



# FUMP News

## Time to Celebrate . . . FUMP Read 100 Books

At the start of the school year each classroom was introduced to our library program. Every week, and some times almost every day, students were able to check out books from the FUMP library. Ms. Caryn, our Programs Coordinator, challenged the students and families to read 100 books at home. As we all know reading to your child at least 20 minutes a day helps promote strong literacy and reading development in young children. After reading each storybook, students created a picture or poster illustrating the story, all in our efforts to help our children build a love of reading at the very earliest of ages.

Well, we are excited to announce that the FUMP children have reached their goal of 100 Books Read. In reward for this wonderful

accomplishment, we will be celebrating with an pep rally in the Sanctuary and a pizza party to follow in the classrooms. We will honor all those who participated and also those who had outstanding contributions to this challenge.

Now we will focus on a new challenge for continued reading by partnering with Scholastic Book Clubs. For every 10 books a child reads, we will post it with Scholastic and they will donate one (1) book to a child/family in need and who does not have access to books at home. Also by purchasing books from the "Reach Out and Read" catalog, for every parent order Scholastic will again donate one (1) to a needy family. Please help our FUMP Children with this new mission project focused on children helping children.

**Congratulations!**

- Reading Awards**
- Top Classroom**  
Ms. April
- Top Student Reader**  
Sydney Monigan
- Top Readers in Each Class**
- Ms. Debbie  
Sydney
- Ms. Page  
Thomas
- Ms. Melissa  
Wyatt
- Ms. Wendy  
Dominick
- Ms. April  
Adah, Ayla, Cameron
- Ms. Jeana  
Gabe
- Ms. Gloria  
Emily



## Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

As we enter November, we want to share with our parents in the 3 year-old and 4 year-old classroom the progress of each child. We have a week designated for Parent-Teacher Conferences where are parents are welcome to schedule a time to meet individually with your

child's teacher to discuss their development, cognitive growth, and accomplishments. We see this as an opportunity to connect learning from school to home, offer guidance in helping our young learner achieve and develop a love of learning that will nurture academic success in the elementary grades.

Each classroom will have a sign-up sheet. For those parents with children in our 2 year-old beginner's program, you are welcome to request a conference if you have a concern about your child's development.



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### November Dates:

- Nov. 4th Cook's Night Out
- Nov. 5th Reading Party
- Nov. 6th Picture Orders Due
- Nov. 6th FUMC BBQ Dinner  
FUMC Craft Bazaar
- Nov. 11th Veteran's Day  
FUMP Closed
- Nov. 12th Scholastic Book  
Order's Due
- Nov. 15th-19th Parent-  
Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 18th Cook's Night Out
- Nov. 23rd & 24th Thanksgiving  
Feasts
- Nov. 25th & 26th Thanksgiving  
Holiday  
FUMP Closed
- Nov. 28th FUMC Hanging of  
the Greens

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## FUMP Discoveries in November

For the month of November our little learners will be exploring more about the autumn season and the wonderful bounty the harvest bring us from our community and from the farm. Our students will continue to learn their letters of the alphabet, shapes, colors, and various math concepts to include spatial relationships and working with number sets. As we enter the bottom portion of the month, we will investigate the meaning of

thanksgiving, the events of the first thanksgiving with the pilgrims and Indians; while we discover all the wonderful things in our world for which we are thankful. Also in November the children will begin to prepare for the annual Christmas program in December.



Thanksgiving Feasts  
November 23rd & 24th  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 25th & 26th

## Thanksgiving Feasts

We invite our families to join us in celebrating Thanksgiving on the last two days before the holidays for a special program and a family/friend shared feast. We will celebrate in the FUMC Fellowship Hall.

## Neighborhood Spy- School & Home Connection

**As a review from our studies on our community and community helpers; enjoy this great interactive activity with your child at home.**

### What You Do Together:

**1** Before setting out on a regular errand in your neighborhood, talk with your child about the things you'll see on the way. Explain where you're going (the grocery store, the post office, the fire station) and how you'll get there (by car, by train, by bus, or on foot). Ask your child what people, places, and things he thinks you might see. Write down the things he mentions.

**2** Go on your neighborhood trip together. Play "I Spy," taking turns giving each other clues about some-

thing you see. For example, "I spy a place where people buy bread" (bakery); "I spy a vehicle with many people in it" (bus); "I spy a person who puts out fires" (firefighter). Ask your child to try to remember as many of the things you see as he can.

**3** Back home, talk about all the people, places, and things you saw on your trip. Compare the things you actually saw with the things you listed before the trip. What did your child see that he had mentioned? What did he see that he didn't expect to?

**4** Invite your child to make a set of riddle cards. On separate index cards, he can draw a picture of each thing he saw on the trip (such as a

bakery, a bus, or a firefighter). Help your child label his drawings. Then help him to write an "I Spy" clue on the other side of each card (such as "I spy a place where people buy bread"). Your child can use the cards to play a riddle game with a friend or family member.

### Craven County Community Events

New Bern Art Walk November 12th

Tryon Palace Holiday Kick-Off November 26th & 27th

A Dickens's of a Christmas- New Bern Nov. 26th-Dec. 23rd

## Holiday Happenings-Coming in December

As we approach December and the holidays we want to share now all the many great events planned for our preschool children at FUMP and with FUMC. All our FUMP children are invited to celebrate in the annual "hanging of the greens" ceremony on Sunday evening, Nov. 28th. Our children will take part in creating ornaments for our fellowship hall trees, enjoy fellowship with friends and family over dinner, and enjoy a special musical celebration in



Christmas Break  
December 20th- December 31st

the Sanctuary as the adults prepare the "Chrismon Tree". Our FUMP children have also been invited share our Christmas program with the FUMC congregation during the 11:00 Sunday Service on Dec. 12th. Details regarding these special programs will be sent home in special letters prior to the events. Mark your calendar now to join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Holiday Dates and Events

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 4th

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Dec. 10th FUMP Children's Program at Service FUMC Cantata and Party Dec. 12th

FUMP Children's Christmas Program Dec. 16th

# Chapel Corner

## Heroes of the Bible II

### Jonah and the Whale

"His eyes are on the ways of men, he sees their every step"  
Job 34:21

### David and Goliath

"have courage" 1 Samuel 17 1-50

### Daniel in the Lion's Den

"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" 1 John 1:5

### Bible Character Jeopardy



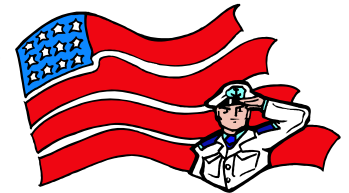
Heroes of the Bible  
Chapter 2

## Prayers and Celebrations

- We celebrate the arrival of Evangeline Shaver, daughter to our own Ms. Mary in the 3 yr old classroom and sister to Isabella.
- We welcome Rachel Elizabeth-Marie Cole, proud big brother Jonathan Cole.
- We celebrate the homecoming of GySgt. Bessinger, father of Cody Bessinger.
- We pray for all our children with families members deployed.
- We pray for safe travels for all families traveling over the holidays.

## FUMP Mission Project

In October we learned about our local community heroes and the jobs they do to help us. Our military troops are important heroes we wish to honor. So during the month of November, the FUMP students will be creating holiday cards and baking cookies for our troops overseas. We will be packing these goodies the 3 days before the Thanksgiving holiday in order to have them shipped by December 1st. A sign-up sheet will be posted for families and friends to help in this great mission project. This is a focused mission of the UMC.



# Fellowship at First United Methodist Church

Our FUMP families are all invited to share in the fellowship events hosted by the FUMC congregation. Our FUMP families are also welcome to worship with us each Sunday. The preschool director participates in Sunday services on the 3rd Sunday of each month. FUMC welcomes you with open hearts and open minds.

Come out on Saturday, November 6th to the FUMC Fellowship Hall to admire the beautiful craft designs created by our FUMP students and the FUMC crafters. Come early and enjoy the pancake breakfast sponsored by the United Methodist Women, or , come late and delight in the BBQ Dinner cooked by the United Methodist Men.



**FUMC Events**

- FUMC Craft Bazaar
- Pancake Breakfast
- BBQ Dinner
- November 6th
- Hanging of the Greens
- November 28th

## Preschool Workday

FUMP is looking for a few good men . . . And women, to help out on a preschool workday. After the large amount of rain this season, we need to add more mulch to our playground and also redistribute existing surfacing to our low lying areas along the fencing. While we have help outside, we will also be looking for help inside to assist in cataloging, labeling, sorting, and shelving our vast amount of library books. Once we can determine when a mulch delivery can be arranged, a sign-up sheet for workers will be posted. If interested, please let your teacher or the director know. Thank you advance for your help!



## November Birthdays

Aubrey Morey	Nov. 3rd
Ms. Marissa	Nov. 6th
Ayden Albright	Nov.9th
Sydney Monigan	Nov. 16th
Cole Klement	Nov. 17th
Emily Driskill	Nov. 17th
Harrison Thayer	Nov.18th
Lily Goodman	Nov.20th

## Scholastic Book Clubs

Scholastic book orders are due Friday, Nov. 12th. You are welcome to place your order online and your child's class will receive a free book.  
scholastic.com/bookclubs  
Activation Code: GTL7Z



# First United Methodist PRESCHOOL

"Growing in God's Love"

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First United Methodist Preschool is a ministry of First United Methodist Church dedicated to the providing young children with quality early childhood learning experiences so they can grow and develop as individuals and as Christian citizens.

**\*Our Mission...** to provide a safe, secure early childhood environment that fosters excellence, instills a love of active learning, and provides experiences that enable our children to acquire a foundation of skills for lifelong achievement and Christian living.

**\*Our Vision...** to be a ministry of the United Methodist Church for the community that offers preschool children a quality early childhood alternative that lays the foundation for lifelong learning in a stimulating environment provided by caring, enthusiastic, nurturing parents, educators, administrators, and an involved congregation.

## Where curiosity is encouraged!

A perfect balance of structured learning experiences for each developmental stage and child-initiated exploration in a safe, secure and nurturing environment.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4 Cook's Night Out	5 Reading Party Picture Order Due	6 FUMC Craft Bazaar FUMC BBQ Dinner	
7 Daylight Saving Bible Story Jonah and the Whale	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day FUMP Closed	12 Scholastic Book Orders Due	13	
14 Bible Story David and Goliath	15	16	17	18 Cook's Night Out	19	20	
21 Bible Story Daniel and the Lion's Den	22	<.....Parent-Teacher Conferences.....>				26 Thanksgiving Holiday FUMP Closed	27
28 Bible Study Review	29	30	<b>Coming in December . . .</b>				
FUMC Hanging of the Greens			Dec. 4th	Breakfast with Santa		Dec. 6th	Scholastic Orders Due
			Dec. 10th	Happy Birthday Jesus Party			
			Dec. 12th	FUMP Children Perform at FUMC 11:00 Service FUMC Cantata and Christmas Party			
			Dec. 14th	FUMP Christmas Program		Dec. 16th & 17th	Christmas Parties
			Dec. 18th	Parent's Shopping Day		Dec. 20th-31st	Christmas Break