

First United Methodist 
Preschool
& Children's Day Out

First United Methodist Church recognizes parents as the primary faith givers and teachers of their young children. We join in partnership to help each child develop to his/her full potential.

WE BELIEVE LEARNING OCCURS WHEN

- children are loved, accepted and respected
- teacher/child ratios are low
- the total environment is child-centered
- children are comfortable and free:
 - to experience
 - to discover
 - to interact with peers
 - to express themselves
 - to develop independence
 - to make choices

OUR CURRICULUM. . .

Our program is carefully designed to promote the physical, social, mental, and spiritual development of the young child. We implement the HighScope Curriculum (www.highscope.org) in our classrooms. This research validated approach provides an active participatory learning experience that builds essential school readiness skills. The HighScope approach to learning promotes independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, persistence, and problem solving in young children. Christian principles are woven into the fabric of every day interaction among children and adults.

OUR CLASSES. . .

*2 day classes for
toddlers, twos & threes
3 day classes for threes & fours
4 day classes for fours & fives
(See attached class options)*



The daily schedule is planned to provide a balance of activities:

- indoor/outdoor
- quiet/active
- individual/small & large group
- gross motor skills/fine motor skills
- child initiated/teacher initiated

OUR TEACHERS. . .

Because the first six years of a child's life are the most formative, teachers are selected carefully:

- Educated teachers who demonstrate knowledge and experience in early childhood education.
- Teachers who share their growing personal faith in appropriate ways with young children.

We invite you to visit!

**Contact Director, Lindsay Kinsinger
at 785-776-7030 or
preschool@fumcmanhattan.com**

www.fumcmanhattan.com/preschool

2023-2024 CLASS OPTIONS AND FEES

A non-refundable registration fee of \$75/child or \$100/family is due at enrollment

ALL CLASSES MEET 9 AM-1 PM*

**All children will have lunch that is brought from home*

CLASS PLACEMENT IS BASED ON CHILD'S AGE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

18 months – 36 months

2 teachers/8-10 children

2 day classes

Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

\$180/month

PRESCHOOL

3 – 5 year olds

Children must be fully potty trained. No pull ups

Two day classes- 3 year olds

Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

2 teachers/10 children

2 day classes

\$180/month

Three day classes- 3 or 4 year olds

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

2 teachers/14 children

\$230/month

Four day classes- 4 or 5 year olds

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

2 teachers/14 children

\$280/month

All tuition is prorated over the 9 month school term into equal monthly amounts with the May 2024 payment due July 1, 2023 to guarantee your child's placement. Subsequent payments are due the 1st of each month, September – April. Enrollment termination requires notice at least 30 days prior to a student's last day. Parents are responsible for any tuition/fees for 30 days after notice is provided or from the child's last day of attendance, whichever date occurs later. A child's attendance for any portion of a month will require full payment of that month's tuition. Failure to provide timely notice will require an additional payment equal to one month's tuition.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL/CDO
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE
2023-2024**

1. Submit a completed application form with the non-refundable registration fee of \$75/child or \$100/family.
2. After a priority enrollment period for returning families and church members, **new family applications will be accepted as of March 6 for the upcoming school year.** All enrollment applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.
3. New families will participate in a school visit to ensure the Director has met one or both parents *and* the prospective student.
4. In the event of large, accepted enrollment, preferences will be given in the following order:
 - a. Currently enrolled students and their siblings
 - b. Children of FUMC members
 - c. Siblings of formerly enrolled students.
 - d. Children of families NEW to all programs and not included in a, b, or c.
5. **Children's eligibility for requested classes is based on their age on September 1.**
After consultation with the parents, it is the responsibility of the Director to place the student in the class that will provide the greatest opportunity for success. Special placement requests may be noted on the enrollment form, **but no guarantees are made and should not be assumed or counted on.** Upon successful enrollment, the applicant will be notified of his/her class placement.
6. First United Methodist Preschool has limited scholarship funds available. Tuition aid is made available for the school term in which you are enrolling your child and must be applied for every year your child re-enrolls. To be considered eligible for tuition aid, the parent/guardian must submit an application with supporting information. Application forms are available through Director, Lindsay Kinsinger in the Preschool Office. All information received on the application will remain confidential.

First United Methodist Preschool & Children's Day Out is a state licensed, non-profit, non-discriminatory program. Enrollment is open to persons of all races, color, national or ethnic origins, and religions. Required entrance age refers to the child's age on September 1 of the school year for which they are enrolling. Children enrolling in preschool classes must be completely toilet trained (no pull-ups).