

Special points of interest:

- A letter from the President of UMAP TN
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Save the Date Child Care Ministries Conference
- New Interpretation of Ruling for Non Licensed Facilities

December 8, 2011

“ I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made...”Psalm 139:14



It's a God!

A group of first graders decided that for this pageant they would produce their very own Christmas program. They produced their own updated nativity story. All the major characters were there...Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, the wise men from afar...but where was Mary?

Shortly after the production began, there was heard some moaning and groaning coming from behind the bales of straw...Mary was in labor!

A first grader doctor with a white coat and black bag was ushered onto the stage and then disappeared with Joseph behind the bales of straw. After a few moments, the doctor emerged from behind the bales of straw with a jubilant smile on his face and holding a baby in his arms. With great drama in his presence, he solemnly announced in a loud voice, to the audience: "It's a GOD!"

Taken from Mini Moments for Christmas by Robert Strand

Have a Christmas full of fun, friends, family and most of all faith in a living God who sent His son so that we might live forever.

JoyFully,
Gayle Callis
UMAP TN President



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2012

(SNOW DATE: FEBRUARY 2ND)

TIME~ 6:30-8:30 PM



**LOCATION: TN CONFERENCE OFFICE AT 304
S. PERIMETER PARK DR. SUITE 1 NASHVILLE
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**



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DESSERT AND BONNY'S FA-
MOUS TEA!**



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Save the Date!!!



Child Care Ministries Conference

Presents

“...wonderfully made!”

Psalm 139:14

Saturday, March 03, 2012

Hendersonville First UMC

217 E Main St, Hendersonville, TN 37075

Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, state approved workshops, vendors, and lunch.

Keynote speaker: **Kevin Kidd... The Enrichertainer**

What People are Saying:

"...He has a knack for targeting issues that kids, teachers, and parents face every day with simple, but inviting tunes and lyrics that everyone can learn easily..."

~Nancy Brannon, Minister of Children Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, WV

Cost includes lunch: (sandwich, chips, drink and desert)

*UMAP member school staff - \$30 each

*Non-member school staff - \$35 each

*CPR and First Aid classes track is an additional \$10 per class per person

Conference Schedule:

Check-in 7:30am coffee and doughnuts

Keynote 8:00

1st session 8:45

5th session 2:30 (total 6 credit hrs possible)

TN-UMAP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of May 31, 2011, TN-UMAP has 33 members!

ORGANIZATION MEMBERS:

Andrew Price Playschool (Nashville)
Bartlett UM Preschool (Bartlett)
Belle Meade Children's Center (Nashville)
Bethlehem Preschool (Franklin)
Blakemore Children's Center (Nashville)
Brentwood Methodist Day School (Brentwood)
Calvary Young Children's School (Nashville)
Children First (Hendersonville)
City Road Child Care Center (Madison)
Criewood Childcare (Nashville)
Donelson Heights Early Childhood Program (Nashville)
Franklin First United Methodist Preschool (Franklin)
Grace UMC Preschool (Mt. Juliet)
HUM School for Little People (Hermitage)
Lewisburg First UMC Day Care (Lewisburg)
Little Lambs of Good Shepherd (Hendersonville)
Monterey United Methodist Agape Preschool (Monterey)
Mountain View Methodist Day School (Kingsport)
Murfreesboro First United Methodist Preschool (Murfreesboro),
South End United Methodist Preschool (Nashville)
St. Mark's Preschool and PDO (Murfreesboro)
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Preschool (Johnson City)

Michelle McBroom (Dodson Chapel Pre-K teacher)
Lynne Paredes (UMAP Board)
John E. Sanders (TN DHS Childcare Assessment Program and licensed local pastor)
Joy Shaver (Christ Church, Memphis)
Marilyn Sheron (Christ Church, Memphis),
Starr Strickland (UMAP Board)

UMAP-TN's New Membership Year to Begin in January 2012

January 2012 will mark the beginning of TN United Methodist Association of Preschools' seventh year! Letters with membership information and application forms were mailed December 1, 2011, to all churches within the TN Conference of the United Methodist Church that are known to have weekday ministry preschool programs. Anyone who did not receive a letter who is interested in what UMAP-TN has to offer in the way of special faith based support and discounted training is encouraged to fill out the application form through the link on the UMAP-TN website www.umaptn.com or contact Starr Strickland at ncstarr@bellsouth.net or 615-391-4864 for further information.

Membership in UMAP-TN runs January through December of each year. Membership applications and checks made out to UMAP-TN are due by January 31 and are to be mailed to UMAP-TN, c/o St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN

New Interpretation of Ruling for Non Licensed Facilities

Changes in the interpretation
on ruling 1240-04-01-.03
Exemptions from Licensure

"A "Parents' Day Out" or similar programs carried on by churches or church organizations that provide custodial care and services for children of less than school age for not more than two (2) days in each calendar week for not more than six (6) hours each day;"

This ruling has typically been interpreted that as long as any individual child did not attend for more than two days, the program could be open for as many days as needed. The



new interpretation, to our understanding, is that these programs may not be open for more than two days. If the site chooses to stay open for more than two days they will need to become a licensed facility.

I have spoken with the Inspector General's office

and as of this time they are not changing this interpretation. It is however being researched. They are looking at other states to see how they address this issue. The hope is that something will be decided soon.

This will obviously impact many of our faith based programs. If you have any questions or have been approached by DHS about this please let me know.

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Chat n' Chew

January 12,

11:30 to 1p.m.

Franklin First UMC.

Roger Dinwiddie, Director of STARS will be speaking on "Bullying".

March 29,

11:30 - 1 p.m.

Hermitage UMC.

Hunter Gast is speaking to us on the subject of autism.