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Grow To Know

Preschool and Kindergarten

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You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of dust,
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.
~lyrics~ Beautiful Things by Gungor

Some of the teachers may be holding special events for Thanksgiving week. Watch for individual notes or the newsletters from your child's teacher for details.



Calendar of Events

Nov. 1st Stories to Go
Nov. 6th Day Light Savings Time Ends (fall back in bed for that extra hour)
Nov. 11th Veterans Day
No morning classes
Nov. 23rd No morning classes
Nov. 24th Thanksgiving Day
Center closed-all classes
Nov. 25th No morning classes.
Full day classes open as needed.
Please register your intention to attend that day.

Remember, any day the weather allows we will be outside for play time. Please send appropriate clothing and jackets.

With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord. Ezra 3:11



Online giving should be up and running in the next few days. Watch the blog for info. Please pay tuition on Monday each week or by month on the first day of the month. Please remember that there is a five dollar *late fee* on tuition payments received after noon on Wednesday for full time students and after the 10th of the month for morning classes.

GREEN CORNER

What are you thankful for?
Post your answers on the blog along with your ideas for a healthier and/or greener Thanksgiving meal.

I'm thankful for the love of God and how greatly He exhibited it to us through Jesus.

My green/healthy feast idea is that we purchased an organic pumpkin grown locally to cook down for our pumpkin pies.
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Why Do We Do What We Do

Schweitzer is a busy church known for serving the community and the world as evidenced in the huge garage sale effort last weekend to raise money for Pwoje Espwa (orphanage) in Haiti. (<http://pwojeespwa.blogspot.com/> for more info on Espwa.)

But a church is more than an agency that serves. It is more than a social club for its members.

Why do we do what we do?

The reason for doing all this is as an act of worship to God. He asked us to care for and love His people everywhere. God has created us and given us everything including a way to know Him personally through His Son Jesus. We are here as a congregation to worship and serve Him together. As we grow in a relationship with Him, praise and service, worship, thanksgiving and love are given back to Him. If you don't know what it is like to be in a relationship with a God who *is* love you need to meet Him. If you know Him but not well or you've gotten away from worshipping regularly there are people everywhere at Schweitzer ready to help you in any way possible to grow in faith.

Log on to the church website www.schweitzerumc.org to see all of the ways in which Christian teaching and discipleship are available to you. Ask questions-ask me questions at 881-6800, ext. 217. Call the office 881-6800 and ask who else might be available to help you with your questions. Attend worship or a group study to learn more. Start reading the book of John in the Bible and then ask more questions. God wants each of us to know Him.

We are here to help.

That is why we do what we do.

Construction UPDATE

We are getting close. We had the Fire Marshall inspect the renovated space earlier this week, our licensing rep will be here to measure the rooms and then the contractors have at least one more inspection before we will be able to move in. Tile and carpet is going in as I type this.

SOON we will switch to the gym entrance for arrival and departure. *When we do our security team will be checking every pick up person's ID before you will be allowed in to the center.* Be prepared and come in with your ID ready.

Bear with us as we make the switchover and until our electronic entry is installed.

Watch for updates via the blog.



From now through the holidays there will be opportunities for some of the classes to do service projects for others. One class is going to do a food drive another may do various helping projects through the month.

Children can learn that they can make a difference in their world too.

If you too are looking for ways to contribute, the church will do a Christmas offering in which you may designate funds to one or more of several mission focuses.

Some of the teachers will have wish lists for their classrooms and you are always welcome to contribute to the Grow To Know Scholarship Fund.

Did you know that Diana will drive hours to a concert, that Natalea is a Chiefs and Royals fan (GO KC!), Emily H is a straight A student, Jacob can sing, Debbie has an art degree, Randi has known Debbie most of her life, Sierra and Carol really know good music (folk, blues and alt.country) while Amy and Kathy know their 70s and 80s tunes, and I watch way too many movies? Get to know the teachers and staff around here. All those involved in teaching your beloved kiddos are unique individuals. Spend time seeing who they really are. The teachers bring so much to each day to enrich your child's life. They are extremely patient as we wait to relocate rooms and they give so much. Tell them often that you see their efforts and talents.