

# CUMC Nursery Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ CLOWN Begins  
September 16

## Coordinator's Comments

It's time for school again and time for all of those busy Fall activities. You will begin to notice our schedule filling up with time slots to help out in the nursery.

This includes CLOWN night, fall Bible studies, and other meetings and fall activities. Please be aware of these activities, and if you are willing and able, I would greatly appreciate your help during this busy time!

We continue to try to make progress on the nursery, and hopefully the fall will bring with it new decorations for the nursery; however, these plans are still tentative.

I am also hoping to schedule another cleaning date for the nursery. This summer we cleaned all of the toys in the nursery. I would like to finish by thoroughly dusting, vacuuming, and

disinfecting the other surfaces in the nursery. Please keep an eye out for this date.

Remember that October 1 is our next nursery meeting—if you are unable to attend, please let me know now so that I can know who to expect. We will be discussing the progress in the nursery and taking more suggestions for the future.

In the meantime, please continue to accept and hand out registration forms to all of our parents/guardians. And remember to complete and return your volunteer surveys to me at your earliest convenience.

I hope you enjoyed your summer, and I look forward to seeing and working with you again this fall!

## Dear Parents,

Fall has returned! For those of you with older children, you may be thankful to get the kids out of your hair. On the other hand, it's the busy time of year, and your schedule may be booked with activities.

We at the church are just as busy, and we hope the activities the church makes available for your children will educate them about Christ's love just as much as school will educate them about math, science, and social studies.

Please consider enrolling your child in CLOWN night activities, whether they are older children that can participate in activities or younger children that may be involved in the nursery. We will be providing nursery care this year for the younger children.

This fall, as Bible studies and meetings build up, do not hesitate to attend. We look forward to providing nursery care

for all of these events so that you never have to miss these experiences.

We continue to make changes in the nursery, some of which include major cleaning projects and new décor. Please continue to check out your newsletters for updates.

You should have received a parent survey in the mail last month. Please continue to consider these and return the completed surveys to me as soon as possible.

Also, if you have yet to return your registration forms for your child(ren), please remember to hand them in as soon as possible.

If you have any suggestions for the fall, please let me know. We look forward to working with you this season!



### THE SUNDAY SERVICE

*A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.*

*"Why, God tells me."  
"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"*

### PLAY BALL

*A father took his five-year-old son to several baseball games where The Star-Spangled Banner was sung before the start of each game. Then the father and son attended a church on a Sunday shortly before Independence Day. The congregation sang The Star-Spangled Banner, and after everyone sat down, the little boy suddenly yelled out, "PLAY BALL!!!"*

### PASSING TRASH

*A six-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."*

## Evening Volunteer News: August and September

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.

Tentatively, we may have a volunteer for nursery care every other week during this time slot.

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!

Fall and Winter tend to be our busiest time at the church. Please be aware of any upcoming events; we will need plenty of volunteers to help out with any extra services or Bible studies at the church.

I would also like to recruit volunteers for the Christmas Eve service ahead of time. I would like to have several volunteers available for the large turnout that we expect. Please keep this in mind and let me know if you are interested in helping out as soon as possible.

## Other Dates to Remember

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

CLOWN begins on **Wednesday, September 16th**. Dinner begins at 5:30, and the activities last until 7:30. Sign up your children now for CLOWN or for the nursery, and if possible, please volunteer for a few shifts throughout the year.

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

## August'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 and a large blanket, This will save us from spending unnecessary amounts of money on these larger, more expensive items.
- Spoke to Bill Hewitt about a new pager system. This will be discussed at our October volunteer meeting.
- Made plans for decorating the nursery

## Goals for September

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.

## 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 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



### Service Schedule for October

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 11</u>
Traditional Service	Patsy Geiselman	Connie Miller
Sunday School	Whitney Wagner	Stacie Snyder
Contemporary Service	Cheryl Shearer	Jennifer McWilliams
	<u>October 18</u>	<u>October 25</u>
Traditional Service	Stacie Snyder	Kris Clark
Sunday School	Jen Trout	???
Contemporary Service	Barbie Matthie	Whitney Wagner

### 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 also recruiting volunteers for the Christmas Eve service—preferably three or four and possibly more. Please let me know if you will be interested in helping out.

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!

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## Welcoming Children

Please welcome **Anna Eileen Wagner** to our nursery. She was born on August 2, 2009 at 7:08 A.M. Anna weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz and measured 19 inches long.

We're on the Web!  
<http://www.christumjacobus.org>

## Product Recalls

About 15,000 **Eebee's "Have a Ball" Adventures Cloth Books** have been recalled by **Sterling Publishing Company**, because a string attaching a ball to the book can become entangled in the basketball hoop element, posing a strangulation hazard to young children. The book was sold at book and toy stores nationwide and internet retailers between June 2008 and June 2009 for about \$15. Take the book away from children immediately and return in to the retailer for a full refund.

**Dorel Juvenile Group** has recalled 31,500 **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> SmartLight Stair Gates (Model #: 42111)**, because the hinges that hold the stair gate in place can break, posing a fall hazard to children if the gate is placed at the top of the stairs. The gates were sold at mass merchandise and juvenile product stores nationwide, including Babies 'R' Us, Toys 'R' Us, Walmart.com, and other online retailers between January 2005 and July 2009 for about \$60. Stop using the gate immediately, and contact the company to receive a free repair kit.

**Jump 'n Jive Doorway Jumpers** produced by **Graco (Model #: 1755544)** have been recalled, because the jumpers include detachable toys that are attached to the jumper straps with strips of hook and loop fabric. The strips of fabric are not permanently attached to the toys and can become detached during use, posing a choking hazard. 2,400 of these jumpers were sold from April through July 2009. Consumers should stop using this product immediately and remove or discard the detachable toys and the attaching strips and contact the manufacturer for a replacement set of toys. After the toys and fabric strips are removed, the consumer may resume use of the product.

**Target** has recalled **Circo booster seats** sold nationwide from December 2008 through June 2009 for about \$13, because the booster seat restraint buckle can open unexpectedly, allowing a child to fall from the chair and be injured. This recall involves about 43,000 booster seats including **model numbers: XJ0811, XJ0812, XJ0901, and XJ0902**. Discontinue use of the booster seat immediately and return to your local Target store for a full refund.