

CLASSES OFFERED

3 Year Old Program

2-day Program (\$115 per month)
(child must be 3 years old by Sept 30)
Tues & Thurs mornings 9:00 - 11:30

3-day Program (\$144 per month)
(child must be 3 years old by Sept 30)
Mon, Wed & Fri afternoons 12:30 – 3:00

4's Pre-Kindergarten Program

3-day Program (\$144 per month)
(child must be 4 years old by Dec. 31)
Mon, Wed & Fri
morning session: 9:00 - 11:30
afternoon session: 12:30 - 3:00

4's Pre-Kindergarten Program

4-day Program (\$176 per month)
(child must be 4 years old by Dec. 31)
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri
afternoon session: 12:30 - 3:00

4's Pre-Kindergarten Program

5-day Program (\$220 per month)
(child must be 4 years old by Sept. 30)
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri
morning session: 9:00 - 11:30

5's & Almost 5 Pre-Kindergarten Program

5-day Program (\$220 per month)
(child must be 5 years old by Mar. 31)
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri.
morning session: 9:00 - 11:30

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The 3-year-old, 4-year-old, and 5-year-old programs here at Good Shepherd United Methodist Preschool stress all aspects of growth and development.

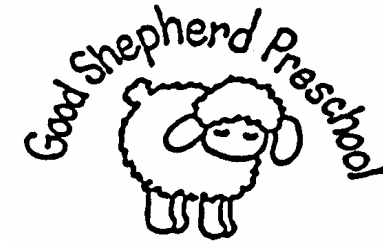
- Physical Development
 - Awareness of body
 - Sense of muscular control and coordination
 - Fine motor work daily
 - Gross motor work daily
- Social Development
 - Through play & lessons
 - Group activities
 - Courtesy & manners
 - Family and peer relationships
 - Capacity to enjoy others
- Emotional Development
 - Confidence in and understanding of one's self
 - Ability to express thoughts and feelings
 - Controlling impulses
- Cognitive Development
 - Language arts
 - Stimulating environment
 - Introduction to phonics



widened experiences. We help each individual child achieve his/her level of development.

We believe that children learn through their senses, activity, curiosity, imitation, conversation, imagination and

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL



located within the educational facilities and offices of:

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All classes run September through May.

CLASS SIZES
STUDENT: TEACHER RATIOS

- 3 yr. olds - 12 students (6:1)
- 4 yr. olds - 16 students (8:1)
- 5 yr. olds - 16 students (8:1)

- Maximum number of students in the building at one time is 64.
- Maximum in the program is 144.

FEE SCHEDULE

- Registration Fee - \$75.00
- 2-Day - \$115.00/month
- 3-Day - \$144.00/month
- 4-Day - \$176.00/month
- 5-Day - \$220.00/month



\$10.00 Discount per month for each sibling.

- The last month tuition must be paid in advance.
- Tuition is due the first school day of the month. It is considered delinquent after the 10th day of the month.

STAFF

All teachers at Good Shepherd have backgrounds filled with experience. Teachers are required to hold degrees, credentials or have the equivalent in post-secondary education. Each class has a full-time teacher's assistant. One important employment requirement for working at Good Shepherd Preschool is love of children. Each member of the staff is certified annually by a practicing physician to be free from any disability that would prevent them from caring for children. The entire staff has monthly planning sessions to share ideas and experiences in order to keep our curriculum fresh, exciting and developmentally appropriate.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Music Class

We have approximately 20-30 minutes instruction per class bi-weekly. Music class is held in the sanctuary.



Field Trips

Field trips vary for different age groups. Our field trips may include:

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| Farm | Post Office |
| Fire station | Restaurant |
| Park/Forest | Grocery store |
| Library | Retirement Home |

(Generally we do not take 3 year olds on field trips.)

Theme Days/Weeks

Various themes will be celebrated throughout the year such as:

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| Beach Week | Quiet Day |
| Health Day | Purple Day |
| Space Week | Hat Day |

All special activities vary with curriculum.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from school shall be the sole responsibility of the parents. A list of students' names, addresses and phone numbers will be available to preschool families when school opens to aid in forming carpools.

Good Shepherd offers an optional curb service program for your convenience. You have the option to drop off and/or pick up your child in front of the school; staff members will escort all children.



HOLIDAYS & SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We observe the Prince William County Public Schools' holiday and inclement weather schedule. We are closed during the annual conference of the Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education so that our staff can attend. Usually it is held in March.



FACILITY INFORMATION

Three spacious classrooms on main level and one on the upper level of the education building are all convenient to bathrooms and water fountains.

- Outdoor playground has modern equipment and is fenced.
- Indoor playground equipment is available for inclement weather and is set up in the narthex area when needed.
- The entire church (including all educational facilities) is asbestos free.
- The operation of the preschool is covered by public liability insurance, as part of the ministries of GSUMC.



A nutritious snack (prepared in the classroom or our kitchen on the main level) is provided each day. Occasionally we ask parents to provide a "Share A Snack" for their child's class.

FAITH CURRICULUM

We have a twenty-minute Chapel Time twice monthly in the sanctuary of the church. Once each month we have Chapel Talk that is taught by the Director of Christian Education from Good Shepherd Church or her designee. Once each month we have Chapel Music, taught by our Senior Pastor.

We sing or say a table grace at snack time and Christian holidays are observed. Families find a loving Christian environment at Good Shepherd where children of all faiths are welcome.

