

Ford's Chapel United Methodist
Mother's Day Out & Kindergarten
February 2010

864-0888



Upcoming Events:

Feb. 1st – 5th – Registration open for currently enrolled MDO students and siblings for 2010/2011 school year
Feb. 5th at 1:00 pm – Registration open to ALL for 2009/2010
Feb. 12th – Parent's Night Out(details below)
Feb 14th – Valentine's Day
Feb 15th – President's Day – **NO SCHOOL**
March 15th - 19th – Spring Break – No School

REGISTRATION

Registration opens February 1st for currently enrolled children and their siblings for the 2010/2011 school year. Plan to register the first week of February to benefit from the reduced registration fee of \$40. Registration forms received after 12:00 noon on February 5th must have a \$50 registration fee. Spaces fill up fast and we fill the spots on a first come first serve basis. Our space is limited and we must make the most efficient use of our available space. We will register children for 5, 3 and 2 days (MWF; T/TH; or M-F). In the nursery, you may register for one day a week. Two, three and four year olds must register for MWF, T/TH or 5 days a week. Our kindergarten program is 5 days a week.

Parent's Night Out

On February 12th, the youth will be hosting a babysitting fundraiser to help raise money for miscellaneous cost for the Encounter retreat. The babysitting night will be from 5:30 - 9:30pm at the church. Dinner will be provided along with games, crafts, and a movie. Reservations must be turned in by 12 noon on February 11th to have enough food and adult chaperones. To reserve your spot contact Jonathan Venable at jonathan@fordschapel.org or call 256-542-8127

Do everything in Love.

1 Cor. 16:14

FORD'S CHAPEL

United Methodist

Worship Services:

	9:00am – 10:00am* – Contemporary Service/ Sanctuary
	10:00am – 10:15am – Fellowship Time/ Family Life Center
	10:15am – 10:50am – Sunday School/ All Ages
	11:00am – 12:00 noon – Traditional Service/ Sanctuary

*A nursery attendant is available for both services for children 2 and younger.

*Young Worshippers for 3yr to Kindergarten.

Monthly Curriculum

Feb. 1 - 5	Dental Health/Letter O/Number 16/Pink/Heart
Feb. 8 - 12	Valentine's Day/Friendship/Letter V/Number 17/Pink/Heart
Feb. 15 – 19	President's Day/Letter U/Number 18/Pink/Heart
Feb. 22 – 26	Artic Animals/Letter X/Number 19/Pink/Heart

2008 Tax Information

You will be receiving tax information for 2009. This document will give you our tax id number along with the amount of tuition and registration fees we received from you during 2009. Keep this information for your tax records. The Ford's Chapel UMC tax id number is 630850938.

Weather Policy

It is the time of year when schools may be delayed or closed due to inclement weather. Please take a minute to review our weather policy.

We follow the Madison County School's schedule. When Madison County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our program will be closed as well. If Madison County Schools are delayed by one hour, we will open at our regular time of 9:00. When Madison County Schools are delayed by 2 hours, Ford's Chapel MDO will open at 10:00. If the delay time is announced (i.e. 9:30 or 10:00) we will open 15 minutes after the announced school start time. We will close at our regular time of 1:00. If the county schools close prior to 1:00, we will **close 30 minutes prior** to the county schools closing time. You are encouraged to listen to local TV or radio stations for Madison County School closing statements. They will not list Ford's Chapel but will list Madison County Schools. You can also check the Madison County Schools website www.madison.k12.al.us for closing information. We also try to get the information on the answering machine outgoing message as soon as we can.

Change of Phone Number/Address

Please let us know if your address, phone number or emergency contact has changed since you filled out your registration form. It is important that we are able to reach you during the school day if needed. Please fill out the change form found in your handbook and return in the orange correspondence folder.

Reminder: Car Rider Signs

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Please use car rider signs in the afternoon when picking up your children. Our car rider line will go much quicker and more smoothly if you will attach your sign to a skirt hanger and hang it from your rear view mirror. Put it up as soon as you get in line and leave up until your child is in the car. It will help all staff members assisting with car rider line.

Tuition

Tuition is due on the 1st of the month. A \$15.00 late fee must be paid after the 10th of the month. Fees are not prorated for any month or adjusted for holidays, illness, vacation time, etc.. Parents may be asked to withdraw children if tuition continues to be unpaid after the 17th of the month (see pg. 7 of the MDO and Kindergarten handbook). All tuition payments must be paid to the MDO office. Payments may not be paid to the church office. Payments may be mailed to:

Ford's Chapel MDO
280 Ford Chapel Drive
Harvest, AL 35749

Thank you for all you do! We appreciate you and love your children!

Speech and Language Development

email: fordschapelmdo@bellsouth.net

Here are some warning signs that your child may need to be screened for speech/language concerns. The county school system screens children free of charge beginning at the age of three at the parent's request if there are signs of speech/language concerns.

Infant up to 2 years of age:

- Does not respond to sound or is not making any vocal sounds such as cooing or babbling.
- Prefers using gestures such as pointing by 12 months – no attempt of speech.
- Has trouble imitating sounds by 18 months.
- Does not produce a wide range of speech sound in their babbling (12 – 15 months).
- Does not have a vocabulary of about 20 words by 18 months and 50 or more by the time they turn 2 years.

From 2 years to 3 years:

- Is not understood by family and/or caregivers.
- Does not correctly produce vowels and sounds such as p, b, m, w in words.
- Can not follow simple directions such as: "Go get your shoes."
- Does not produce 2 to 3 word sentences.

From 4 years to 5 years:

- Cannot be understood by listeners that are not familiar to them (4 years).
- Not able to correctly produce t, d, k, g, f.
- Is not understood in all situations by most listeners (5 years).
- Speech is slurred or exhibits difficulty learning sounds to form words.
- Does not follow two to three step directions.
- Does not answer simple questions
- Speech is not fluent.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Beth Carter, our January Employee of the Month. Beth is a music teacher and aide. Congratulations to Anke Cox, our February Employee of the Month.

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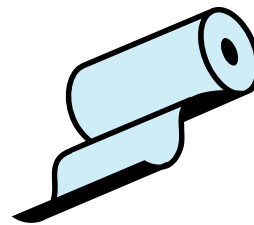
Anke is one of the three year old teachers. Both of these ladies are a great asset to our staff. Way to go ladies!



Supply List for Second Semester

Below is the supply list for the second semester. Please send in the following items to your child's classroom as soon as possible.

- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 liquid handsoap
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 container of baby wipes
- 1 container of Clorox wipes



Tips to Stay Healthy

The Alabama Department of Public Health recommends washing hands:

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- Before touching or eating food
- Before touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose (always cough or sneeze in your elbow)
- After being near a sick person
- After using the bathroom
- After touching pets or garbage
- After playing outdoors
- Any time they look or feel dirty
- After changing diapers

Wash hands with warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Coughing or sneezing into your elbow keeps germs off the hands.

Do not share eating utensils, cups, toothbrushes, towels, lip balm.

Valentine's Day Parties

MDO students will be celebrating Valentine's Day in their individual classrooms. You will receive information about the party dates and party goodies from your child's teacher.

Help for Haiti

Many of our families are interested in ways to help the people of Haiti. The United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) has requested health kits or monetary donations for health kits. Kits cost \$12 plus \$1 for processing. Any monetary donation will help. Health kits may also be put together. All items must be new and put in a sealed one gallon Ziploc bag.

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- 1 hand towel(15"x25" up to 17" to 27")
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 large sturdy comb(not pocket size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no embryo boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath size bar of soap (3oz. or up)
- 1 toothbrush(single brushes in original wrapper, no child size brushes)
- 1 large tube toothpaste (4.5 oz. or Larger)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Please put any monetary donations in an envelope with UMCOR Disaster Assistance. You may also donate directly to UMCOR online at the UMCOR website. Further information may also be obtained from the UMCOR website.

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