

## Curriculum

The Creative Curriculum will be used in the preschool classes. The Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will use the MSDE Approved curriculum that follows MSDE guidelines and expectations.

An additional Christian curriculum referred to as ORANGE will be taught by EUMC pastors and used in combination in all the classes. The curriculum will be intentional by acknowledging Jesus as Lord and referring to Jesus as a “special friend” as an age-appropriate way to describe this understanding. Prayers will be made in the name of Jesus when offered. Core Scripture is **John 15:5** [Jesus] *I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me you won't be able to do anything.* The teaching of this core verse emphasizes God's greatest gift. Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten is part of the larger Family Discipleship Ministry of Epworth United Methodist Church. Christian components will be taught by members of Epworth Family Discipleship team. In addition to interface with our Director, Linda Wolff Gaviria, families will hear from our Family Ministry staff and our Family Discipleship Minister, Families are not required to be members of Epworth to attend EPK. For information on beliefs and structure please see [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org) or email Pastor Jennifer Fenner at [Jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org](mailto:Jennifer.fenner@eumc-md.org) or Pastor Tammi Brantley at [tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org](mailto:tammi.brantley@eumc-md.org).

## Lessons on God's Love

Children will learn about God's love and how this can be practiced in their lives through “The Fruit of the Spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Children will focus on one or two Bible stories every month in a format that

## Mission Statement

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten is an educational mission of Epworth United Methodist Church which provides quality educational programs within a warm, nurturing Christian environment so that children will grow to become lifelong learners and have greater opportunity to become people of faith in the community.

## Educational Philosophy

Epworth offers to its preschool and kindergarten children a comfortable, supportive atmosphere that fosters creative activities and individual growth through experimentation and exploration.

Children are unique individuals with varying rates of growth, capabilities and interests. They learn through trial and error, pleasure, imitation, participation and communication. Through the use of our physical space and child-size equipment, Epworth has designed a learning center that provides children numerous opportunities to use their senses, muscles, curiosity and language.

Our instructional goals are to provide age-appropriate activities and experiences in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Music, Art and Physical Education. Qualified teachers implement the curriculum in these areas by using materials and equipment that are consistent with the development of children ages 2 through 5 years.

Limitations and boundaries have been set to ensure safety and a feeling of security, but not to the extent of stifling enthusiasm and imagination. Our goal is to assist children in developing a feeling of caring and sharing with others, self-awareness and self-assurance. All preschool and kindergarten class curricula are approved through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

# Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten *Established 1981*



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

*Building the Foundations  
of Learning for over 40 Years!*

**2023-2024  
Registration Brochure**

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[www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org) (EUMC)

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9008 Rosemont Drive  
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*Important Dates to Remember!*

Student Medical Forms – Due August 2, 2023

September Tuition/Activity Fee – Due August 2, 2023

Registration Fee and May 2024 Tuition – Due At registration



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Epworth United Methodist Church

helps them take practical application home in their minds and hearts.

## Admissions Policies

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten does not discriminate in the administration of its educational/admissions policies, scholarship programs, or any other academic, athletic, or other school-administered programs.

**2-Year-Olds:** Children must be 2 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**3-Year-Olds:** Children must be 3 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Children must be 4 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.\*

**Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten:** Children must be 5 by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Classes

*The following sessions will be offered during the 2023-2024 school year:*

**2-Year-Olds** (age 2 by 9/1/23)

*Student/Teacher Ratio: 12/2*

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday

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**3-Year-Olds** (age 3 by 9/1/23)

*Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2*

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

**Pre-Kindergarten** (age 4 by 9/1/23)

*Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2 or 15/2*

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

**Transitional Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten** (age 5 by 11/1/23)

*Student/Teacher Ratio: 18/2*

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

**\*Waiver for Early Entrance:** Early entrance is only available for Pre-Kindergarten with a limited number of waivers offered on a space-available basis. In order to be considered, children must turn 4 between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year.

## Registration

***Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins in February 2023 on a first-come, first-serve basis.***

### **Registration for EPK Families Begins Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Registration opens for staff members, current students and their siblings. Parents will submit completed registration forms online and submit payment in person or mail a check for the registration fee. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Public Registration Begins Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

Public registration is offered to all families in the community who are interested in enrolling their children in our program. Public registration will be conducted online and by mail. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Important Information for Registration**

Submit your registration form noting 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> choices. Registration payment is required at this time.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Phone Notification Date. Parents will be contacted by phone regarding their child's placement.

## Tuition & Fees

### **Registration Fee**

The non-refundable amount due at registration is a **\$95** registration fee plus May 2024 tuition.

### **Monthly Tuition Payment**

September tuition and the annual activity fee are due August 2<sup>nd</sup>. October - April tuition is due the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Parents are responsible for submitting tuition by the due date. Tuition paid after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month will be assessed a late fee of \$10. A 10% tuition discount is offered for younger siblings and multiples attending class the same school year.

### **2-Year-Old Program**

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$335**

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$385**

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Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$385**

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$530**

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$385**

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **\$530**

### **Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten**

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **\$635**

### **Refunds**

The registration fee and tuition deposit are non-refundable. There are absolutely no refunds. There will be no exceptions.

## Additional Information

### **Activity Fee**

Children will participate in a variety of programs that are both entertaining and educational. The fee varies by age and helps to offset the costs of these

programs. It is due with September tuition by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **School Year**

An annual calendar is published and distributed in the Parent Handbook.

Preschool classes are in session from Labor Day through Memorial Day.

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten begins in late August or early September and ends at the end of May, based on the MSDE-required 173 days of instruction.

## Come Visit Epworth!

We invite parents to visit Epworth and learn about our wonderful educational programs!

Please email Early Childhood Education Director Mrs. Linda Wolff Gaviria to request a tour.

We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms, so please contact the Preschool Office to schedule a visit!

**Please contact EPK by email at [epworth.preschool@eumc-md.org](mailto:epworth.preschool@eumc-md.org) 301-977-3421**

***Thank you for your interest in Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten!***