



Meridian Street United Methodist Church Children's Day In Programs November 2008

Living a faith for today in fellowship and service.

CDI Connection

Children's Day In * 5500 North Meridian Street* Indianapolis * Indiana* 46208 *253-0472

Director's Message

Wow! What a nice change in the weather! I love the fall! As the weather continues to change, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for both indoor and outdoor play. Also, make sure all jackets, sweatshirts, hats & mittens are clearly labeled.

There is plenty going on around here...feel free to visit our website www.msumc.org to find out more about what's happening or to download any newsletters or curriculum calendars you've misplaced. As always, feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns. cwhaley@msumc.org or 253-0472 Thanks! Christy Whaley

Oh no, I'm late!

Thank you to everyone for being so prompt these first several weeks of school. As the weather turns and life continues to get busier, time will quickly slip away. Please continue to be on time for pick up and remember to pick up Nursery School children first between 2:15 & 2:30 and then Preschool children promptly at 2:30. Being "on premises" does not constitute picking up on time. Please chat with friends & teachers AFTER you pick up your children! Also, if you are running late, feel free to arrange your own alternate pick up person. You may want to carry a few cell phone numbers of your child's classmates just in case! Just let me know who that person will be so I can notify the teachers. Thanks!

Recycling Cartridges

Are you looking for a place to discard your used ink cartridges? Look no further, MSUMC is the place! MSUMC now has a box in the office to collect computer printer and copier cartridges to recycle. Please spread the word about our collection site. Many companies and even home businesses need a place to recycle! We donate the cartridges to a nearby elementary school.

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

CDI will not meet on November 25-28 to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please make a note of these dates.

Preschool Thanksgiving Family Feast

Our Preschoolers are busy getting ready for our annual Thanksgiving Family Feast. They are making decorations, costumes and even helping to prepare the food! Please mark your calendars, grab your camera & be sure to invite the Grandparents! This is an event you won't want to miss. The 4's feast will be on November 24th from 2-2:30 and the 3's will be on the 20th from 1:45- 2:30. Please don't be late- the "program" will start right at 1:45! Please RSVP to your classroom teachers so we can have enough chairs set up and food prepared. Looking forward to seeing you then!

CDI T-Shirts

Our school logo t-shirts have been ordered and are expected to arrive soon! If you missed out on ordering this time around, let me know. If there is enough interest, we will plan to order again early this winter!

Looking ahead to December:

Preschool Holiday Programs: 3's- 12/16, 4's- 12/17 both at 1:45!

Parent Council Meeting: Thursday, December 18th, 9:15 in the Library

NO SCHOOL: Monday, December 22nd- Friday, January 2nd 2009!

The Fletcher Place Free Thrift Store is in need of the following items (new or gently used):

Blankets
Backpacks
Winter clothing / Coats
Dishes
Pots & Pans
Silverware
Small house hold appliances (toasters, coffee pots, etc.)
Highchairs
Children's toys

If you have any items to donate please contact the church office. Thanks!

Playground

The playground is reserved for our classrooms for most of the school day. Specifically, there are preschoolers on the playground from 2-2:30 most afternoons. Please do not allow other children to use the playground during this time if it is occupied by one of our classes. Feel free to use the far playground (on the other side of the athletic field) or just wait until 2:30 when the preschoolers leave! Thanks so much for your understanding in this matter. We want ALL children to be safe!

MSUMC Women's Bible Study

Get a fresh start to your week with the Women's Bible Study on Monday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. The study offers an opportunity to explore scripture with others. As you encounter the scripture you are invited not only share your perspective, but enjoy considering the perspective of others. You can enter into the study at any time and even if you need to miss a few weeks, you can easily join right back into the study. It is an hour of sharing, prayer and study. Child care is provided. Interested? E-mail Rev. Anne Rosebrock at arosebrock@msumc.org

School Pictures

Pictures Days will be the week of November 10th. 4's Preschool will have their pictures taken on Wednesday the 12th, 3's will be on Thursday the 13th and each nursery school class will be photographed on the child's normal school day. If your child attends more than one day (except for preschool) then he/she will be photographed on the first day of the week that they attend. Still have questions? There will be a schedule posted in the office soon!

Food Drive—November 3-21

Vida Nueva Centro Familiar UMC currently needs the following items:

Cereal Peanut butter Rice Refried Beans Tuna Soup Fruit Canned pasta Spaghetti Canned corn
Canned peas Hamburger Helper Canned tomatoes Jello Jelly Crackers

The Brightwood Community Center Pantry is in urgent need of the following items:

Canned tuna Canned beef stew Canned salmon Peanut butter Spaghetti sauce with meat
Corn Green beans Canned mixed fruit Hamburger Helper Macaroni and cheese Sugar Rice (small bags)
Pork & Beans Corn Jiffy mix Jelly Saltine crackers

Please watch for flyers being sent home soon!



A HUGE THANK YOU!

Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU! To all of the families who have donated items for the trunk or treat fun. We hope that everyone had fun at the event as well! Be sure to put it on your calendars for next year as well and invite all of your friends! Also, thanks to those of you who have donated a "Birthday Book" in honor of your child's birthday. I've made name plates for the books and they are in your child's current classroom, being enjoyed on a daily basis! Thank you!

Preschool Christian Life Skill of the month: "Sharing"

Ask me about...

- Who taught us this week (Mrs. Barth, Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. Deer, Rev. Danny or Rev. Kevin)
- What stories we read
- What songs we sang
- What prayer we said

4's Preschool Book Club

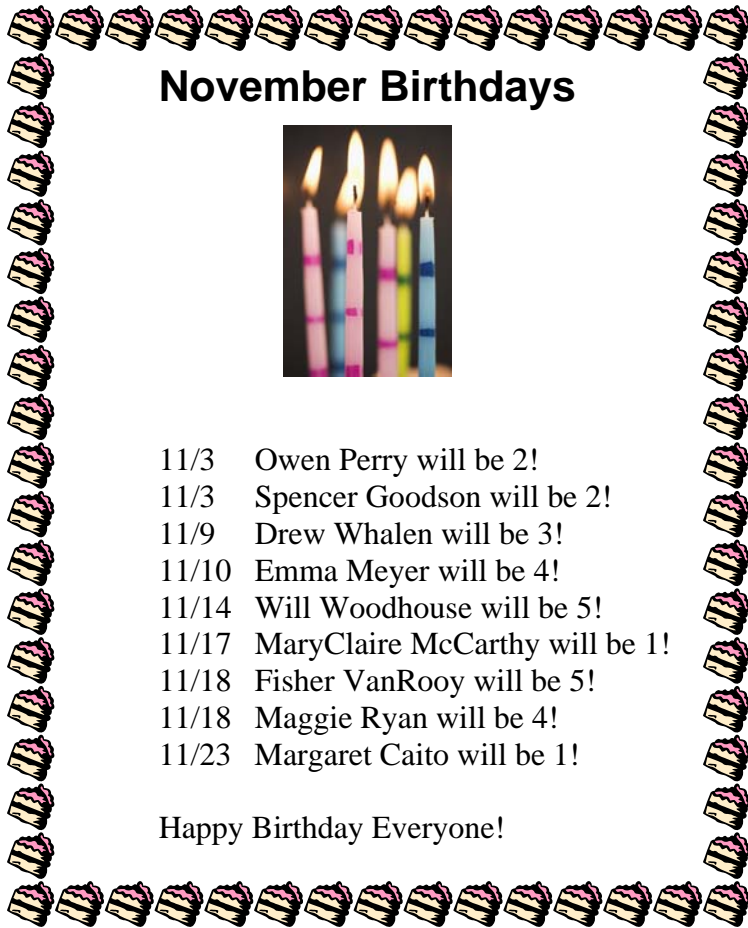
This month's author *Mary Ann Hoberman*

Books by Hoberman include:

A House is a House for Me
The Seven Silly Eaters
And to Think We Thought We'd
Never Be Friends
... and many more!

Check out her website:

www.maryannhoberman.com



November Birthdays



- 11/3 Owen Perry will be 2!
- 11/3 Spencer Goodson will be 2!
- 11/9 Drew Whalen will be 3!
- 11/10 Emma Meyer will be 4!
- 11/14 Will Woodhouse will be 5!
- 11/17 MaryClaire McCarthy will be 1!
- 11/18 Fisher VanRooy will be 5!
- 11/18 Maggie Ryan will be 4!
- 11/23 Margaret Caito will be 1!

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Parent Council Mem- bers

Monthly Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 9:15 in the Library. Feel free to bring your children if they are not in class that day. I'll have the coffee going! Please let me know by the Monday prior if you will be able to make it!

Welcome New Babies!

Evelyn Marguerite Olson joined big sisters Iris and Hannah on October 4th.

Leyla Catharine Ercan joined big brother Sam on September 25th!

Parking Lot Safety

Please help keep our parking lot, building & most importantly our children safe. Following the guidelines listed below will help in this matter:

- Park in designated spots only. **Do not park along the curb**– even for minute.
- Lock your car. Take all valuable with you including purse, phone and CHILDREN!
- **Do NOT leave children unattended in the vehicle at any time.**
- Drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot. Children are everywhere especially at drop off and pick up times. Please be cautious!



Scholastic Book Club

Thank you so much to everyone who ordered from our Scholastic Book Club this past month. We hope everyone is enjoying reading all of the new books! We collectively purchased about 100 books totaling almost \$300.00! Because of this, we racked up almost 2000 bonus points to get free books for our school libraries! What a great deal! Thank you!!!