

Our Vision

A Place to Belong—

We believe each person is a child of God, and therefore worthy of love, acceptance, and encouragement. We seek to provide a place where nurturing of children is of the highest calling.

A Place to Become—

We believe we are made in the image of God and given the capacity to create. We seek to provide to all children opportunities for their cognitive, social, emotional, physical, creative, and spiritual growth.

A Place to Make a Difference—

We believe that God's love is given freely to all of us. We seek to build a staff that is valued for their commitment to children, and a community where parents of all cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds are embraced for their uniqueness in our world.

All about Trinity United Methodist Church

The people of Trinity hold a faith that combines heart and head and hands. Love is the pervasive flavor of who we are and all that we do. We follow our hearts, challenge and expand our thinking, and then get into action. If you are looking for a place where you can come alongside other followers of Christ to grow in your faith and make a difference in the world, then this Trinity family may be just the right place for you.

Trinity's ministry with children is also an integral part of the life of this church. The goal of our children's ministry is to help children grow in their faith and become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. We have many opportunities for children and their families, and hope you'll come be a part!

You're invited to join us for one of our weekly worship services: Sundays at 8:15, 9:40, or 11:00am in the Worship Center or Wednesdays at 6:35pm in the Chapel.

Looking forward to seeing more of you!

**God
is
GOOD**



**Caring for God's children
each step as they grow.**

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Dear Prospective Parents:

Thank you for your interest in our thriving preschool! We serve our community by caring for God's children each step as they grow. The foundation of our school is a focus on Christ, a constant supply of love and nurturing from certified, experienced teachers, and the fostering of a close family feeling in a carefully appointed classroom. Our student/teacher ratios are low, affording each child individual attention. We extend a warm welcome to you and your child to visit Stepping Stones Preschool and pick up an enrollment form. The close rapport and partnership between students, parents, and teachers at our school are second to none. Please feel free to call me at (352) 416-3025, if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting your family in the near future.

In His Service,

Jan Banks

Preschool Overview

Stepping Stones Preschool offers classes for toddlers through Pre-K. We provide a curriculum that encourages whole child learning, self esteem, and social skills. Our students are grouped according to maturity and development. Each classroom has an age appropriate environment where the children learn from each other, as well as the teacher.

Children are provided a variety of educational opportunities including: learning centers to explore, planned activities in art, religion, creative movement, music, cooking, gardening, nature and much more! Reading, phonics, math, history, science and geography skills are developed in the daily curriculum.

Our student/teacher ratios are low affording each child individual attention as needed. We have a maximum ratio of 9:1 for the 3's and 4's, 8:1 for our 2's, and 6:1 for our toddler children. Every classroom has a teacher and an assistant. Enrollment is limited to help achieve these goals.

Specials: Specials are classes added to our curriculum for a complete "whole child" experience.

1. **Music-** through music children develop self esteem, and individual creativity. Music meets on Thursday and Friday every other week.
2. **Happy Feet-** (Physical Education) Organized movement helps children build motor skills and lay the foundation for a healthy lifestyle. Happy Feet meets on Thursday and Friday, every other week. We're "a movin' and a shakin'" to develop our bodies and our minds!
3. **Enrichment Clubs-** Children ages 3 and 4, who are attending afternoon Enrichment have sports club weekly.

School Tuition and Afternoon Enrichment Fees

MONTHLY TUITION PRICES

Program time	2 days	3 days	5 days
7:30am-12pm	\$270	\$375	\$565
7:30am-1pm	\$310	\$420	\$620
7:30am-3pm	\$360	\$520	\$750
7:30am-5:30pm	\$450	\$620	\$880
Afternoon Enrichment			
9am-12pm	\$180	\$250	\$375
9am-1pm	\$230	\$300	\$450
9am-3pm	\$300	\$420	\$600
9am-5:30pm	\$380	\$525	\$750

Enrollment Procedures:

*Applicants are considered upon the basis of their developmental level as well as availability of space in the appropriate class. *Children ages 3 and 4 must be potty trained.

*Children must have reached the age of 1 by September 1st of the year of enrollment. Our toddler class must be walking and steady on their feet.

*Children are enrolled on a first come, first served basis until the program capacity is met. Returning students, siblings, and Trinity United Methodist members are given first priority.

*A waiting list for perspective students is established once classroom capacity is met. To be placed on the waiting list, please call the school office at 352-416-3025.

*Enrollment documents along with the last month's tuition plus a registration fee are requested upon acceptance into Stepping Stones Preschool.

*Parents will receive a confirmation of enrollment after the appropriate forms and monies are returned to the school.



Program Options

Parents may choose a 2 (Tues., Thurs.), 3 (Mon., Wed., Fri. or Tues., Wed., Thurs.), or a 5 day preschool program for their child. In addition, Afternoon Enrichment is available. Your child must be in attendance during the day to use our Afternoon Enrichment program in the afternoons.

The Afternoon Enrichment will feature:

Music and Movement, Foreign language, Children's Literature, Sports Skills, Hands on Art, Science and Exploring and many more!

Spiritual Program

Our One in Christ curriculum offers a Christ based lesson every week. Each lesson provides a framework for children to explore, express, create, and relate to one another each day.

Another benefit to our One In Christ curriculum is the weekly single sheet handout for parents. This family letter includes a fold-n-tell Bible story picture, the weekly theme, a simple telling of the Bible story, Bible words to learn, and faith-based family activity suggestions. We hope this will keep you informed and involved with the lessons we are teaching at school.

What a blessing it is to work with children and share God's love with them each day! As partners in the spiritual education of your child, we have the privilege of planting the seeds of faith and nurturing children as they grow and learn about themselves, the world around them, and God's love for them in Christ. Together, we are One In Christ!

Get Set for School Readiness and Writing

Our curriculum is the Get Set for School Readiness and Writing program. Young children are not ready to sit still and focus for long periods of time. They learn best when they move, manipulate objects, build, sing, draw, and participate in dramatic play. The Readiness and Writing program acknowledges that learning needs to be joyful, child-friendly, and active. We will be building skills in delightful way, but also carefully, deliberately, and one step at a time.

Writing requires many skills that are essential for school: physical, language, cognitive, social, and perceptual. The handwriting component is based on more than 25 years of success with Handwriting Without Tears. We will be incorporating music, movement, and multisensory manipulatives to teach all the core readiness skills including crayon grip, letter and number recognition, number and capital letter formation, and body awareness.

As we teach various letters this year, they will not be introduced in alphabetical order; rather in order of easy to difficult handwriting strokes. Get Set for School is an award winning curriculum. We are delighted to share this curriculum with your children as we give them their first tools for learning and a foundation from which to build on.