



# March 2017

## Parent Newsletter

**For Kids!**

### Children's Circle Preschool of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis



#### Letter from Cara Paul, Director

Dear Parents,

We've had a wonderful stretch of warm weather lately and I have made some observations at home. In our neighborhood there is a family of 5 boys ranging in age from 10 to 22. The thing that has always amazed me about this crew is how much time they spend playing outside. They literally get home from school and head out to ride bikes, play football, or climb trees. The best is when the oldest is home and he is out playing with his younger siblings.

I wish I could say children are outside all over my neighborhood, but unfortunately, they seem to be the only ones I see out on a regular basis. I know there are kids of all ages around

us (there are several school buses making many stops near us), but it sure is quiet outside in the afternoons. I think it is a combination of overscheduled children, fear of sending our kids out into the world without supervision, and too many "more exciting" alternatives like TV or video games.

I believe this lack of free play will be harmful to our kids down the road. Not only will they miss out on exercise and fresh air, but they will lose out on building some very important life skills. I know I learned negotiation skills while playing flashlight tag, time management while riding my bike home from the

pool (dinner was served at 6:00 and I better not be late!). I had to speak to other adults when ringing a friend's doorbell to see if they could play. My husband learned a few lessons building a tree house in their backyard as a kid (let's just say he's fabulous at home improvement projects!).

I hope we can reclaim this wonderful part of childhood for our young ones. Time outside playing, or running, or exploring is too important to let go. It is an essential part of growing up!

Blessings,

*Cara*



### Happening this Month!



**Pre-Kindergarten  
Spring Program  
Celebrating the Arts!**



**2017 Summer School  
Passports Ready!  
The Places We'll Go!**

5/30-6/22  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9am-1pm

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2017**  
Music and art by your children!  
Please bring your child to his or her  
classroom at **6:30 p.m.**  
Then find a seat in the Community Room!  
Program will begin promptly at  
**6:45 p.m.**

Registration forms home beginning Monday, 3/13  
Mail -in date is Monday, March 20th.



**Bring your camera for photo opportunities!**



#### CCP Spring Break

We will be closed April 3rd-7th  
**School will reopen on Monday, April 10h.**

**What's Up  
With That?**  
Why do we have toes  
on our feet?

How much do you weigh?  
Whatever it is, it's a lot  
of weight for your little  
feet to carry. How do  
your feet do it?  
Your toes do a lot of  
the work! Toes help  
keep you balanced and  
help carry or bear your  
weight. Your big toes  
bear one-fourth of your  
weight, your other four  
toes carry another  
fourth, and your heels  
carry the other half.  
Be thankful for your  
funny toes. Without  
them, you might flop  
right over!



**Surf's Up!**



## Important Calendar Dates 2017

April 3-7	Closed-Spring Break
April 14	Closed-Good Friday
May 15-19	Last Week of 2016-17 school year
May 30-June 22	Summer School (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
June 26-June 30	2nd Church Vacation Bible School

## 2017-18 First Semester Dates

August 21-25	Orientation Days Begin
August 28	Full Days Begin
September 4	Labor Day Closed
November 3	Church Bazaar Closed
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Closed
December 22	Begin Christmas Break Closed

### Winter Weather School Closings & Delays!

Check the following for Children's  
Circle Preschool's status:  
*WTHR* channel 13

or on the web at [wthr.com](http://wthr.com).  
We will also update information on our  
**Facebook** page. Teachers will **NOT** call  
unless closing/delays are unrelated to

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Second Presbyterian Church is a community of faith that  
welcomes families of all faith backgrounds!

### March Book Window:

*Corduroy* by Don Freeman  
Presented by the PS3's  
Monday/Wednesday Class!

### Bible Time Adventure: Easter

Children will experience the story  
of Easter in a variety of ways. First  
we will see and hear how Jesus  
entered Jerusalem on a donkey.  
We will celebrate a special supper  
as the children partake of juice and  
bread while seated around a large  
low table on the floor which they  
will create. Finally, we go to the  
"tomb" on Easter morning, only to  
find it empty. The children step  
into the "tomb" to look for Jesus.  
An "angel" tells us that He is not  
here; He has risen!

## Happening at Second Church



### Vacation Bible School

*Planting the Seeds of Faith*  
*Little Things That Turn Out BIG!*

### June 26-30

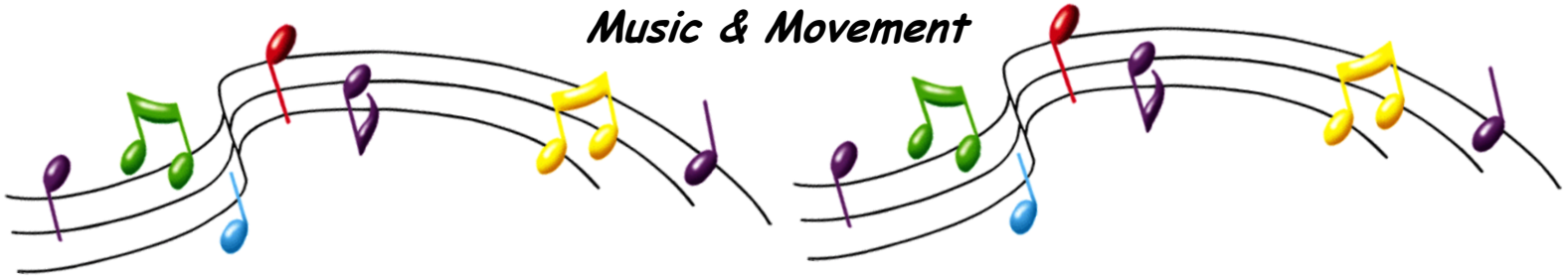
Mark your calendar now for this  
summer's fun and exciting week of  
Vacation Bible School. Through crafts,  
music, games, worship and more, this  
year's program promises to warm  
hearts and impact lives while providing  
a whole lot of fun for your children.  
VBS is open to all children ages 4 (by  
9/1/17) through 5th grade (currently).  
VBS extended day will be offered  
for all children who would like a full  
day option. Many of CCP's teachers help  
at VBS; Mrs. Leithauser, Mrs. Archbold,  
Ms. Haynie and Mrs. Flener just to name  
a few! See Karen Archbold in the office  
with questions and ways to volunteer!!

Register online today at  
[www.secondchurch.org/VBS](http://www.secondchurch.org/VBS)

# March

## Children's Circle Preschool

### Music & Movement



### This Month's Theme: St Patrick's Day, Rain, Spring!



#### Irish Leprechaun (I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm an Irish leprechaun, tiny and wee.  
I hide in the forest behind the trees.  
If you ever catch me, you will see  
A wish I'll grant as quick as can be!

#### Raining (Are You Sleeping?)

It is raining, it is raining  
On my head, on my head.  
Pitter patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops,  
I'm all wet. I'm all wet.  
Hear the thunder. Hear the thunder.  
Hear it crash, hear it crash.  
Pitter patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops,  
I'm all wet. I'm all wet.



#### Spring (Are You Sleeping)

It is springtime. It is springtime.  
Winter's gone. Winter's gone.  
Warmer days are coming.  
Warmer days are coming.  
It won't be long. It won't be long.

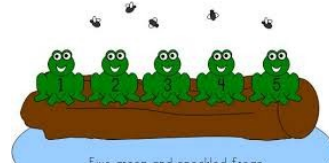
#### House (chant)

Here is a nest for a blue bird. (Cup hands together)  
Here is a hive for a bee. (Clasp hands to make a ball)  
Here is a hole for a bunny. (With one hand, make a little circle with two fingers. Put up two fingers on the other hand to make a bunny.)  
And here is a house for me. (Using index fingers & thumbs on both hands, make a triangle—then "sign" I LOVE YOU!)



#### Five Speckled Frogs

Five green speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum-Yum.  
One jumped into the pool where it was nice & cool.  
Now there are four green speckled frogs.  
(Repeat: counting 0- No green speckled frogs)



#### Rain (Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Rain, rain falling down, falling on the ground.  
Pitter patter, pitter patter, what a lovely sound.



Nursery Rhymes: **Humpy Dumpty**

**Instruments:** shakers, maracas, bells, rhythm sticks, triangles, hand bells & xylophones