

Registration

Registration for the Children's Morning Out is ongoing throughout the year. Classes are organized by age groups. Space is dependent upon how many children are enrolled at that particular time.

Registration for the Preschool and Kindergarten begins in mid January with notification of church members and present school participants first. Open Houses for parents are scheduled each January. After that, registration is open to any interested parents. Parents are always welcome to call for a tour if they missed the Open Houses.

To register a child, a parent must fill out a registration card and pay the application fee. Parents are notified promptly of their child's acceptance. When classes are filled, a waiting list is begun and parents are notified as openings become available.

Our Staff

The staff of Decatur First United Methodist Weekday Children's Ministries are trained to provide a warm, nurturing environment that encourages the development of each child. Our staff attends in-service workshops and other training throughout the year. All staff members are CPR/First Aid certified.

Parents and the School

An effective developmental program for young children must be a coordinated effort between the school and the home. We welcome parental involvement and provide parents with numerous opportunities to participate- such as Father's Night, Mother's Night, Birthdays, work days and field trips. Near the end of the school year parents may participate in an online survey to evaluate our program. We encourage you to make suggestions and comments not only in this survey, but throughout the year as well.

Handbooks

At Children's Morning Out, handbooks are given out on a child's first day. All Preschool and Kindergarten parents receive a handbook during the visit to the classroom prior to beginning school. Handbooks contain basic information about program, class rosters and a calendar for the year.

Health Certificates

Every child participating in our program must have a Health Department Immunization form #3231. Children five years and older must have ear, eye, and dental form #3300.

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Children's Morning Out and the Preschool and Kindergarten are educational programs of Decatur First United Methodist Church. Under the supervision of the Weekday Children's Ministry, the programs operate in accordance with the policies of the Church's Ministry Board.

Program Goals

The goals of CMO are to provide a loving Christian atmosphere for children to begin their experience of group play and to give parents a block of free time with quality child care at a reasonable cost.

The aim of the Preschool and Kindergarten is to help each child develop a wholesome self concept, an eagerness for learning, an appropriate value system for social growth and the ability to think and work independently in a loving, Christian setting.

Organization

CMO is available to children ages six months through age 2 ½. This program is open Monday, Thursday and Friday, from September through July. Hours are 9:15am-1:15pm. A child may attend one or two days. Children are divided in age appropriate groups with two staff members per 12 children. (The ratio varies for the youngest children.)

Preschool classes are held Monday through Friday, 9am-Noon, mid August through May. Preschool classes are offered for children 2 ½ (3 by December 31), three and four years old. Our 2 ½ classes attend two mornings a week. The threes may attend either three or five mornings. Four year olds attend five mornings. Enrollment is limited to 10 two and ½'s, 12 to 14 four year olds and 16 four year olds per class.

A kindergarten class is offered five mornings. On Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday, it meets from 9am-1pm and on Wednesday hours are 9am-Noon. The class is limited to 18 children.

The Preschool offers an extended day. Kid's Club, which runs from 12 to 1pm each day except Wednesday, beginning in October. The cost per day of Kid's Club is \$5.00. Art, Spanish and Storytelling classes are also offered for an additional fee during 12noon to 1pm.

Curriculum

We believe the preschool and kindergarten years should be a time of creative play. Our program has a curriculum that also develops readiness for learning academic skills.

Creative Indoor Play

Children grow socially and intellectually as they interact with each other in imaginative play with blocks, tools, puzzles, games, puppets and various toys.

Language Development

Horizons are broadened by a variety of books available in each classroom. Special events and field trips stimulate the desire for exploration and discovery while encouraging the expression of ideas. Four and five year olds dictate and write stories and learn to recognize letters. The kindergarten puts letters together to make words using phonics skills.

Art Activities

Creative expression is encouraged using easel and finger paint, crayons, clay, collage and experimental media.

Music

Singing, rhythm, instruments and creative movement develop music appreciation as well as dramatic interpretation.

Large Muscle Development

Our indoor and outdoor play equipment encourages the physical development of large motor skills. During the winter months the four and five year olds enjoy gymnastics once a week with Atlanta Gymnastics.

Financial Policies

Children's Morning Out

Non refundable Application Fee \$80
There is a sibling discount for the application fee only.

One day a week \$100 per month
Two days a week \$200 per month

Preschool and Kindergarten

Non-refundable Application Fee \$100

This is a per child fee and must accompany the registration application. There is a sibling discount for the application fee. Insurance is provided for each child and is included in this fee.

| Class | |
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| 2 ½ year old (T/Th) | \$185 |
| 3 year old | |
| 3 days (M/W/F) | \$245 |
| 5 days (M-F) | \$295 |
| 4 year old (M-F) | \$300 |
| Kindergarten Class (M-F) | \$350 |

There is a one time \$50 activity fee for the 4 year old class and a one time \$125 activity fee for the Kindergarten class.

Tuition is due the first week of each month, but no later than the tenth of the month. There are no deductions due to illness or any other reason. There is a \$10.00 late fee for tuition not paid by the 10th of the month.

