

March 2019

Parent Newsletter

For Kids!

Children's Circle Preschool OF SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Letter from Cara Paul, Director

Dear Parents,
Parenting is full of ups and downs, highs and lows. So much of your state of mind is based on how your kids are doing. Maybe you've heard the saying, "You're only as happy as your least happy child." Very. True. Words.

This is the reality of parenting. When our children are doing well, are happy, or everything is clicking into place, we can sit back and enjoy the ride. When things are not going so smoothly for them, we experience every bump in the road right along with them. I have cried with my girls over bad grades, missed opportunities, relationships lost, and, while I have not felt exactly what they

were, I know I was pretty close.

And I am learning, this never goes away. Once a parent, always a parent. I still commiserate and worry with my girls about more grown up problems like getting an internship or finding a good roommate for next year. I call my mom every day on my way home from school and she celebrates my good days as much as she stressed over my bad ones. A parent's work is never done.

I have very recently written in this newsletter about building independence. That's a really important thing. But true

independence from our parents is rare. When relationships are strong and we spend time talking about both the good and bad in life, our children will know it is ok to call in the middle of the night and ask for help, guidance, or a shoulder to cry on, no matter how old they are. Those phone calls are tough, but they are the moments when my girls and I truly connect and deepen our bond. I know that those darker days have a blessing hidden in them.

Cara

Happening This Month!



**Pre-Kindergarten
Spring Program**
Celebrating the Arts!
Tuesday, March 12th
6:30p.m.

Enjoy music and art presented by our Pre-K children!
Watch for details from your child's teacher!



**2019 Summer School
BUGS!!**
Current families only!
Tuesdays & Thursdays
May 28-June 20

Online Registration opens
Monday, 3/11 @ 12:01 a.m.
Information coming home soon!

CCP Closed
March 25-29
Spring Break



What's Up With That?

March is a great month to fly kites! They are fun but did you know that Scientists use kites too?

Benjamin Franklin used a kite to discover that lightning is electricity. The Wright Brothers used kites to learn about flying before they built an airplane. Kites with special tools can measure wind in the air to tell us about the weather. Is that cool or what? I have a kite with a rainbow of colors. I love to watch the wind dip it up and down in the sky!

Ask mom and dad to take you outside this month to fly a kite. Hold on tight!



Important Calendar Dates

March 25-29	Closed-Spring Break
April 19	Closed for Good Friday
April 22	Building Closed-Easter Monday
May 13-17	Last Week of School
May 28	Summer School begins

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Happening at Second Church!



You Are Welcome!

Did you know that Second Church has an art gallery? It's located on the third floor in McFarland Hall.

Be sure to check out this exhibit!

Colorful Connections Through a Child's Eyes

Today through March 23rd, enjoy featured work from Greenbriar Elementary students!

Second Church partners with Greenbriar to provide volunteers who mentor and tutor students, support teachers and help with PTO events. For more information contact @

JMillholland@indy.rr.com

Second Presbyterian Steak Dinner!

Tuesday, April 30th

Welcomes our guest speaker!
Chris Ballard, General Manager
Indianapolis Colts

For more information go to

<https://www.secondchurch.org/steak>



Studio In Bloom
Saturday, March 9,
10:30 a.m.

McFarland Hall
String Quartet and
Children's Choir

Live chamber music with the freedom to create art, move and play. Curated for all ages to explore the music of Florence Price.

Part of the Florence Price Symposium, March 8-10
[@secondchurch.org](https://www.secondchurch.org)



March Book Window:
Being You!
Presented by our 2's!



Bible Time Adventure:
Jesus Does God's Work

The children will hear Bible stories this month that show how Jesus can do anything! In hearing how Jesus calmed the storm and healed the sick, children will begin to understand that Jesus cares for all kinds of people. When our children are scared or ill, Jesus is with them, just as he was with the people in these stories.

Vacation Bible School June 2019

Ice cream Kick off Sunday, 6/23 4pm

Monday-Friday, 6/24-28 9a-Noon

Into the Waters!

Mark your calendar now for this summer's fun and exciting week of Vacation Bible School. Through crafts, music, games, worship and more, this year's program promises to warm hearts and impact lives while providing a whole lot of fun for your children.

VBS is open to children
ages 4 (by 9/1/19)

through 5th grade (currently).

VBS extended day will be offered for children who would like a full day option.

Many of CCP's teachers help at VBS; Deb Leithauser, Karen Archbold, Karen Inlow, Chloe Skiles and Susan Flener love to participate!

Questions? Talk with Karen A.

Registration online begins March 1st!

www.secondchurch.org/VBS



Second Presbyterian Church is a community of faith that welcomes families of all faith backgrounds!
YOU ARE WELCOME!

March

Music & Movement



This Month's Theme: St Patrick's Day, Rain, Spring!



Irish Leprechaun (I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm an Irish leprechaun, tiny and wee.
I hide in the forest behind the trees.
If you ever catch me, you will see
A wish I'll grant as quick as can be!

Spring (Are You Sleeping)

It is springtime. It is springtime.
Winter's gone. Winter's gone.
Warmer days are coming.
Warmer days are coming.
It won't be long. It won't be long.



Rain (Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Rain, rain falling down, falling on the ground.
Pitter patter, pitter patter, what a lovely sound.

House (chant)

Here is a nest for a blue bird. (Cup hands together)
Here is a hive for a bee. (Clasp hands to make a ball)
Here is a hole for a bunny. (With one hand, make a little circle with two fingers. Put up two fingers on the other hand to make a bunny.)
And here is a house for me. (Using index fingers & thumbs on both hands, make a triangle—then "sign" I LOVE YOU!)



Raining (Are You Sleeping?)

It is raining, it is raining
On my head, on my head.
Pitter patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops,
I'm all wet. I'm all wet.
Hear the thunder. Hear the thunder.
Hear it crash, hear it crash.
Pitter patter raindrops, pitter patter raindrops,
I'm all wet. I'm all wet.

Five Speckled Frogs

Five green speckled frogs sat on a speckled log
Eating the most delicious bugs. Yum-Yum.
One jumped into the pool where it was nice & cool.
Now there are four green speckled frogs.
(Repeat: counting 0- No green speckled frogs)



March Nursery Rhyme:

Humpty Dumpty



Instruments: shakers, maracas, bells,
rhythm sticks, triangles,
hand bells & xylophones