



First Presbyterian Weekday School

116 South Loudoun Street – www.fpwds.com

Meet Our Staff!!

We are beyond excited to begin another school year at the Weekday School. Our staff is comprised of seasoned early childhood educators who are passionate about providing authentic learning experiences in a nurturing environment. Listed below is our teaching line-up for the 2015-2016 school year:

Toddlers (Room 109):

Ms. Cindy DeTray

Ms. Michelle Wilson

Three's (Room 106):

Ms. Mandy Onda

Ms. Sherry Pearson-Hileman

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4's:

Ms. Ann Porter

Ms. Viviana Daraban

Monday - Thursday 4's:

Ms. Susan Mitchell

Ms. Denise Pratt

Pre-K

Ms. Carrie Ludwig

Ms. Karen Guyrisin

Two's (Room 107):

Ms. Agata Zuber

Ms. Julia Foster

Three's (Room 207):

Ms. Kim Schoell

Ms. Yelena Bravo

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4's:

Ms. Sarah Lloyd

Ms. Eleanor Thomson

Monday - Friday 4's:

Ms. Stefanie Lloyd

Ms. Elizabeth Robinson (MWF)

Ms. Ann Porter (Tues/Thurs)

Music: Ms. Amy Bowman

Chapel: Ms. Gretchen Moody

September 2015

School Calendar

September

Tues. Sept 8th and
Weds. Sept 9th - First
days of school

Thurs. Sept 24th and
Fri. Sept 25th - Bagged
Lunch for Weekday
School families at
12:00 pm in Room 208.



October

Wed., Oct 7th - NOON
Dismissal

Oct 12th - Dessert with
Dad: 5:30 PM in
classrooms

Substitutes Needed

The Weekday School is in need of parents to join our fantastic team of substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lara or Tricia at wds@fpcwinc.org, or at (540) 662-7588.

Change in Ritual - Sundaes With Dad

One of our beloved rituals, Sundaes with Dad, will now be known as Desserts with Dad. Children are invited to bring their Dads or other special men in their lives to the school for dessert and fellowship. The intent is to foster connections within the school family while providing an opportunity for our students to share their classroom with Dads and other special men in their life. This year students and Dads will report to their classrooms at 5:30, and dessert will be delivered directly to each room! This is a wonderful opportunity to see what is happening in the classroom, meet and connect with other parents, and share some one-on-one time with your child!

Safety Matters

Hand sanitizer is not as effective as using soap and water. We ask that you accompany your child(ren) to the bathroom and assist with hand washing PRIOR to entering the classroom for the day. Let's do all we can to help keep each other healthy.

PLEASE remember, **ALL infant, toddler, and two's classrooms as well as those labeled as such are NUT-FREE**. This means no nut products or products which could contain nuts. We ask that you read the contents on the packages carefully before sending them to school. If we are in doubt, we will take food packages out of the room. We ask this in an effort to do all that we can to keep our children safe.



Please bring a brown bag lunch on September 24th and 25th at 12:00 p.m., in Room 208. This is the perfect time to connect with other Weekday School parents, and ask questions about our routines and rituals! We will also discuss ways in which Weekday School parents can be involved with the school! Hope to see you there!

Opportunity for Fellowship!

First Presbyterian Church's Women's Faith Study Group is a wonderful, inter-generational gathering of women who meet most Wednesdays throughout the school year from 9:15am to 10:30am in the Graham Room (meeting room off of Loudoun Hall, which is just off the main hallway). This is a great place to connect with other moms in the preschool and the church. We will meet on Wednesday, September 9th to pass out books and get to know each other, and then begin our book study on September 16th. Childcare is provided (but please let Maren know if you will need it).

We are going to start with Rachel Held Evans' spiritual autobiography, "Searching For Sunday." Let Maren (maren@fpcwinc.org) know if you want a paperback copy (cost is \$10 - cash or check made out to FPC) and there is a kindle version which is \$9.99.

Parking at the Weekday School

At the Weekday School, we are all about choices. Did you know that you have several choices when it comes to parking near our school? Listed below are some choices utilized by Weekday School families:

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- **Park in the lot directly behind the school. This lot does get full pretty quickly.**
- **Park in metered parking along the streets. This is paid parking and is enforced by Winchester City Police.**
- **Park in the lots off of Indian Alley. Again, this is metered parking; however, it is close to the Weekday School, and accessible by a short walk across the Pedestrian Mall.**

We look forward to resuming our tradition of greeting you at the door!

Helping our Children to Be Successful

For tips on how we help our students to be successful, please check out our newest blog entry on

<http://fpwds.com/category/blog/>

BlackBoard Connect and Directory

Students who are new to the school will receive Blackboard Connect and Parent Directory forms with their first newsletter. If your child attended the Weekday School last year, and if you have any changes in your home address or phone number, please e-mail Ms. Tricia at wds@fpcwinc.org.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
First Presbyterian Weekday School

The Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, allows child day centers operated by religious institutions the opportunity to file for an exemption from licensure by meeting documentation and other requirements specified within the religious exemption law. The statements below have been prepared and distributed to meet the requirements of the religious exemption law.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

In compliance with the Code of Virginia, Section 63.2-1716, First Presbyterian Weekday School is religiously exempt from licensure and is classified as a "religiously exempt child day center."

QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL

Staff position descriptions are available for public review. Information may be found in the director's office.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES

The center is located at 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA, 22601.

The size of the building is approximately 55,000 square feet.

The preschool occupies 12 classrooms, one Godly play room (for bi-weekly chapel classes), one indoor play area, and, one music room.

Play equipment was installed in 2008. The entire surface of the play area is rubberized. All equipment has been inspected by a certified playground safety inspector.

ENROLLMENT/CAPACITY

The maximum number of children enrolled in the preschool does not exceed 175 children. Staff/child ratios as required by Virginia Department of Social Services and the National Association for the Education of Young Children are maintained during the school's hours of operation.

FOOD SERVICE

First Presbyterian Weekday School does not provide food service.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF

Staff employed at the Weekday School must be certified by a practicing physician to be free from any disability which would prevent them from caring for children. Documentation is on file in the director's office.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Weekday School is covered by public liability insurance which provides coverage in the event that someone brings suit for personal or bodily harm suffered during the operation of the school as a result of negligence.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

The information collected on our children through developmental assessment, portfolio assessment, and observation is kept in individual children's folders. All other information collected on children (i.e. birth certificate numbers, health information, I.E.P.'s etc) is kept in a secure location in the Weekday School office. Parents may have access to their child(ren)'s folders at any time. Should anyone other than the Weekday School staff or parents request to access a child's file, that person must receive parental permission to do so. Forms requesting access to children's records are kept in the children's folders in the Weekday School office. All student records are housed in a locked filing cabinet in the Weekday School office.

NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

The school is open to all students ages 6 weeks to 5 years regardless of race, color, creed, gender, or nationality.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

In order to comply with state mandates for regulated child day programs, parents are required to provide proof of their child's identity. This can be done by providing an original birth certificate. We record the birth certificate number, place of birth, and date of issuance. We are not required to keep a copy of the birth certificate.

Quoting from the Department of Social Services "Information for Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers:"

"If the person enrolling the child in a regulated child day program for longer than two consecutive days or other pattern of regular attendance does not provide the abovementioned information within seven business days of initial attendance, the regulated program must immediately notify the local law enforcement agency in its jurisdiction."

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OFFERED EVERY WEEK AT
9:45AM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH**

2-Year-Old Class (Room #107) The Two's Class seeks to lay the foundation for the spiritual development of God's precious little ones through sharing the stories of Scripture, helping young children know and experience the loving care of our great God, and enabling them to experience a warm and nurturing place to learn about God.

3-Year-Old Class (Room #210) The Three's Class introduces students to an approach to children's spiritual formation called "Godly Play". Godly Play is an experiential "discovery" method which engages the whole child— hands, heart, mind, senses, and intuition.

In Godly Play rooms, a sacred space is created where the stories of our faith are presented to students, and then students have the opportunity to respond worshipfully. The class first has the opportunity to wonder together about the story and then engage in the story on their own terms through open-ended opportunities.

4-Year-Old Class (Room #212) The Four's Class also uses "Godly Play" as explained above, but with a different sequence of stories, and a greater opportunity to come to the heart of the meaning and purpose of the stories so important to our faith.

Elementary K-4th grade (Begin in Stine Room and dismiss from the upstairs classrooms near the Five Day 5s Class. Rooms rotate each week, but the rooms will each have a gold flag noting the group's grade to help you easily find your child at pickup time) Our elementary students are all part of the Workshop Rotation model of Sunday School, where they learn major Bible Stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops: Art, Drama, Music, Games, Puppets, Dance, Storytelling, Cooking, Science and more. Students travel with other children in their grade to a new workshop each week. The model's philosophy recognizes that kids not only love repetition, but they need it to develop a lasting memory and understanding of content.



The first unit for elementary students is "Noah and the Rainbow Promise" (Sept 13-Oct 11). Children will learn all about Noah and God's promise to Noah and us through activities like making easy tie-dye shirts, constructing a to-scale ark, participating in a classroom drama of the Noah story, and playing Noah themed Tic-Tac-Toe!

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