

Wonderful Wednesday

Wonderful Wednesday at Community United Methodist Church **Parent/Guardian Handbook**

Welcome

Wonderful Wednesday is a free ministry of Community United Methodist Church and is a Bible-based after school program that promotes spiritual and educational growth to elementary-aged students. Students are given opportunities to learn about God and His Word as well as participate in a variety of classes that offer life skills, hobby training, or are just plain fun! We look forward to a fun year!

Registration

Children must be in Kindergarten through 5th grade to be a part of Wonderful Wednesday. New students may only begin at the start of a term and all enrollment forms must be handed in by the parent/guardian to the Community UMC office the Friday before the start of each term. Enrollment Forms are available in the church office and on the church's website.

Fee

There is no fee for Wonderful Wednesday. However, you can incur a charge for consistent late pick-ups of your child(ren). Please see our Late Pick-up Policy for more information.

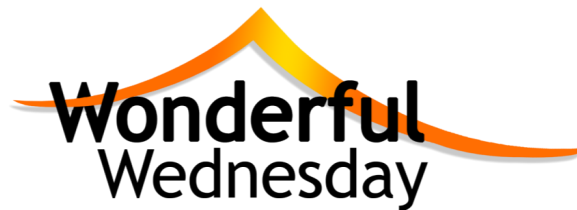
Hours of Operation

Wednesdays: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
School pick-up from Fruitland Park Elementary School

Contact Information

Please e-mail or call us if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please let us know if any of your contact information changes at any time.

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Attendance Policy

When enrolling in Wonderful Wednesday, it will be understood that your child will attend the program regularly. Occasional absences are understood and expected, but if your child cannot attend on any given day for any reason, please contact us ahead of time as a courtesy. This is especially important for students at Fruitland Park Elementary to help ease pick-up at the school.

If your child does not attend regularly and misses three (3) Wednesdays out of a term, you will be contacted and asked if you want to continue in the program. If attendance does not increase, your child will be withdrawn from the program.

Discipline / Behavior Policy

Students will be expected to follow teachers' instructions at all times, to observe the rules and guidelines for each activity and to respect each other and each other's possessions. **Physical fighting and bullying will not be tolerated.**

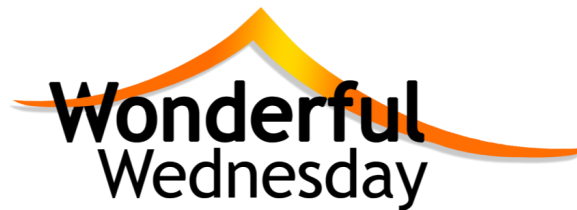
Age appropriate, constructive disciplinary practices will be used in the following order:

- Discussion with the child about appropriate behavior
- A "time out" from the ongoing activity
- A "time out" and discussion with the Director
- A call to parents/guardian and a request for early pick-up

Please note that continued inappropriate behavior throughout a specific day may lead to the child being sent home or suspended. Please read the Discipline Policy for more detailed information.

Dismissal Policy

Dismissal starts at 5:00 pm and ends at 5:15 pm. Pick up will be outside the Sanctuary. Signs will be posted to lead you to the location. If you are unable to pick up your child, please call and let us know who will be coming in your place. They will be required to produce picture identification to protect the safety of your child. If someone who is not on your authorized pick-up list will be taking your child home, you will need to send a signed note with the name of the person and the date they will pick up your child. Do not send the note with the pick-up person. You may also e-mail or fax the information to us.

The logo for "Wonderful Wednesday" features the text "Wonderful Wednesday" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Above the text is a stylized graphic of a sun or a mountain peak, rendered in a gradient of orange and yellow, with a long, thin, curved line extending to the right, suggesting a sunset or a horizon.

We ask that you promptly pick up your child no later than 5:15 pm. If you are unable to pick-up on time, please call ahead and let us know. Parents or Guardians who consistently arrive after 5:15 pm will incur late charges.

- First offense – We understand that things happen now and then that may make you late. We ask that you please call and let us know you'll be arriving late.
- Second offense – \$1.00 per minute after 5:20 pm.
- Third offense – \$2.00 per minute after 5:20 pm.
- Fourth offense – \$2.00 per minute after 5:20 pm, as well as attending a meeting with the director to plan on how to eliminate late pick-ups and to determine whether their child(ren) will continue with the program.

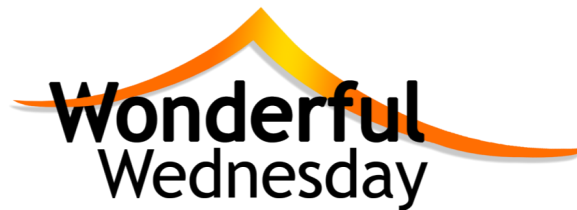
Early Pick-Up

If you need to arrive early (before 4:45 pm) to pick-up your child(ren), please come inside through the main doors by the Church Office. We have a Hall Monitor Station in the hallway with someone posted to help you. After 4:45 pm, you can sign out your child at the regular pick-up area outside the Sanctuary.

Inclement Weather Policy

Throughout the year, we may have days when the weather affects student pick-up or the safety of the students.

- Tornado - If a tornado warning has been issued at Fruitland Park Elementary School before Wonderful Wednesday begins and afterschool classes and events have been canceled, we will also cancel the program for the day and you will need to pick up your child(ren) at the school or usual pick up location. In the case of a tornado or severe weather after Wonderful Wednesday has begun, students and teachers will assemble in the Family Life Center. We encourage you to come and pick up your child(ren) as soon as it is possible and safe to do so.
- Hurricane – If Fruitland Park Elementary is closed due to severe weather from a hurricane or tropical storm, then Wonderful Wednesday will also be canceled for that day.



Camp Day

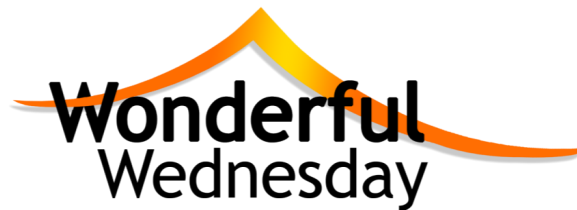
Wonderful Wednesday will once again be working in partnership with the Warren Willis Camp and their Afterschool Adventures program. This means we get to enjoy a Camp Day one day each term. Your child(ren) will arrive at Wonderful Wednesday in the usual way and then will be bused to the camp for the afternoon. Your child(ren) will enjoy swimming, gaga ball, disc golf, and other camp activities depending on the season and the weather. You will be notified beforehand about what your child(ren) will need to bring or be prepared for. We will return to Community UMC for pick-up by 5:00 pm. There is no cost for these field trips. For more information regarding the Warren Willis Camp and the Afterschool Adventures program, please visit their website at www.warrenwilliscamp.org or give them a call at 352-787-4345.

The Family Show

At the end of each term we put on a Family Show. Your child(ren) will begin the day like usual, but instead of going to classes, we begin practicing for our audience. Starting promptly at 4:15 pm, parents/guardians, family members, and friends are invited to the Sanctuary to see what their child(ren) have learned that term. Performance based classes will show their routines and other classes will have tables set up in the lobby for your perusal. We encourage you to look at each class, meet the teachers, ask questions, and get to know our volunteers! This also gives your child(ren) a preview of other classes that may interest them. At the end of the show, your child(ren) will have a chance to sign up for classes for the next term.

Thank You

Thank you for the time you have spent learning about our policies and plans. Our hope is you will keep this copy of the Parent/Guardian Handbook and refer back to it if you have any questions or concerns. If you need further information, or simply have a question, feel free to give us a call at 352-787-1829 or email us at kidsmin.cumc@gmail.com. We look forward to the opportunity of working with you and your child(ren) this year.



Opportunities for Families

You, your family, and your friends are invited to join us for fellowship, worship, or to experience Christian Education opportunities. We hope to see you soon!

Sunday

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| 8:00 am | *Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary |
| 9:30 am | *Contemporary Worship Service, Family Life Center |
| 9:30 am | *Sunday School Opportunities, Education Building
(For all ages – Nursery - Adults) |
| 11:00 am | *Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary |
| 11:00 am | *Sunday School Opportunities, Education Building
(For all ages – Nursery - Adults) |
| 5:00 – 7:30 pm | Connect Preteen Youth Group (4 th -6 th), Room 202 |
| 5:00 – 7:30 pm | Middle School Youth Group (7 th -8 th), Family Life Center |
| 5:00 – 7:30 pm | High School Youth Group (9 th -12 th), Family Life Center |

Wednesday

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| 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Wednesday Night Dinners, Family Life Center
<i>(Adults - \$7 Children - \$5 Families - \$20)</i> |
| 6:15 pm | Kid's Club (Pre-K – 3 rd), Room 202 |
| 6:15 pm | Connect Preteens Midweek (4 th -6 th), Room 204 |
| 6:15 pm | Middle School Midweek (7 th -8 th) |
| 6:15 pm | High School Midweek (9 th -12 th) |
| 6:15 pm | *Wednesday Night Bible Studies and Classes, Education Building |

* *Nursery Provided*