specific instructions for drop off and pickup via the Remind App or a note will be sent home with students ahead of time.

WITHDRAWAL:

A two-week written notice requesting withdrawal from the program is required by the parent/guardian. The Preschool Board has the right to withdraw any child that is disruptive to the program; a one-week notice will be provided.

In the case of withdrawal, the first and last month's tuition, registration fee, and activity fee are not refundable. Tuition for all other months will be refunded or waived, effective as of the date the child is withdrawn from the program.



PRESCHOOL CALENDAR

2021-2022

Calendar subject to change due to weather cancellations.

Tuesday Wednesday	September 7 September 8	All Four-Year-Old Classes	Orientation
Tuesday- Friday	September 7 September 10	All Three-Year-Old Classes	Orientation
Thursday	September 9	Four-year: 4-day AM class Four-year: 4-day PM class	4's- First week of Classes are shortened.
Friday	September 10	Four-year: 3-day AM class Four-year: 3-day PM class	4's- Regular Class Time begins Sept. 14 th .
Tuesday- Thursday	September 14-16	Three-year: T-Th/AM class Three-year: T-Th/PM class	3's -First full week of classes are shortened.
Wednesday- Friday	September 15- 17	Three-year: W-F/AM class	3's -First full week of classes are shortened.
Tuesday	September 21	Three-year Classes only	Regular Class Times Begin
Friday	October 8	No School	In Service
Tuesday- Friday	Nov. 23 – Nov. 26	No School	Thanksgiving Vacation
Thursday – Friday (12/31)	Dec. 23 – Dec. 31	No School	Christmas Vacation
Friday	February 18	No School	President's Day Weekend
Wednesday	March 30	No School	In Service
Friday	April 15	No School	Easter Vacation
Tuesday -Thursday	May 24 – May 26	Graduation Ceremonies (Dates to be announced)	Celebration Week!
Friday	May 27	School Picnics	Final Day

**If needed, snow makeup days will be made up during last week of school.*

ALL PRESCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE

INVITED AND WELCOME

AT BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH:

9:15 AM Contemporary Service (Bethlehem Church's Contemporary worship Center)

Come as you are, dress is informal, and participate in a joyful hour of music and teaching testimony lead by our Praise Team and Pastor. Childcare available.

10:30 AM Traditional Service (Bethlehem Church Sanctuary)

The style of music led primarily by the Chancel Choir includes the classical to the country and from the country to the spiritual. Dress may be business or casual attire.

Childcare available.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM Sunday School

Bethlehem Church offers a Sunday School program that introduces children of all ages to God, His Son, His Word, and His Church.

For more information on Worship/Sunday School at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, please visit the church's website at www.gotobethlehem.org



ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Bethlehem Church would like to invite you and your family to visit us on Sunday mornings. Our Children and Youth departments offer spiritually enriched classes on Sunday mornings for all children - ages newborn through grade 12.

In addition to Sunday morning classes, Bethlehem also has an active junior high and senior high youth group program.

For more information, please contact:

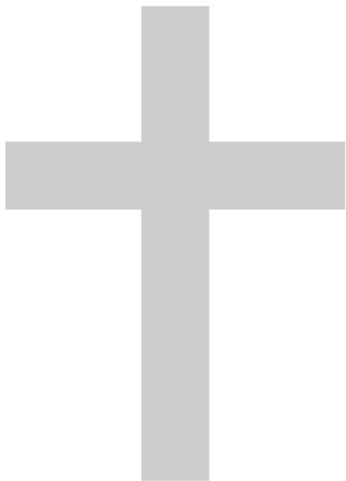
- Children's Ministry Director, Julie Spyker (jbspyker@hotmail.com)
- Youth Ministry Director, Sean Garner (sean@gotobethlehem.org)

JUNIOR CHOIR / CHILDREN'S HAND BELL CHOIR AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH:

All preschool (potty-trained) and elementary school-aged children are welcome to be part of the Junior Choir at Bethlehem Church! Practices are held every Sunday morning from September through early June. Children attend the 10:30 AM worship service with their family, and are dismissed to go to choir practice following their special 'Time with the Pastor'. Practice concludes when the worship service ends, 11:30 AM – 11:40 AM.

This year the children will be performing two musicals, a Christmas musical and spring musical. Bethlehem Church also has a children's hand bell choir that performs a few times each year.

For more information on either the Junior Choir or Children's Hand Bell Choir, please contact Natalie Smith, director, at 717-244-0218. Or email: natalie40@gmail.com



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