

CDP Good News



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at Highland Park United Methodist Church

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Who is This Little Child?

By: Carolyn Lewis

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And He laid His hands on them and blessed them. Matthew 19:14-15

Who is the little child of whom Jesus spoke? What is his or her spiritual makeup? Those who are in any way connected with young children as parents, grandparents, friends and teachers know who they are: full of energy, questions, laughter and tears.

In fact, they are not much different spiritually:

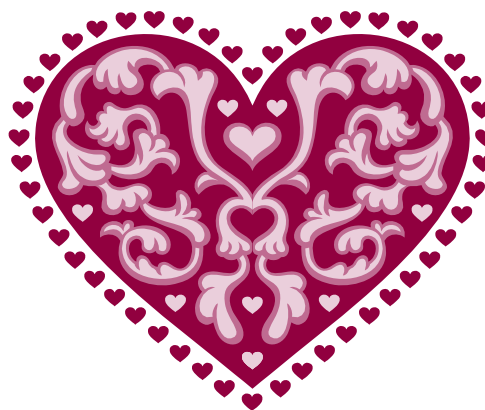
tenacious	honest	spontaneous	
joyful	direct	playful	curious
trusting	energetic	sensorial	innocent
forgiving	accepting	imaginative	unselfconscious

Not yet at the age of reason, young boys and girls have:

- absorbent minds, soaking up all that is around them;
- a capacity to "see" the invisible, to accept with faith what is taught them;
- an incredible capacity for prayer, not the wordy, sometimes surface prayer of adults, but deep communion with God, receiving God's love and hearing God's voice;
- an inner drive to grow and learn;
- a need for order and a need for movement;
- a capacity for silence and a capacity for contemplation.

As families and as a church school, what a privilege we have to offer these young ones in our care the richest spiritual food, the deepest truths our faith has to offer!

Lord, help us to prepare for our children each day our very best offerings so that they are nurtured and can grow in Your love. Amen.





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 Dallas Dalby, Dad's Night
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 Fantastic Fridays

Parents' Club By: Allison Leigh, Parents' Club President

Parents' Club is looking forward to a super Spring Semester and to our ONE & ONLY fundraiser for CDP! Mark your calendars for **April 29, 2010!** Get connected and volunteer for the carnival! It takes an army of dedicated volunteers to pull it all together! Our Carnival Chairs are the smashing duo, Jaynell & Dallas Dalby! They have written a little ditty about this year's event:

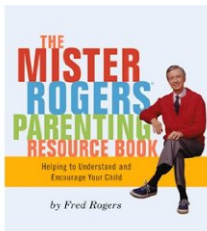
*Does the weather have
 your teeth chattering?
 Then think sand, sun and
 surf!!! That's right...it's
 time to mark your
 calendars for:*

***A Day at The Beach
 Thurs, April 29, 5 - 7pm***

*Plan to catch a wave on a
 bounce house slide or fish
 for The BIG ONE at the
 game stations. Look for
 more sunshine information
 to come your way.*

Also, time to start recruiting for the 2010-2011 Parents' Club Board. Please be thinking if you would be interested in serving in any of the positions. In February, we will send out more information about the positions & application form. Please prayerfully consider being involved in an integral part of the CDP.

Carolyn's Favorite Parent Resources:



The Mr. Rogers' Parenting Book: *Helping to Understand Your Young Child*
 by: Fred Rogers

In addition to practical assistance with parenting in general, this book offers specifics in dealing with the everyday facets of family life as well as the more difficult situations that can arise for families.

Included are sections on mealtime, everyday rules and routines, children and media, fears, making friends, bedtime, going to

the doctor and dentist, adjusting to child care, helping children deal with tragic events in the news, the new baby, siblings, moving, illness and death, toilet training, separation and divorce and a number of others.

Mr. Rogers helps us to understand how things seem from a child's point of view and then offers

practical guidance to parents on loving and logical ways to assist a child through the routine and the tough places that are bound to arise during childhood. This is the book that I most often lend to parents who seek help with parenting issues. It is available through

Amazon and at many book stores.

Advisory Council By: Megan Harrison, Advisory Council Chair

As we gear-up for our annual Spring Carnival, many parents often wonder, “**How are Carnival proceeds allocated?**”

So, here are the facts!

Past Allocations:

For several years carnival proceeds were earmarked for playground improvements and other similar projects.

2009 Carnival Proceeds:

In 2009 the Spring Carnival grossed a total of \$15,820. (What a huge success!) A portion of these funds were earmarked towards the purchase of new technology for the school.

The Hatch System:

After much research, Christi Hernandez has identified a system that we believe will work best for our school. This system is called the Hatch System and features a touch-screen format that will be implemented in our three-year-old classrooms, along with a traditional computer set-up for our four-year old classrooms, with primarily mouse-

driven educational software installed.

Why Hatch?

Two of the most important features of this system are the maintenance and support functions that will facilitate a more user friendly environment for our staff.

Needs and Cost:

The CDP needs a total of eleven Hatch units and each unit costs a total of \$1,971.23 each, for a grand total of \$21,683.55.

Paying for Hatch:

At our November meeting, the CDP Advisory Council voted to proceed with the previously agreed upon technology earmark, and allocate \$7,000 from the 2009 carnival proceeds towards the purchase of the Hatch computers. This allocation will cover approximately one third of the total cost.

At the same November meeting, the CDP Advisory Council voted to utilize CDP “reserve funds” in order to cover the remainder of the cost in order to avoid a piecemeal purchase of the

systems for the classrooms. In doing so, the three and four-year old classrooms will get to enjoy the entire system at the same time.

The Advisory Council further recommended that proceeds up to an additional \$7,000 from the 2010 Carnival should be given back to the CDP to replenish these “reserve funds.”

Remaining Funds:

Proceeds exceeding the \$7,000 allocation from the 2009 Carnival are utilized to supplement Parents’ Club membership dues, which in turn allows Parents’ Club to fulfill Teacher Wish-Lists, host Teacher Appreciation Events, and support other fellowship activities for the school.

2010 Carnival Goals:

In keeping with this methodology, any funds exceeding the \$7,000 earmark of proceeds from the 2010 Carnival will also be utilized by Parents’ Club in order to maintain fulfillment of those items listed above.



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Click above to learn more about the Hatch Systems.





In December, the All-day fours children sang for the Senior Adult Christmas luncheon.



The December Barnes and Nobles Fellowship Event made approximately \$300 for the CDP Library. Thank you to all who attended.



CDP Students enjoy their new "Wish List" items provided by the Parents' Club. Items included age appropriate educational toys and games for each class.

News to Note at the CDP

- Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Food Drive to replenish area food bank shelves and to the Wilkinson Center Hat-Glove-Scarf collection in December. The generosity of our families and the example you set for your children is truly heart-warming!

Admission letters from the 2010-2011 school year will be sent to returning and

prospective families in mid-February. We have had a very successful admissions period with a very high percentage of CDP families returning for the new year. Thanks for your confidence in our teachers, for sharing your children with us and for sharing the CDP good news!

Please note that tuition for Fall 2010 for preschool families will be due at the

end of February.

Please avoid parking in the fire lane or in the drive-through lane in front of the CDP office and the Wallace building so that those who park in the regular parking spaces can back out safely. Please pass this message along to anyone who drops off or picks up your child from school. Thanks!

News to Note at HPUMC

- Those interested in making a contribution to the relief efforts for the people of **Haiti** may do so by visiting the church website, or [click here](#).
- Organ Concerto Dedication concert featuring Bradley Hunter Welch and Chris Brunt on the new HPUMC organ. Sunday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. No ticket required.
- All CDP families are invited to the **Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner on Wed., Feb. 17**, 6:00-6:45 p.m. prior to the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Need more information and dinner reservations? Call 214-523-2286. KidCare reservations for the service: 214-523-2201.
- Would you like for your four- or five-year-old to sing in the HPUMC children's choir? How about your older children? Contact Terrie Preskitt-

Brown at 214-523-2205 for more information. Choirs meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

- Bring your little one to the HPUMC NewSong Children's musical, *Table for Five... Thousand* (the miracles of the loaves and fishes) on Sunday, February 21, 4:00 p.m., Wesley Hall. Bring a canned good to help reach the goal of 5,000 cans for the food drive.
- A class in CPR will be offered at the church on Sunday, February 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. by Cheryl Morgan EMS Safety Services instructor. Learn how to handle emergencies in the same course CDP teachers take and earn a two-year certification. Contact Cheryl at 214-348-4788 or morgancpr@sbcglobal.net Cost: \$30. Childcare available by calling 214-523-2201. \$5 per child.

• Interested in an adult Sunday School class? HPUMC has many classes for both couples and singles! [Click here](#) to see the variety of classes available for fellowship and for spiritual growth.

• If you know someone who is in an abusive relationship and would like information about what you can do to help, contact the VIP Ministry at 214- 523-2123.

• Check out the Children's Ministry's new website: [PARENT TOOLS AND RESOURCES](#) for parents of young children ages 2-5, check out our website for weekly bible stories, bible verses, home activities, computer games and more!





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Family Celebration in Cox Chapel

Please join us as we sing and celebrate
God's light and love in our lives.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25
"God is love."

For your calendar on the refrigerator door . . .

January 29	Deadline for new families to submit application form and fee – remind your friends!
February 15	CDP closed for Presidents' Day – teachers in in-service training
February 23 & 24	Classes photos taken at school
February 24 & 25	Family Celebration, Cox Chapel
February 26	Fall 2010 tuition due for half-day preschool families

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, April 29 – CDP Carnival

Outreach

Do You Know about HPUMC's DONATION DROP?

HPUMC has now coordinated its process to channel donations of useful items that can be used by others in the Dallas area. Do you have any these items that you would like to pass along to families who might need them?

- Household goods including dishes, bed and bath linens, furniture, decorative items, rugs, drapes, shower curtains
- Baby equipment: beds, car seats, swings, changing table, etc.
- Clothing for men, women, teens, children
- Toys, books, games for children and teens
- Anything you consider a treasure but no longer have a use for

The many local ministries supported by the church help families get on their feet by setting them up in apartments, assist those coming out of prison with clothing and job training, help families who need clothing for both parents and children, and in many other ways. Simply bring items to the church and drop off at the Donation Drop. It is located on the third floor landing near the "old" elevator. Take the elevator near room 140, go to third floor and there's the bin. If you have larger like furniture donations that need to be picked up, please contact **Jennifer Tankersley at 214-523-2269**. Thanks for sharing those things that will help someone in need to have a new start in life!