



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

## Children's Center News

Spring is almost here! We love this time of year, the children get to go outside to play or go on walks. The air feels so refreshing!

Security camera installation is almost complete. This is the last thing to be done from our grant funds. My next goal is updating our toddler playground at the end of the building.

I am exploring grant opportunities as well as using all of our fundraiser money earned this year to help accomplish that goal.

We continue to operate on a wait list. At times we may have a rare opening here and there. If you find out you are expecting a new family member, let us know as soon as possible so that we may fit them in.

Your recommendations are always appreciated-word of mouth is the best advertising!

Thank you for choosing University Heights to care for your child(ren), we take great pride in being able to love your precious little ones!

Chris Roberts, Director

Kaylee Hughes, Assistant Director

Spring 2024

## News You Can Use!

**Students must arrive before 10am.**

**Please let us know if you have an appointment.**

**First day of Spring is March 19th..**



## Important Dates

**CLOSED-**

Friday, March 29  
Professional Development Day

**CLOSED-**

We will be closed Monday, April 8th, This gives everyone a chance to safely be home and watch the solar eclipse.

**CLOSED-**

Memorial Day- Monday, May 27



## OUR SICK POLICY

When a child is sent home with a fever or due to diarrhea or vomiting, they may not return for at least 24 hours. They must be symptom free without medication.



**Did you know we have a Children's Center committee?**

**The committee consists of parents, teachers and church members.**

**Members help with fundraisers, luncheons and other center related things!**

**Meetings are held via zoom, you can attend right from home!**

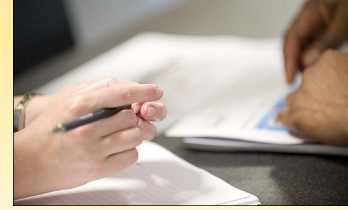
**Please contact Starla Hilgert at [mikeandstarlahilgert@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandstarlahilgert@gmail.com) for more information.**

**Fever free,  
Vomit free,  
Diarrhea free  
for 24 hours  
before returning  
to school.**



**Please call to  
report your  
child's absence.  
317-787-5865**

Please keep in mind when your child receives any immunizations, the office needs a copy for their file. This is a state requirement.



Infant room parents:

Please make sure your child's feeding plan is up to date and all bottles/formula, food etc. are being labeled with the child's initials and the date.

All parents: Please label your child's items, such as lunches, sippy cups, jackets, etc. Sometimes items fall out of cubbies and we don't know where it belongs. Please ensure name and date are on lunch boxes and sippy cups.

Many of our staff members have achieved great success in the field of Education.

- \*Kaylee Hughes- AS in Early Childhood Education
- \*Katie Embry-Bachelors degree in education.
- \*Whittley Davidson-CDA
- \*Danielle Dodson-CDA
- \*Chris Roberts- AS in Early Childhood Education
- \*Shannon Martin-Bachelors degree in education

College staff attending school for Education:

**Sadie Bennett**  
**Megan Nicoson**  
**Ashleigh Bechtold**  
**Lily Daher-Art Education**  
**Erin Harris**



The church and the children's center wing are both now owned by the University of Indianapolis. The college began in 1902 as a Methodist Affiliated institution. University Heights United Methodist Church was built in 1907, shortly after the university started.

The Children's Center wing was added in the late 50's. It was used for Sunday school rooms. As time went on and the need grew for childcare, the center began. At one time we had a summer camp for elementary age children and a kindergarten.



**Did you know....**

**An infants tonsils have taste buds??**

**A baby is born with 300 bones!**



# Fundraiser opportunities

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Throughout the year you will notice various fundraisers. You may wonder why is this necessary when tuition is already being paid? We are a non-profit, registered ministry. The majority of our funds are used for expenses of payroll, workmen's compensation insurance, liability insurance and general classroom needs.

Fundraisers allow us to purchase items not included in our budget.

Our last fundraiser was Chicago's Pizza dine and donate- next up is our envelope fundraiser in May. Info will be forth coming.

**Thank you for your support!**

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## Do you shop at Kroger?



We are a part of the **community rewards** program at Kroger. Every time you shop at Kroger, we receive a percentage of your purchase in a quarterly check. All you have to do is visit Kroger.com and designate your PLUS card. This is done by hitting the community tab, then community rewards. Search for us by name or number 10169. It's that easy!

**Who doesn't love to shop/donate at the same time?!**

