

# The Mission of Bethlehem United Methodist Preschool Program

*To provide a Christian atmosphere that will help a child grow physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.*



The church believes that each child is a child of God and should have every opportunity to develop to the fullest potential.

The Bethlehem Preschool Ministry was established in 1976 and is an outreach ministry of Bethlehem United Methodist Church. The Board of Directors is composed of church members and parents of the program.

## Registration

Registration is in late January for children currently enrolled in the program. Church members and siblings receive priority.

Registration for the community is in early February. Children are admitted regardless of race, creed, sex or national origin.

A Registration fee is collected at the time of registration.

preschool registration



## Classes

Nursery (must be 15 months old by August 15)

Toddlers

Two year olds

Young threes

Older threes

Four year olds

Pre-K I

Pre-K II

## Schedule

*4s and Pre-K Classes (all three)*

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

*Nursery to Older 3 Year Olds*

Tuesday and Thursday

*Hours*

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## Special Events

Each year there are a number of special events associated with the Preschool ministry. They are:

- Open House
- Picture day
- Christmas Program
- Parent and Teacher Conferences
- Dinner and Silent Auction
- Pre-K Graduation



## Curriculum

Bethlehem uses the Creative Curriculum. For young children, meaningful and long-lasting learning requires active thinking and experimenting to find out how things work. This is best accomplished through purposeful play facilitated by highly intentional teaching practices.

Our curriculum provides teachers with guidance in these areas:

- How Children Develop and Learn
- The Learning Environment
- What Children Learn
- The Teacher's Role
- The Family's Role

*The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers and Twos* is a comprehensive curriculum that helps teachers achieve the very best program for children under three. If the interactions children have are nurturing, consistent, loving and are appropriately challenging, then infants, toddlers and twos grow and flourish.

*The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool (ages 3 - 5)* provides the what, why, and how of teaching preschool children. It is a comprehensive curriculum that defines for teachers what content to teach, why the designated content and skills are appropriate for young children, and how to teach effectively.

This curriculum allows teachers and parents to assess the development of each child.





### Rating

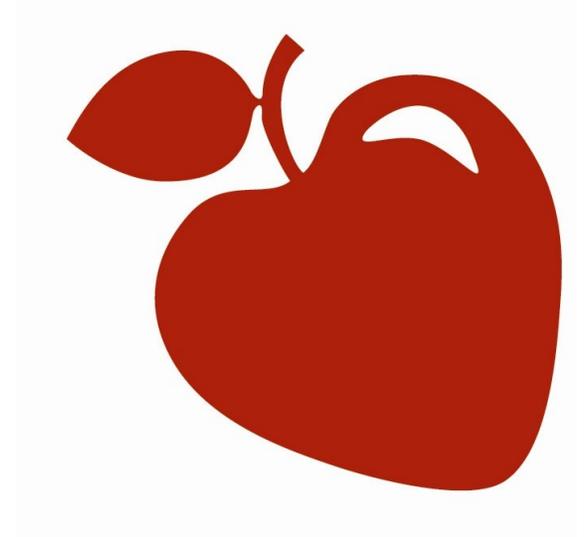
The Bethlehem Preschool ministry is a licensed program with the State of Tennessee and has received a Three-Star Rating under the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS). The Three-Star Rating is the highest designation given to a preschool or child care center. ECERS is a nationally recognized, reliable tool for assessing child care programs. Bethlehem has achieved a Three-Star Rating since the inception of the rating system. For more information on the rating system, please visit [www.tnstarquality.org](http://www.tnstarquality.org)

### Activities

Children experience a variety of activities each day. Included are:

- Art
- Music
- Exploration
- Weekly Chapel
- Socialization
- Fine motor skills
- Learning Independence
- Pre-reading skills
- Pre-math skills
- Pre-writing skills
- Bible Stories
- Technology Skills

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