



Asbury Community Christian Preschool and Clubhouse News



1 John 4:10

"God loved us and sent us his son."

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November Review

November seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye! Although it appeared to fly by, several exciting events and activities took place at Asbury throughout the month. We had a wonderful turn out for our Trunk or Treat event. Many thanks to all of the wonderful participants, trunk decorators, volunteers and visitors who helped make the event special!

Photographs from the event are available to view using the following link:

<https://chriskruparphotography.pixieset.com/asburytrunkortreat/>

We are also so very grateful for all of the donations toward Bella Machre, Baskets of Joy. We were able to provide them with four complete baskets and many additional donations for additional baskets.

Our Thanksgiving Chapels were wonderful, and the children's performances were outstanding. We were glad that so many families could join us. The Thanksgiving feast was a success. Thank you to all the many volunteers who donated food, helped with set up and clean up, and plated and served food. It was such an enjoyable event.

We hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with family and friends.

Christmas Chapel is Coming

On Wednesday December 20th, and Thursday December 21st, we will be having our family Christmas Chapel Services which will be held in Fellowship Hall. On Chapel days, Children should be dropped off at their classrooms at 9:30am, parents may go to Fellowship Hall and find seating. Children leave with parents following their chapel services and do not have class on their chapel days.

Chapel for 23A, 33F and 43F will be held on Wednesday December 20th at 10am. Chapel for 22A, 32A will be held on Thursday December 21st at 10am.

Children in 44A and 45F will be performing the nativity at both Chapel services. As Wednesday will be used as a dress rehearsal, parents in 44F or 45F should attend on Thursday, although you are welcome to attend both days if you would like. They will have regular classes on Wednesday

December 20th following the performance but no class on Thursday December 21st.

Friday December 22nd is our holiday parties in the classroom. Although this is a regular school day, we close at 3pm and there will be no afternoon extended care or clubhouse.

UPCOMING DATES

December: 12/14 Polar Express Pajama Day. 12/20&12/21 Family Christmas Pageants, 12/22-Asbury Preschool and Clubhouse closes at 3pm with no afternoon extended care or clubhouse. 12/22-1/2 Asbury closed for Christmas break. 12/24 Christmas Eve family chapel service 11am.

1/2 Classes resume, 1/8 Registration opens, 1/15 ACCPC closed for MLK, 1/19 ACCPC closed for PT conferences.

Open House, tours and re-enrollment for 2024-2025

It will soon be time to begin thinking about reenrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. In December we plan to host an open house for new families to come and tour our school and learn about Asbury Community Christian Preschool and Clubhouse, our curriculum and what sets us apart from other preschools in our area. If you would like to help as a school ambassador during the open house, please send an email to Natasha to receive further information.

Please help to spread the word to families you may know who are looking for a quality early childhood education for their children.

Enrollment forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted on our website on January 9th, 2024. Enrollment forms will be accepted in the following order:

Asbury United Methodist Church Members 1/8-1/12

Current Asbury Christian Preschool Families 1/15-1/19

New families beginning 1/22

To ensure your first choice of class, please return your registration form as soon as possible. Even though we enroll based on a points system, we still must receive your registration forms by the dates given to ensure your placement in the class of your choice.

Advent Calendar



You will notice in our lobby that we have a giant advent calendar made from boxes which contain advent stories, activities and gifts for the children to focus upon and learn about the meaning of Christmas. The children will visit the advent calendar with their teacher each day during class and explore what is hidden behind the door. Parents are welcome to visit the advent calendar with their children once a door has been opened to share in the experience with them.

** Reminder *

Students will go outside every day unless there is a weather advisory. Please make sure that your child is wearing a winter coat and has gloves and a hat. All personal items should be labeled with your child's name.



Weather Closing Policy

With winter fast approaching, I wanted to remind everyone of our inclement weather policy. Asbury Community Christian Preschool and Clubhouse will follow Anne Arundel County Schools inclement weather decision on the first day of a weather event. We will make an independent decision for subsequent days. Our decision will be posted on our Facebook page, website and Wbal by 6:30am.

If Anne Arundel County Public Schools close early for inclement weather, there will be no extended care or Clubhouse program and all children should be picked up from school as soon as the notification is sent out.



Asbury UMC News

Sunday Nursery

We're excited to announce that our Sunday Nursery at Asbury is now open during Worship Service!

Parents can register their little ones, ages infant through 3 years old, in advance on our website by using the QR code, www.asburyumcarnold.org, or simply before the service begins. For parents with small children, we have a dedicated "Wiggle Room" offering space for diaper changes and a TV streaming the service. Furthermore, children ages 4 and older can explore our engaging "Activity Bag" during the service. Need assistance? Don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers—they'll be more than happy to help you find whatever you need. We can't wait to welcome your little ones and make Sunday Worship a comfortable and enjoyable experience for the whole family.



Asbury Gives!

Just a friendly reminder about the Asbury Gives catalogs that have been sent home with your children. These catalogs feature a wonderful list of local non-profits in our area, offering fantastic opportunities for your family to contribute and make a difference in our community. What better way to celebrate the season than by giving a meaningful gift to support these organizations and, in turn, present a special birthday gift to Jesus? Use the QR code to take a look through the catalog together and discover how your generosity can truly impact our community. Let's join hands and spread hope this holiday season! Donations can be returned to the church office or made online under the Donate tab.

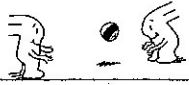


Early Years

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KID BITS



What's in the bag?

Inspire your child to explore her sense of touch. Secretly put an object in a paper lunch bag, and encourage her to reach in, carefully feel it, and try to identify it. You could choose objects with a variety of textures, such as feathers, rocks, and coins.

Speak up for yourself

Help your child learn to ask for what he needs and express his opinions by encouraging him to be assertive. You can give him opportunities to practice in everyday situations. For example, he could order his food in a restaurant, answer questions his doctor asks, and participate in conversations when you visit with relatives.

Car seat safety

Keep your child in a car seat and then a booster seat until she reaches the weight limit of each seat—even if your state's law doesn't require it. Studies show that staying in each seat as long as possible reduces her chances of being hurt in a crash. *Note:* Be sure she rides in the correct seat in other people's cars, too.

Worth quoting

"Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons." *Ruth Ann Schabacker*

Just for fun

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Snowflakes!



Hands-on math

For little ones, learning math starts with objects they can see, touch, and play with. Try these activities using familiar items to help your child recognize, count, and compare numbers.



Recognize

Your youngster can use Legos to practice recognizing numbers and putting them in order. Write the numbers 1–10 in washable marker on same-size bricks. Have your child mix up the Legos—can he stack them in the correct order? Encourage him to say each number as he goes.



Count

On separate sheets of paper, write big numbers (1–10). Let him draw the matching number of circles on each (1 circle on 1, 2 circles on 2, and so on). Now your child should count as he puts a small item in each circle. He might say, "1, 2, 3, 4, 5" while placing 5 buttons in the circles on 5.

Compare

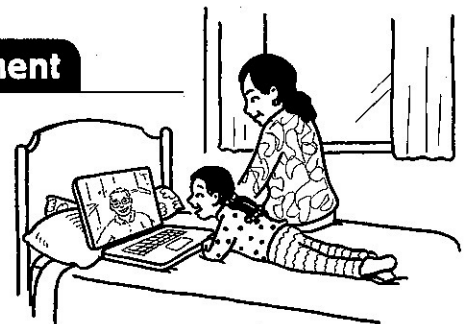
Are there more grapes or crackers on that plate? Your youngster can use math to find out. Suggest that he pair each grape with a cracker. Then, he could count the leftovers to see how many more of one food he has than another. ("There are four extra grapes.")♥

Dealing with disappointment

Does your child know how to "make lemonade when life gives her lemons"? Show her with these ideas.

● **Find the benefit.** Put a positive spin on something your youngster is upset about. Perhaps she has to wait until Monday to finish her art class project. You might say, "This weekend, you can have fun thinking about what you might add to your mural."

● **Brainstorm alternatives.** Say it snows and you have to cancel a trip to Grandpa's house. Help your youngster think of an idea that would make her and her grandfather happy. For instance, they might "visit" with a call or video-chat.♥



A coloring page for your little one

