



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

## Children's Center News

Spring 2023

**News You Can Use!**

Spring is here! Children get to play outside, go on walks and windows can be opened for some fresh air!

Our new playground equipment is set for delivery around April, and installed in early May.

We cannot wait to see the children's eyes light up when they see the new playground!

New carpet and tile has been installed in the classrooms. It makes such a difference!

Other updates such as new cabinets, cameras in all of the rooms and new air conditioner units to replace older ones will be coming soon!

Spring is a time of renewal and it is appropriate that so many new things are coming our way!

Thanks to each of you for allowing us to care for your children.

We wipe faces, change diapers and clean boogies all with love!

Chris Roberts, Director

Kaylee Hughes, Assistant Director

**First day of Spring  
is  
March 20th**



Save the Date

**CLOSED**-April 7th  
Professional  
Development Day

**CLOSED**-May 29th  
Memorial Day

June 30th-  
Independence Day parade  
weather permitting

**CLOSED**-July 4th  
Independence Day  
(may be closed July 3,  
tbd)



## Weather Reminders

-This is a good time to check cubbies for size and season appropriate extra clothes.

-We try to go outside as much as possible. If you want your child to have a light jacket or hat, please bring those in.

-If your child is one or older, please make sure they are wearing shoes to school. This is a board of health regulation

-We recommend closed toed shoes, even when it's warm. This prevents toe injuries and keeps mulch out of shoes.

## Building Safety

Please be aware when you enter our building. Do not let anyone follow you in. If they do not have a key fob, they can buzz and ask for access to the building.

This is a measure that allows us to know who is coming and going in the building. We want your family and our staff to be as safe as possible.

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

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

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

**Please let the office know if you are interested.**

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

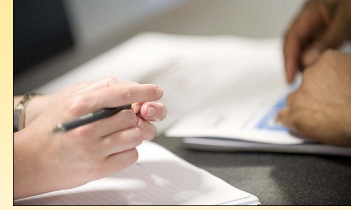
Fever free,  
Vomit free,  
Diarrhea free  
for 24 hours  
before returning  
to school.



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.

**Katie Kramer has returned to be the lead teacher in the Bears room. She is excited to be back with the little ones.**

**Welcome Taylor Leytham to the infant room. She is doing a great job.**

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

\*Katie Kramer-CDA

College staff attending school for Elementary Education:

Taryn Locke

Sadie Bennett

Megan Nicoson

Katelynn Graham

Hannah Gabbard

Lauren Cullison



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?**

**All babies are born ambidextrous.**

**Around the ages of 2 and 3, they begin to start using one hand over another.**



# 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 latest fundraiser earned \$910.85!  
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](http://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?!**

