



First Presbyterian Church

436 East Second St – Salem OH 44460 – 330.337.9555

The First Presbyterian Church Preschool has a long-standing reputation for success. We are excited to announce that now, in our 76th year of operation, the Preschool is preparing to reopen our doors for the 2021 - 2022 school year, after closing due to COVID-19 related issues.

What started as an unfortunate occurrence for our Preschool, has turned into a tremendous opportunity for us to reevaluate our needs and uncover areas in which it can be improved for the betterment of our church and local communities.

The 2021 - 2022 school year will be a truly exciting year for the preschool in many ways. But, for that to happen, we need your help.

The preschool is a direct ministry of the First Presbyterian Church and is under the supervision and guidance of a governing board. The Board of Trustees, composed of the Pastor, along with members of the church and community who have expertise or interest in education, early childhood development, and business development, are asking for contributions to help with the Preschool's immediate needs. We are grateful to those of you who will consider making a significant contribution to the "Preschool Permanent Fund" which will financially endow our Preschool into the future. We have set an annual operations budget of \$65,000 for the Preschool, which will allow us to:

1. **Hire a new director**, along with a qualified teaching staff, at a salary that is more acceptable for those in charge of shaping the future of our community's youth.
2. **Purchase items for the classrooms and playground**, which need to be updated to enhance the overall preschool experience.
3. **Offer an affordable tuition rate for families in our community**, offering tuition assistance, when necessary.

We are asking First Presbyterian Church members, alumni of the Preschool, and community friends to consider helping to sustain our well-established preschool through your financial support **by June 30**.

Donations like yours are what will help keep our Preschool operational today and for many years to come.

Thank you for your financial consideration and prayers in helping the First Presbyterian Church Preschool to inspire and provide bright futures for local children.

Sincerely,

Frank Zamarelli
President, Board of Trustees

Board of Trustees

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Carol Riccardi

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Pastor David Houdeschell



The Exciting Future of Our Preschool

The 2021 - 2022 academic year will look a little different for the First Presbyterian Church Preschool.

- The full-day, five-day-a-week program will combine the very best elements of preschool and daycare for 4- and 5-year-old children.
- The preschool staff will be dedicated to maintaining a positive and nurturing environment that promotes curiosity, creativity, and a caring spirit among the children.
- Our preschool will continue to have a Christian-themed environment where students of varying backgrounds and differing needs may come to learn and grow together.
- The Preschool will now follow Ohio's "Step Up To Quality" improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- Each child will independently and cooperatively develop the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical components needed for kindergarten readiness.

We are extremely grateful to the Preschool's past directors who shared their talents and love with thousands of First Presbyterian Preschool children over the years, including: Genevieve Dunn (who, in 1945, was invited to move her in-home kindergarten program into the educational wing of the church), Carol Ricciardi, Martha Justice, and Sue Skiba.



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Your donation to the First Presbyterian Church Preschool will make an impact in the life of a local child!

Your thoughtful contribution may be made through the following two ways:

1. Your check may be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church with “Preschool” noted on the memo line.
2. To make a credit card payment, visit the First Presbyterian Church’s website - www.fpcsalem.org. Click on the “Donate” tab to make an online contribution through the PayPal portal. After making a PayPal contribution, send an email to phyllis@fpcsalem.org to share your contribution was made via PayPal and is designated to the Preschool.

This contribution to the Preschool is from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address:

My gift is:

_____ In memory of: _____

_____ In honor of: _____

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Your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the law. **Please send contributions to: First Presbyterian Church, 436 East Second Street, Salem, Ohio 44460.**