

# CUMC Nursery Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Corn Roast  
August 15
- ◆ Backpack Sunday
- ◆ All-Church Picnic
- ◆ CLOWN Meeting  
August 23

## Coordinator's Comments

It sure has been a quiet summer in the nursery! Everyone has been taking their vacations and enjoying the weather, so not much has been happening where we needed event coverage.

Behind the scenes, however, things continue to progress with the nursery's transformation, and I just want to offer a huge "thank you" to those who have been involved in this progress, whether it has been to help clean up the nursery, to donate supplies, or to brainstorm ideas. Every little bit brings us closer to the ideal nursery that we have been trying to achieve!

On Wednesday, July 22, we spent some time cleaning up the nursery. While we didn't accomplish nearly as much as I had hoped, we did get a lot done, and for that I am thankful. Please see the last

## Dear Parents,

Can you believe that Fall is approaching so quickly? For those of you with older children, this might be a stressful time for you as you try to get everything together for the back-to-school season.

For those with only young children, this is a great time of exploration for your child as the seasons change, and we hope that we at the church can help to develop this sense of curiosity and also help your children grow both mentally and spiritually. Young hearts, of course, are the most permeable.

We continue to make changes within the nursery and greatly appreciate any input that you might have that would improve your child's experience with us.

I will be sending you a survey to fill out so you can let us know anonymously how the nursery staff is serving you and your child and what we can do to make it better.

page of this newsletter for more details on the clean-up.

Continue to be on the lookout for another clean-up date, because there is still much to do! If you can't remember the last time the nursery was cleaned, you'll realize that this is an important task, and we need the help!

As Fall approaches, I would also like to continue to remind you that church events are again picking up, so please be aware of any upcoming events for which we need nursery care.

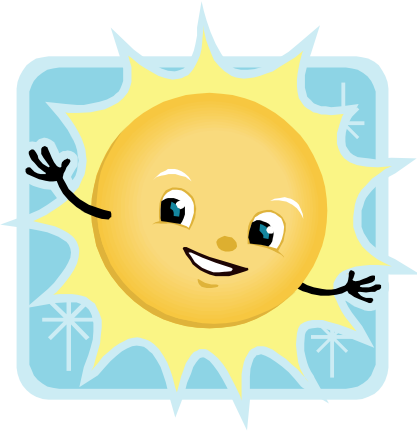
I hope you had a fantastic summer; I look forward to working with each of you more this fall.

We would also like to invite you to bring your child(ren) to CLOWN this fall. CLOWN is a Wednesday night children's program available for those ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we are also providing nursery care for the children 4 and younger.

This is a great opportunity to get your children out of the house and involved in the church by interacting with other children while playing games, making crafts, singing, and learning more about Jesus.

If you are planning on bringing your child(ren) to CLOWN, please let us know and we can get you a registration form.

As always, I look forward to any questions or comments you may have and wish you a great end to your summer.



### DIED IN SERVICE

*One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.*

*The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."*

*"Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque.*

*"Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.*

*"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."*

*Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"*

## Evening Volunteer News: July and August

August is the time when things begin picking up for the church. A few activities have already been planned, and in September, things will get hectic again!

At this point in time, we are not planning on providing nursery care for Backpack Sunday, for the all-church picnic, or for the corn roast since all are scheduled to take place at the park building.

We do, however, need a volunteer to help cover the **CLOWN meeting** on

**August 23 at 6:00 P.M.** If you are willing and able to fill in for this time slot, please let me know as soon as possible.

CLOWN is quickly approaching. This year we would like to provide nursery care for those families who have children too young to participate in CLOWN.

If you are available on Wednesday nights or are able to volunteer for just a few Wednesday nights from September through April, please let me know. We could greatly use the help!

## Other Dates to Remember

Please write on your calendar our next scheduled meeting for **Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 P.M.**

Remember to keep an eye out for Safe Sanctuaries training, CPR and first aid training, and other nursery events.

## July's Accomplishments

In April, we started transforming the nursery! It's not much yet, but I have faith that every little improvement will contribute to a great nursery! This month, we:

- Continued asking for donations of a dehumidifier, large blanket, and bassinet for use in the nursery. This will save us from spending unnecessary amounts of money on these larger, more expensive items.
- Donated extra clothes for the childrens' use in messy or sticky situations—thanks to Paula Shearer who donated these items from the church yard sale.
- Paula Shearer also donated from the church yard sale a hand vac for quick clean-up of crumbs! It is charged and ready for use.
- Washed and sanitized all toys and wiped down shelving.
- Paula Hostler generously donated a bassinet; it is set up and ready for immediate use. There are also two extra sheets if needed.

## Goals for August

This month I am planning on doing some more research on the changes we would like to make in the nursery.

Here are some of the goals I hope to accomplish this month.

- Continue to ask for donations of an adult-size blanket and a dehumidifier for use in the nursery.
- Finalize plans for a new child-sized table.
- Begin decorating nursery.
- Check with Bill Hewitt on the progress of the pager system.

## Schedules for July - December

**Reminder:** Please continue to make me aware of any discrepancies in your schedule for the second half of the year so that I can make sure the nursery is covered.

### Service Schedule for August

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>
Traditional Service	Patsy Geiselman	Stacie Snyder
Sunday School	Jen Trout	Jennifer McWilliams
Contemporary Service	Paula Shearer	Joni McKenzie
	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>
Traditional Service	Connie Miller	<b>BACKPACK SUNDAY</b>
Sunday School	???	<b>NO VOLUNTEERS</b>
Contemporary Service	Cheryl Shearer	<b>NEEDED</b>
	<u>August 30</u>	
Traditional Service	???	
Sunday School	Stacie Snyder	
Contemporary Service	Barbie Matthie	



### Service Schedule for September

	<u>September 6</u>	<u>September 13</u>
Traditional Service	Sue Lindt	Lori Shaulis
Sunday School	Jen Trout	Barbie Matthie
Contemporary Service	Pam Fry	Jen Trout
	<u>September 20</u>	<u>September 27</u>
Traditional Service	Bethany Lehman	Deb McGuire
Sunday School	Jennifer McWilliams	Pam Fry
Contemporary Service	Paula Shearer	Joni McKenzie

### HELP WANTED!

You may notice that some parts of the schedule are filled in with question marks. These are dates when the scheduled volunteer is unable to cover the nursery, and as of right now, I have been unable to fill these time slots. If you are available at any of these times and would be willing to cover or switch, please let me know as soon as possible! I would like to have these covered immediately so that we can ensure there is always someone in the nursery.

Recently we have had a couple of instances where volunteers have not shown up for their scheduled time slot in the nursery. I just want to remind you to ***please check your schedule consistently*** and to ***notify me in advance if anything comes up and you cannot make it***; parents should not have to take over the nursery—especially when they have not had their safe sanctuaries clearances—keep this in mind for the safety of the children. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

We are still in the process of collecting donations for the update of the nursery, both in the form of monetary donations as well as individual items needed for the nursery (dehumidifier and a large blanket). If you would like to contribute to this cause (or know somebody willing to donate an item), please contact me so we can forward these donations to the proper place.

Thanks!

## Nursery Clean-Up Project

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On Wednesday, July 22, we held a nursery clean-up session. Many thanks to Kris Clark, Tracie Hughes, and Jeremy Wagner who came out to help!

Although we weren't able to do as much as I would have liked, we were able to clean and sanitize all of the toys and also wiped down the toy shelves.

If are familiar with the nursery, though, you know it still needs plenty of work! I'd like to organize the cupboards, clean the counter, super-clean the floor, and remove the wallpaper—and that's just the start of it!

Needless to say, we will be having another nursery clean-out date coming later this fall. Please keep an eye out for this date, and if you are able to make it, we would greatly appreciate the help! It is important to have a clean nursery not only for safety but also for health reasons as well.

## Product Recalls

**Leapfrog** has recalled about 3,700 **My Pal Scout Electronic Plus Toy Dogs (Item # 19142)**, because the decals on the paws of the plush toy can be removed and ingested by a child, posing a choking hazard. Dogs with embroidered paws are not included in this recall. These toys were sold at Toys 'R' Us, [www.leapfrog.com](http://www.leapfrog.com), and on other retail websites from May through June 2009 for about \$20. Take the toy away from young children immediately, and contact LeapFrog to receive a replacement with embroidered paws.

About 1.4 million pairs of **Buster Brown & Co.'s Clog Children's shoes** were recalled, because the shoe has decorative wheels that can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. The recalled shoes are red, brown, blue, yellow, and pink, and most shoes bear the words "CARS", "Transformers Animated", or "Barbie". These shoes were sold in children sizes 5 to 13 and youth sizes 1-3 at major retailers including Famous Footwear, Bealls', J.C. Penney, Meijer, Rack Room, Sears, Shoe Show, Target, and Wal-Mart from August 2007 through June 2009 for \$10-\$25. Take these shoes away from children immediately and return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

**Evenflo Switch-A-Roo Telephone Toys** have been recalled, because a mirror decal attached to the toy can peel away, posing a choking hazard. This recall involves about 25,000 toys (**model # 6391911**) made between October 2008 and June 2009 and sold at juvenile product stores including Toys 'R' Us for about \$8. Remove the mirror decal from the toy permanently and permanently dispose of it for your child's safety.

About 1 million **Kolcraft, Carter's, Sesame Street, Jeep, Care Bear, and Eric Carle play yards** have been recalled by Kolcraft Enterprises, because the side rail can fail to latch properly, allowing the rail to unlatch unexpectedly when a child pushes on it, causing the child to fall. These play yards were sold at Babies 'R' Us, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Sears, Target, and other stores from January 2000-2009 for \$50-\$160. Immediately stop using the play yard and contact Kolcraft for a free repair kit. See <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/ prhtml09/09265.html> for additional information.