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Dear Parents,

Very soon it will be December! Our classrooms will begin to be full with Christmas spirit, stories, art and music that will focus on this wonderful season. We will have fun talking about Rudolph and Santa, but we'll emphasize the true story of God's love for us as shown through the birth of His Son, Jesus. We will also participate in the joy of giving to others during this season by bringing to Chapel a small gift for a needy child. This is done instead of exchanging gifts among students. These special gifts will be given to Cross Cultural Ministries for distribution to children in the Chamblee-Doraville area. More information about this is detailed later in this newsletter. We hope, too, this will be a meaningful and happy experience for the children. Also, during our Chapel services our Kindergarten students will perform a special program called "This is The Stable."

While this is a very busy season for us all, I pray that each of our Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten families will find time in the hustle and bustle to experience the wonder of Christmas through special times with family and friends. On behalf of the entire staff we wish for the joy and love of the Christmas season to dwell in your hearts now and throughout the coming year!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, December 7	Last Cooking class for the semester
Wednesday, December 8	Last Gameday class for the semester
Wednesday, December 8	<b>Chapel 9:15 am for Kindergarten, Ms. Kester's class and Ms. Germann's class.</b> Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate
Thursday, December 9	<b>Chapel 9:15 am for Ms. Payne's class, Ms. Heather's class and Ms. Clemens' class.</b> Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate
Thursday, December 9	School closes at NOON for staff Christmas luncheon (NO LUNCH BUNCH, Kindergarten dismissed at noon)
Sunday, December 12	CFUMC Live Nativity, outside on the front lawn, 6:00 pm
Monday, December 13	Last Ballet class for the semester
Tuesday, December 14	School closes at NOON - Christmas break (NO LUNCH BUNCH)
Tuesday, January 4	School closes at 1:00 for Kindergarten
Monday, January 10	School opens for second semester
Tuesday, January 11	PreK information meeting at 9:15 am
Wednesday, January 12	Kindergarten information meeting at 9:15 am
Thursday, January 13	<b>Chapel 9:15 am for Kindergarten, Ms. Kester's class, Ms. Germann's, Ms. Clemens' class and Ms. Herring's class</b>
Monday, January 17	<b>Chapel 9:15 am for Ms. Payne's class, Ms. Heather's class, Ms. Summer's class and Ms. Roxanne's class.</b>
Thursday, January 20	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 25	Registration for 2022-2023 school year Church, current CMK, and PMO families
Thursday, January 26	Registration for 2022-2023 school year – alumni families Registration open for all new families

**CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR CROSS CULTURAL MINISTRIES**

During this season of giving we have partnered with a local after-school program for children in need in the Chamblee area. Cross Cultural Ministries provides a safe, fun place for children to go after school for homework help, mentoring and a safe place while parents are at work. We have gladly held a toy drive for Christmas for these children age PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please see the attached flyer for suggested items to donate.

For ages 3, 4 and 5 classes we will be collecting toys during our chapel services on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> see above for the date your child's class will be in chapel. For our age 2 children you may send in a toy to be donated any day between now and December 9.

Thank you for helping us make Christmastime special for others. Please know that no one is required to participate in this project; we understand that your family may be choosing to honor the season in another way or could be helping with projects at many different schools and churches.

## CFUMC FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks for your generous outpouring of food donations at our November Chapel services. With your help, the church congregation made Thanksgiving baskets for people in the community. We try to let the children know that this type of giving demonstrates our love for Jesus: "I assure you, when you did it for one of the least of these, you were doing it for me" (Matt. 25:40).



## SPECIAL EVENTS AT CHAMBLEE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please go to Chamblee First United Methodist Church website ([chambleeumc.org](http://chambleeumc.org)) to learn about several upcoming holiday events, to sign up to receive an Advent box, participate in parents Night Out and to learn about the special services of Live Nativity, Christmas Lessons and Carols, the longest night service and Christmas Eve services.

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR NEXT SEMESTER

If your child is currently enrolled in an enrichment class but will not be continuing after December, please let the instructor know now so spots can be filled by other students if available. It's also very helpful to let the CMK office know, so please email Mellie at [mokeefe@chambleeumc.org](mailto:mokeefe@chambleeumc.org) if your child is not going to continue with enrichment.

## REGISTRATION FOR '22-'23 SCHOOL YEAR

A few parents have already asked about registration for next year, so we want to let you know that registration for current families will begin on **Thursday, January 20**. You'll have about a week or so to register before we open registration to the public on **January 26**. ALL currently enrolled PMO students, 2s, and 3s are guaranteed a spot in the program if you register before January 26. If we have more rising kindergarten students than openings, we will assign spots based on several factors like church membership and the length of time the family has been at CMK. More details on registration will be available later; we just want you to have the dates now. Please help us spread the word about our special school and registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

## INFORMATION MEETINGS ABOUT PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN AT CMK

We will have two special one-hour meetings in January for all parents (both current and new) who want more information about our PreK classes and our Kindergarten class. The information meeting to learn more about PreK will be on **Monday, January 10** at 9:15 am. The information meeting to learn more about Kindergarten will be on **Tuesday, January 11** at 9:15 am. Please mark your calendars now since these meetings will happen shortly after school re-opens in January. Also, feel free to invite neighbors and friends who may be interested in our private faith-based school for PreK and Kindergarten. Our small class size and low student-teacher ratio are great benefits of our program.

If you do not have a rising pre-k or kindergarten student but wish to attend either of these meetings to get an early idea of what to expect in the future, you are more than welcome! Even if you feel certain of your choices at this point, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these meetings so that you will be completely knowledgeable about what CMK has to offer your student.