

First United Methodist 
Preschool
& Children's Day Out

First United Methodist Church wholeheartedly acknowledges parents as the essential faith givers and teachers in the lives of their young children. Together, we embark on a heartfelt partnership aimed at nurturing each child to reach their fullest potential.

- WE BELIEVE THAT LEARNING OCCURS WHEN**
- children are provided with love, acceptance, and respect
 - teacher/child ratios are low
 - environments are centered around the needs of children
 - children are comfortable and afforded the freedom to:
 - engage in experiences
 - explore and discover
 - interact with their peers
 - express themselves
 - develop independence
 - make choices

OUR CURRICULUM. . .

Our program is thoughtfully designed to encourage the physical, social, mental, and spiritual development of young children. We implement the HighScope Curriculum (www.highscope.org) in our classrooms, which is a research-validated approach that provides an active participatory learning experience essential for developing school readiness skills. The HighScope methodology fosters independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, creativity, persistence, and problem-solving among young children. Additionally, Christian principles are integrated into daily interactions among both children and adults.

OUR CLASSES. . .

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



The daily schedule is designed 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. . .

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

- Qualified educators who possess knowledge and experience in early education.
- Educators who share their evolving personal faith with young children in appropriate ways.

We invite you to visit!

Contact Director, Lindsay Kinsinger
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL/CDO
ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE
2026-2027**

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, and national or ethnic origins. 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).

1. Submit a completed application form with the non-refundable registration fee of \$90/child or \$130/family.
2. After a priority enrollment period for returning families and church members, **new family applications will be accepted as of March 2 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 case of a significant approved enrollment, class placement 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. The state of Kansas requires that children have current immunizations in place to be in attendance at FUMC Preschool/CDO. Exemptions from the immunization requirements are allowed if one of the following is obtained: A. Certification from a licensed physician stating that immunization would endanger the child's life or health. B. Signed statements from the parents AND the family's religious leader that they are practicing members of a religious organization whose teachings are opposed to immunizations.
7. **First United Methodist Preschool has tuition aid 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.

2026-2027 CLASS OPTIONS AND FEES

A non-refundable registration fee of \$90/child or \$130/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, 2026

CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

18 months – 36 months

2 teachers/8-10 children

2 day classes

Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

\$210/month

4 day classes

Monday-Thursday

\$330/month

PRESCHOOL

3 – 5 year olds

2 teachers/10-14 children

Children must be fully potty trained-No pull ups.

3 year old class options

2 day classes

Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

\$210/month

3 day classes

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

\$270/month

4 day classes

Monday-Thursday

\$330/month

4 and 5 year old class options

3 day classes

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

\$270/month

4 day classes

Monday-Thursday

\$330/month

All tuition is prorated over the 9 month school term into equal monthly amounts with the May 2027 payment due July 1, 2026 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.