

# Children's Center Chronicle

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## Message from Maddy

Summer is here and our theme for the month of June is "Going To The Beach". Bring your hat, sunglasses, sun screen and a comfortable pair of shoes. (Keep in mind though, that flip flops can cause children to slip and fall during active play.) In the days and months ahead there will be many opportunities for water play, so please check your child's cubby and make sure any extra change of clothes is available. Chances are, if your child does not have a change of clothing, when needed, you will get a call to bring a new change of clothing for your child at that time.

A special "THANK YOU!" to the Garner, Cattaneo, Wighton, Lawlor, King, Cuddy, Johnston, Baker, Muhlhauser, and Moses families that provided the wonderful food and special items needed for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, that was on Friday, May 9. The staff and I feel very blessed to have such thoughtful families in our program, who were willing to give of their time and talent to provide such a fun, enjoyable, and memorable event. Thanks again!

**Parent Surveys have gone out.** Please return your survey by Wednesday, June 11. The surveys provide us with information regarding what you, our families, think about our program and how we can improve it. I look forward to reviewing the surveys and sharing the information with you in the July newsletter.

Our "Promotion and Acknowledgement Program" is a wonderful, annual event and will be held on **Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 PM**, this year. We will be acknowledging the children, for their many accomplishments, and celebrating their promotion to their next classroom and/or on to kindergarten. We will also be recognizing the outstanding volunteers that have supported our program over this past year. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in Criswell Hall. Please look for the sign up sheet, to help bring refreshments and treats to share. *Also, please bring a canned food item, to this event, to support our community service project for June. All food collected will be given to the "People's Kitchen" outreach, here at First United Methodist Church.*

Summer is "Transition Time". Several new families will be joining our program in July. If you see a new face, take a moment and introduce yourself and welcome them to the AGUMCC family. Our "Week Of Welcome" will be June 16-20. The new and existing children will visit their new classrooms, during this week, to prepare for the new school year, starting Monday, June 30. **Please check the "Dates to Remember"** below to note school closure dates, special events, etc.

## June is our Bi-Annual Community Service Month

Each June, AGUMCC helps "People's Kitchen" feed the hungry. Please bring a canned food item, to help provide food to the hungry, through this outreach, here at the First United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, see Ms. Maddy

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 6 - **STAFF DEVELOPMENT** School closes at 3:30
- Wednesday June 11 - **PARENT SURVEYS ARE DUE**
- Thursday, June 12 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED AT 12:00 FOR THE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION & POT LUCK LUNCH.** Please check with your child's teacher for details.
- Thursday, June 12 - **AGUMCC PROMOTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM** at 7:00 PM, in the Church Sanctuary, with a reception following in Criswell Hall.
- Friday, June 13 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
- Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20 - **"WEEK OF WELCOME"** for new and existing families. *We will be open our normal business hours.*
- Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK.**
- Monday, June 30 - **2014-2015 SCHOOL SESSION BEGINS**
- Friday, July 4 - **SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**Ms. April and Ms. Jill's Toddlers**

Our class was busy, last month, learning all about the different animals that live at the pond! We even had tadpoles in our classroom, which gave us a great opportunity to observe them as they grew, and to talk about their life cycle. This month, our theme is Ocean, and we'll be exploring ocean life and the beach. Children will be able to bring seashells they've found, and would like to share with the class. Since it's summer and the weather is warming up, it would be a fun activity for parents and children to go for a walk together, on the beach, to collect shells, to bring in! We will be celebrating this wonderful school year with an End of the Year Potluck Lunch on Thursday, June 12 at 12pm—be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet to bring food! Our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be that same evening at 7pm. The children will also get to visit their new preschool classroom, with Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley, this month! We have had so much fun working with everyone in Room 2 this year. Although we'll miss them all, we're excited to see the children growing, and we know that they will be successful in their new classroom! Thank you all for your participation throughout the year. It was such a privilege for both of us to be able to share in the lives of your children!

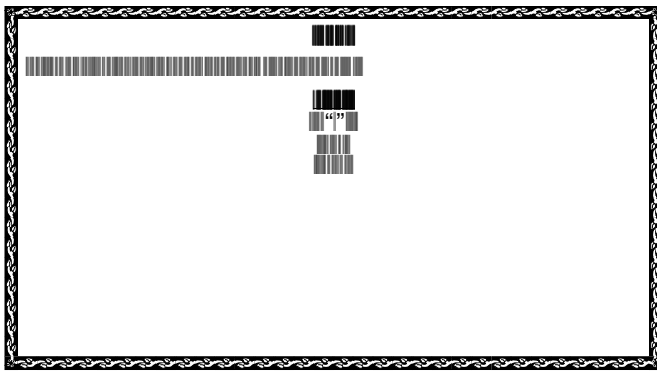
~Ms. Jill

**Cindy Bo's Young Toddlers**

I appreciated having the chance to meet with my Young Toddler families for parent teacher conferences last month. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me, to visit about all that your children have been doing at school, reflect on how much they have grown and developed, and share about what they will be working on as they move on to their new class in Room 2. It has been a joy to join with you in helping to foster their growth and development and is exciting to think about how much they will continue this process as they move on. The Young Toddlers really enjoyed exploring and observing the life cycles of the butterfly and the frog, as well as learning about other creatures such as insects, turtles, lizards, fish, birds and beavers, as we spent time "Down at the Pond". We will now begin our theme of "Going to the Beach". I look forward to the many songs, stories and things we'll be exploring relating to sea life and fun at the beach. If you have any photos, shells, etc., from your own trips to the beach, please consider sharing them with our class. This will be a great start to our summer and end to a special school year together! The young Toddlers will be visiting their new class, during the third week of June, to help create a smooth transition for them the first of July (Starting June 30). I hope that you, my Young Toddler families, can join me for a "Classroom Potluck" on Thursday, June 12 at noon. There is a sign up in the classroom. I truly appreciate the privilege I've had to be part of the lives of you and your children! Thank you!

~Cindy Bo

**Many Thanks To Adeline Bottorff** for taking our laundry home every week. If you, too, could help with the laundry, please see Ms. Maddy.



**Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Tresha's Pre-K Class**

May was such a wonderful month for the pre-k children. The end of the school year is upon us. The children have been working hard on learning their graduation songs and preparing graduation projects. We will really miss all the children who are moving on to new schools, and having this celebration, to reflect on our wonderful year together, is an amazing way to end the school year. We will be practicing for our graduation night, from 9-9:30, June 9-12 and our Promotion and Acknowledgement Program will be on June 12, at 7:00pm. Our end of the year potluck luncheon will be on June 12 at noon. Look for a sign-up list, in the classroom, soon. Also, on June 13, the school will be closed for Staff Development Day. School will be closed, for summer break, June 23-27. In June, we will begin our "Party Fun" theme. Ms. Rebecca and I are so proud of our pre-k children; each and every one. We are very pleased with all their learning, growth and development. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

~Ms. Tresha

**Ms. Kassie and Ms. Shirley's Preschool Class**

May was such a wonderful month. We explored bugs in our dramatic play and learned about the pond during circle time and art. Our new water feature in the backyard was a blast, with all the heat we experienced during May. Now it is time for transitions. Our preschool students will transfer to the pre-k class, with Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Tresha, and the older toddler class will be moving in to our class. We will be sad to see our group leave but they are growing and it is time for new challenges. We are so excited for our new students. This is the time where we all get to know each other. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We will be celebrating this wonderful school year with an End of the Year Potluck Lunch on Thursday, June 12 at 12pm—be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet, to bring food! Our Promotional Program will be that same evening at 7pm. June is such a fabulous month. We will be exploring the mystery of the ocean. We will be singing "Slippery Fish" during transitions and having a beach side cafe in our dramatic play. In the preschool class, we will be focusing on our social/emotional skills first, then letter, shape, and color recognition. I cannot wait.

~ Ms. Kassie