

First United Methodist Church recognizes parents as the primary faith givers and teachers of their young children. We join in partnership to help each child develop to his/her full potential.

WE BELIEVE LEARNING OCCURS WHEN

- children are loved, accepted and respected
- teacher/child ratios are low
- the total environment is child-centered
- children are comfortable and free:
 - to experience
 - to discover
 - to interact with peers
 - to express themselves
 - to develop independence
 - to make choices

OUR CURRICULUM. . .

Our program is carefully designed to promote the physical, social, mental, and spiritual development of the young child. We implement the HighScope Curriculum (www.highscope.org) in our classrooms. This research validated approach provides an active participatory learning experience that builds essential school readiness skills. The HighScope approach to learning promotes independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, persistence, and problem solving in young children. Christian principles are woven into the fabric of every day interaction among children and adults.

OUR CLASSES. . .

Children's Day Out

One or two day classes for toddlers, twos & threes

Preschool

2 & 3 day classes for threes & fours

4 & 5 day classes for fours & fives

(See attached class options)



The daily schedule is planned to provide a balance of activities:

- indoor/outdoor
- quiet/active
- individual/small & large group
- gross motor skills/fine motor skills
- child initiated/teacher initiated

OUR TEACHERS. . .

Because the first six years of a child's life are the most formative, teachers are selected carefully:

- Educated teachers who demonstrate knowledge and experience in early childhood education.
- Teachers who share their growing personal faith in appropriate ways with young children.

We invite you to visit!

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