



# Nurture Newsletter

June-July 2019



## Welcome to Maddie Harris...

...our newest co-teacher in the Preschool-Kindergarten classroom! Maddie grew up in Wiconia, MN where she attended public schools from kindergarten through high school. While there, she played both volleyball and soccer (more on that in a minute). She also spent a lot of time singing with the show choir, which is a big deal in the Midwest!

Maddie arrived in Asheville in the fall of 2015 when she started Warren Wilson College. While there, she joined the swim team for two semesters and spent a semester in Thessaloniki, Greece. But much of her extra-curricular time was spent on the soccer team. She was team captain for three years, won the Most Valuable Player award during her last two years, and was named to the USCAA Second Team All-American during her senior year. Along the way, she worked at the Warren Wilson gym, served as an R.A., and kept stats. for the basketball team. And she still managed to graduate early with a B.A. in Psychology in December of 2018!

Maddie comes to us with a fantastic resumé. Nearly all of her work – both paid and volunteer – has focused on children. She served as a teaching assistant in a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at Evergreen Charter School, as an elementary school tutor at the American Farm School in Greece, and as an Ecoteam Leader at Fairview Elementary where she taught science once a week to 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders. She also has extensive experience coaching kids' soccer. She worked as a Parks and Rec. Coach in Black Mountain, as a Coach/Assistant for Warren Wilson's soccer camps, as an Assistant Coach for the Asheville-Buncombe Youth Soccer Association (ABYSA) Rec. League, and as a Soccer Coach for ABYSA's Go-to-Goal Summer Program for underprivileged kids. As if that weren't enough, she currently works as a Youth Development Assistant at the Y where she oversees kids aged 6 weeks to 12 years. In addition to all her experience with kids, Maddie also attended a Lutheran church in MN while growing up where she participated in church, Sunday School, and Youth Group. Then, while a student at Warren Wilson, she began attending Jubilee!, which was very fortunate for us since she saw our announcement for the PreK-Kind. position in the bulletin insert. (It's nice to know people sometimes read those things!)

Maddie has also kicked up her travel game recently. Her semester in Greece was her first trip out of the country,

## Curriculum News

### *Via Transformativa (Compassion) into Via Positiva (Blessings & Gratitude)*

For the first 3 weeks of June, we will finish up our Via Transformativa unit = Compassion. Lessons will center on compassion stories in the Islamic (Famine in Mecca, Woman and the Thirsty Dog), Buddhist (Quan Yin, Brave Parrot, Monkey Thieves) and Christian (Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-27) traditions.

On Sunday, June 23, we'll move into Via Positiva. Our theme this year is Blessings & Gratitude. We'll start with the stories of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9), Isaac (Genesis 27:1-45), and Jacob (Genesis 32) – which involve a lot of blessings! We'll end with the story of Jesus blessing the children (Mark 10:13-16). Then we'll move on to various gratitude stories from various world religions as we express gratitude for our families, our food, and our health.

## Share Your Gifts!

Do you have something to share with the Nurture Program kids on Sunday morning? We're interested! We love having folks from the community downstairs interacting with our younger Jubilants.

Other guest facilitators have taught circus tricks, made watercolor prints, sketched animals, fashioned pottery, or shared songs/dances. The sky's the limit! Contact Vicki ([vickig@jubileecommunity.org](mailto:vickig@jubileecommunity.org) or 252-5335 VMB #2) to discuss dates and age groups.

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but she thoroughly enjoyed visiting Germany, Italy, Spain, and Belize (her favorite) while she was there. One day, she hopes to add some countries in Central and South America to her list. And as you might expect, Maddie also maintains her own exercise routine. In fact, she's currently training to run a ½-marathon. Needless to say, the Nurture Program is super-excited to have Maddie on staff, and she is looking forward to getting acquainted with our families. Thanks for being here, Maddie!

## June/July Happenings

**Saturday, June 8th – Parents’ Night Out – 6:00-8:00PM – Downstairs at Jubilee! – FREE**

Need a date night? Or just a break from your lovely children? Let us entertain them for a couple of hours! Saturday, June 8th, 6:00-8:00PM, downstairs at Jubilee! Kids age 3-10 years of age. Crafts, activities, snacks, and movie. No need to sign up. Questions? Contact Vicki at [vickig@jubileecommunity.org](mailto:vickig@jubileecommunity.org).

**Sunday, June 9th – Chat ‘n Snack, 6-8PM – Howard’s Home**

This is the last summer Howard will host his famous Chat ‘n Snack gatherings as our Minister of Ritual. So come on out! Swim in Howard’s pool, enjoy the potluck, dance, listen to music, and meet other Jubilants. Wear your suit if you want to swim, bring your own towel, and bring finger food to share. Howard’s address is 31 Park Avenue North, 28801. This one is hosted by the Jubilee! Singers. Cost: \$5/adult for the band. Kids are free.

**Sunday, June 30th – Visit to Urban Dharma – Middle School Class**

The middle-schoolers will visit Urban Dharma in June. We’ll walk there (77 W. Walnut St., 28801) at 9:50 for some Buddhist meditation. We’ll return at the usual end-of-class time. Parents/caregivers are always welcome to join us!

**Sunday, July 7th – Chat ‘n Snack, 6-8PM – Howard’s Home**

Swim in Howard’s pool, enjoy the potluck, dance, listen to music, and meet other Jubilants. Wear your suit if you want to swim, bring your own towel, and bring finger food to share. Howard’s address is 31 Park Avenue North, 28801. Cost: \$5/adult for the band. Kids are free.

**Sunday, July 28th – Visit to Urban Dharma – Preschool-Kindergarten Class**

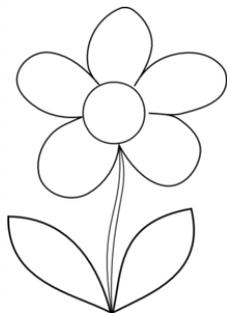
The Preschool-Kindergarten group will visit Urban Dharma in June. We’ll walk there (77 W. Walnut St., 28801) at 9:50 for a Buddhist story and a very brief meditation. We’ll return at the usual end-of-class time. Parents/caregivers are always welcome to join us!

### Summer Transitions!

Each year, in late spring, we review which classes we offer in the Nurture Program and assess staff needs based on the families currently participating. For the 2019-2020 academic year, we will have a few changes. The classes we will offer are shown below. If your child is scheduled to transition, he/she can do so any time over the summer or when school starts. If you have questions/concerns about your child’s placement, please contact Vicki Garlock, Nurture Coordinator, at 252-5335 VMB #2 or [vickig@jubileecommunity.org](mailto:vickig@jubileecommunity.org).

**PreK-Kind. class:** Four years old or kindergarten  
**Lower Elementary:** Generally Grades 1-3

**Upper Elementary:** Generally Grades 4-6  
**Youth Group:** Generally Grades 7-9



We had a great time making spring crafts to decorate the Family Visitation space at the Mediation Center. They love having kids’ crafts on their walls, and it’s a great community service project for us! They’ll be up until the fall when we’ll replace them with new ones!



Thanks to all the Nurture Program kids who helped clean up our Wall Street neighborhood during our May Community Service Sunday. Some of our youngest jubilants are expert clean-er-uppers, and they do a great job! Thanks for beautifying our corner of Asheville!