



Dear Families,

My name is Tara Weisgerber, and I am the Director/Lead Teacher of the Westminster United Presbyterian Preschool. My husband, Chip, and I have been happily married for 22 years. We have two boys: Andy (17) and David (11). I am originally from Cambridge, Ohio where I grew up on a small farm. After graduating from Cambridge High School in 1993, I attended Muskingum College. In 1997, I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Music. My Ohio certifications include Pre-K, Elementary grades 1-8 and Special Education grades K-12. I taught for 16 years in Ohio. During those years I taught preschool, middle school and high school inclusion, and fourth grade. I wanted to be the best possible teacher I could be for my students, so I went back to school for a Master of Education degree from Urbana University in 2002.

Beyond the classroom, my teaching extended into the Presbyterian Church where Chip and I teamed up to work with kids of all ages. Life became even more fun in 2004 when our son, Andrew, was born. Our family continued to grow as David arrived in 2010.

When an opportunity came along for Chip's work, we decided to move to Tennessee. It was an adventure! I was able to stay home with David (age 3). It was the first time I had not worked outside of the home. We were blessed to be a part of rebuilding Cub Scout Pack 508. We joined Covenant United Methodist Church where I volunteered in the Children's Ministry. Later, I tutored in David's kindergarten class and started subbing for the elementary school.

We continued to enjoy sharing our music with our church, but we also enjoyed new adventures as a family. Tennessee was the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors. We explored the trails of Cumberland Gap and the Smoky Mountains. Spending time on Norris Lake with friends and seeing the wildlife at Cades Cove were moments to remember. Camping near Gatlinburg, TN was our absolute favorite! At the same time, David was enjoying soccer, and Andy was involved with Cub Scouts.

As much as we loved Tennessee, in 2017 it was time for us to be closer to our family once again. We happily settled in Harmony, PA. Chip is employed with La Roche University and our boys are finishing another year at Seneca Valley Schools. (Andy is a junior, and David is a 6th grader.) David continues to play soccer for the SV North travel team and enjoys playing clarinet. Andy is a soccer referee for SV North and enjoys playing trumpet in the SV marching, jazz and wind ensemble bands, as well as for church services. We found our new church home with Westminster UPC and enjoy being involved with the children's and youth ministry. As a family, we still love to camp and try new activities such as kayaking. We have also added a new furry member to our family. Nala is a 1-year-old golden retriever/husky rescue whom we adore.

After helping the boys get settled into their new routines, I had the pleasure to work for the Royhab Child Care Center. I will always treasure my time with the RCC families and the memories we have made together. I will certainly miss working with those families and watching their precious children grow. However, I am excited and thankful to serve the families of Westminster United Presbyterian Preschool for a 2nd year! I look forward to meeting all of you very soon.