



October 2016

Parent Newsletter

Children's Circle Preschool

Of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis



For Kids!

Letter from Cara Paul, Director

Dear Parents,

Do you ever feel like, "If we could just get through _____ (the holidays, back to school time, soccer season, etc.) life will be easier."? We are always looking for a slower time but it rarely comes. Why is that? Probably because we just fill that spare time with something else. We are programmed to be busy.

While it is hard for us as adults to keep up with this crazy pace, we have to think about what we are doing to our kiddos. We make the choice to sign up for one more thing or to squeeze one more errand in, our little ones are just along for the ride. When they are shuttled about and put on an adult time table the result is disconnection, family stress

and, usually, pretty cranky kids.

I remember, with regret, the debacle that was Irish Dance in our family. We drove to the far east side of Indy in rush hour traffic EVERY Wednesday night for 9 years. Nine years! Off the school bus, gobble down a snack, change your clothes, an hour and a half of practice, dinner in the car, race home, say hi to daddy, do your homework, take a shower, go to bed. I cringe to think we did this for so long. We all liked dance and the friends we made, but we were miserable. And then there were the days the girls begged to skip class, especially when all their friends were outside

playing. Finally, one daughter asked to quit and then the other a year later, and we never looked back. Now that they are all grown up, how I wish I had all those Wednesday nights back!

Life is busy, and we do want our kids to have great experiences. I recommend you assess what your family truly can handle before signing up for a new activity. Look at what it will do to you family calendar and remember the most valuable experiences they will have will be with the ones that love them most- you!

Cara



Happening this Month!

**Dads! PS3s & PK
Pumpkin Carving Night!**
Tuesday, October 25th
6:30-7:30 pm

**Individual &
Class Pictures**
October 10-14th
Gary Martin Photography
Watch for order forms
from your child's
teachers soon!

What to Bring!

- one hollowed out pumpkin
 - A carving tool and a candle!
 - Your child will provide the music!
- Refreshments follow!*

Cheese!



What's up with that?

Why do trees drop their leaves?

In Autumn, the weather turns colder.

Trees begin to prepare for winter.

The tree shuts off the water to the leaves and keeps it

for the trunk and the branches. This way

the tree can live through the cold winter!

Without water, the leaves change color.

The green goes away and another color remains. Soon the

leaves are so dry that they drop to the

ground. Do you like to play in the crunchy, dry leaves? Which leaf is your favorite?



Important Calendar Dates

November 4	Closed -Church Bazaar
November 24 & 25	Closed-Thanksgiving
December 19 - 30	Christmas Break
Monday, Jan. 2, 2017	Closed-New Year's (Building closed)
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017	School Resumes
January 16	Closed-Martin Luther King Day
January 17	Closed-Staff Professional Day
February 20	Closed-President's Day
April 3-7	Closed-Spring Break
April 14	Closed-Good Friday
May 15-19	Last Week of School

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October Book Window:

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Presented by our PK children!

Bible Time Adventure

God Loves Us and Cares for Us

Our October stories will show us some of the surprising ways God can take care of us. We will hear about the Good Shepherd, Baby Moses and Daniel and the Lions!

Happening at Second Church

Open Arms Ministry

The Open Arms Ministry is actively reaching out and extending the love of Jesus Christ to all persons and families with special needs to be incorporated fully into the life of the church. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact

[Rev. Caroline Dennis](mailto:cdennis@secondchurch.org)
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On Thursday nights join us for the Son Rise Bible study for Adults with Disabilities!



Families @ Five

Milner Chapel

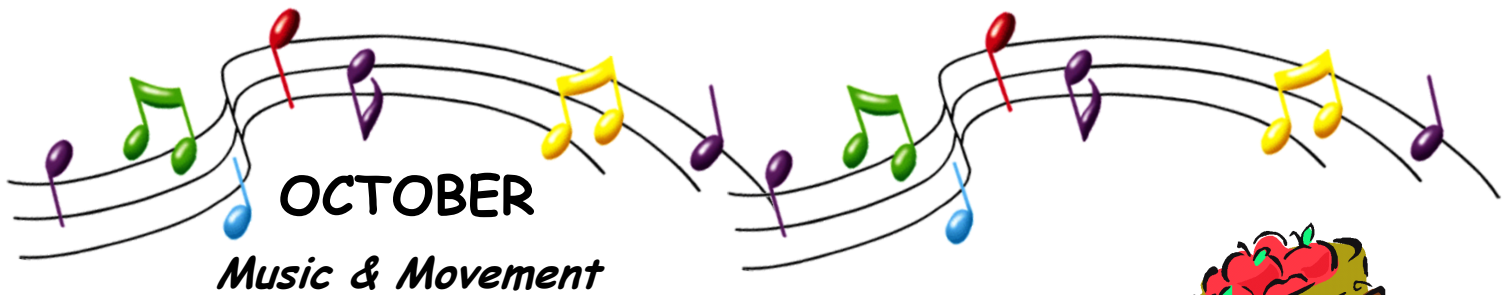
Come sing. Come listen. Come speak. Come dance and pray and bless. Come break bread with us. Come as you are on Sunday nights! Come worship together with your whole family!

Families@Five is a service designed for both children and parents. The service is followed by Sunday Supper, as we break bread and share our week with each other at the table.

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

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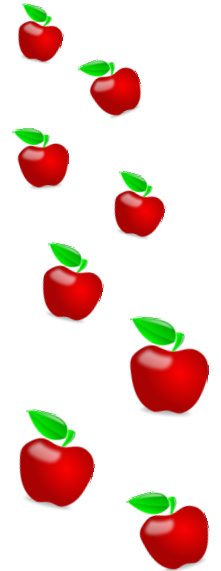


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Music & Movement



Fun Themes!
Fall, Squirrels, & Pumpkins



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate
The first one said "My, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are ghosts in the air!"
The third one said, "Who goes there?"
The fourth one said, "We'd better run!"
The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun!"
Then whoo went the wind and out went the lights
and the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

Nursery Rhyme:
Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater
Little Miss Muffet



Mr. Pumpkin (Are You Sleeping?)

Mr. Pumpkin, Mr. Pumpkin,
Look at me. Look at me.
I can see your eyes.
I can see your nose.
Smile for me! Smile for me!

Two Red Apples (Chant)

Two red apples hanging on a tree.
Two red apples smiling at me.
I shook that tree as hard as I could,
Down came those apples, Yum, were they good!

Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
swish your bushy tail.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
swish your bushy tail.
Wrinkle up your tiny nose.
Hold a nut between your toes.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
swish your bushy tail.



A Little Apple Seed (Eensy, Weensy, Spider)

Once a little apple seed
was planted in the ground.
Down came the raindrops
falling all around.
Out came the big sun
bright as bright could be
And that little apple seed grew
Up to be an apple tree!

Finger Plays
5 Little Squirrels
2 Red Apples

