



Westminster United
Presbyterian **Preschool**

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Parent's Letter for the 2020-2021 Preschool Year

The Westminster Church is pleased to sponsor a preschool for the children of the community. In the fall of 2020, we will offer a three-day a week class for four and five year olds and a two-day a week class for three year olds.

Students at the preschool will learn to read and write their ABC's, the mathematical skills of counting and number recognition, as well as social skills using manners and sharing. Through classroom activities, they will study seasons and the usefulness of scientific objects such as magnets. Together in community, classes will cover holidays, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the valuable contributions of vocation. Every session also includes a story, a fine motor skill activity, a large motor skill activity, plus lots more.

As a Christian preschool, children will learn to pray before their snack time. They will also learn about the church's celebrations of Christmas and Easter. They will have the opportunities to hear an occasional bible story as well.

Extra Cleaning and Special Practices:

Due to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus, we will be implementing extra cleaning practices before, during and after preschool. Highly touched surfaces will be sanitized frequently. Upon arrival the children will get their temperatures taken and sanitize their hands. Children will be spaced out during circle time, snack time and centers. The children and teachers will be washing hands and using hand sanitizer frequently throughout the preschool day. As always if your child is sick, keep him or her home. Donations of hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes and any other cleaning supplies are greatly appreciated, as we will be going through a lot more this year.

The Westminster Church Preschool follows the Seneca Valley School District. If the school district cancels all in-person classes, the Westminster Church Preschool will as well. The preschool will not conduct classes virtually. We will be on a temporary break. Our classes will resume once the school district has in-person classes.

We ask that pickup and drop off occur outside of the building. We require all parents and children to wear masks during pickup and drop off periods. Any child with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked not to attend preschool that day.

Parents must notify preschool staff if you, your child, or family member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If you are feeling sick or your child is feeling sick and there is a possibility your illness could be related to COVID-19, do not come to the preschool and do not bring your child to the preschool. Notify the preschool staff immediately.

Parent/Guardian shall sign the Westminster United Presbyterian Church and Preschool COVID-19 Program Waiver.

We ask that all families please be understanding and flexible during this challenging time of uncertainty.

The Four and Five Year Old Class:

The children must be four years old by September 1st. They meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The tuition for the three-day a week class is \$110.00 per month.

The Three Year Old Class:

The children must be three years old by September 1st. Due to the recent challenges, we are combining the four and five year old class with the three-year-old class. The three-year-old class will meet Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00-11:30. Typically the three year old class only meets for 2 hours, but during the time the three year old class meets on Tuesday and Wednesday the children will be offered preschool for 2 ½ hours. If you would like your child to only be in school for 2 hours, you may pick up your child at 11:00. Should attendance increase throughout the year, we will adjust class schedules toward a separate class and will communicate this possibility.

The tuition for the two-day a week class is \$90.00 per month and will remain the same during the time the three year olds meet on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00-11:30.

We reserve the right to change class schedules due to low or increased enrollment.

Schedule:

The Preschool starts the Monday after Labor Day and ends the Friday before Memorial Day. The Preschool follows the Seneca Valley calendar for all holidays, closings, and delays.

All children must be potty-trained before attending school.

All teachers have criminal background checks concurrent with Pennsylvania law and Westminster Personnel Policies.

Please return the attached application and the \$20.00 fee to Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Tuition:

All checks are to Westminster United Presbyterian Church with "Preschool" and your child's name on the memo line. Tuition is paid by the first of each month.

If your child misses part or all of the month, the fee is still charged, reserving your child's space. In the event of a late payment, notice will be given after the fifth of the month. A late fee may be applied to any payments received after the tenth of each month.

Any tuition that is paid with insufficient funds must be paid in full within one week of notification plus a \$10 fee to reimburse Westminster Church for bank fees.

Enrollment in each class is limited. There is a waiting list for any full classes. A non-refundable **\$20.00** registration fee is required at the time of registration.

Financial Assistance:

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Preschool now offers a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance by request. To apply for aid, please submit a letter with your application providing information regarding financial need and a requested amount of support.

Vaccination Policy:

Please read Communicable Disease Policy on Page 4.

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Westminster Preschool Communicable Disease Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church endeavors to create a safe environment for all children and youth, and pledges to continually seek ways to create a safer building and environment for children's programming.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church is committed to providing a safe and healthy place for children and adults to grow in the Christian faith, and we do so from our distinctive Presbyterian and Reformed traditions. These traditions affirm God's gift of the intellect and science to further God's purposes. Medical science provides for the growth and health of children, protects against disease and death, and medical procedures are used to intervene when appropriate to prolong life.

We have a theological, moral, and ethical imperative to especially protect children and immunity-suppressed adults from disease because they are most vulnerable. Our commitment leads us to offer a healthy environment for the children who attend the preschool and the adults in leadership positions. That commitment includes insuring that communicable diseases are not transmitted to those using or visiting the preschool.

Therefore, it is the policy of Westminster Presbyterian Church that all children enrolled in the Westminster Preschool are immunized against the diseases listed in Pa. Code. § 23.83 (Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; Poliomyelitis; Measles (rubeola), mumps and rubella (German measles); Hepatitis B; Varicella (chickenpox). A medical exemption to this policy may be requested via signed documentation from a licensed physician. Acceptance or denial of the exemption are at the discretion of the Preschool Director.