

Trinity UMC - Merchantville Child Care Center is a non-profit child care center licensed by the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families. We are committed to providing quality child care services and early childhood education for children ages 2 ½ to 6 years.

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

It is our philosophy that the development of the individual as a whole being is attained through the enrichment of the social, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of his/her nature. The staff at Trinity UMC Child Care Center strives daily to promote the development of a healthy, inquisitive, and self-confident child that is prepared for the social and mental requirements of education and is nurtured in a warm, nurturing, and secure environment in which love for Jesus Christ and for others is taught and shared.

We believe children are unique individuals who grow and develop at their own pace with their own strengths, needs, and interests. The Center offers a variety of learning opportunities generated from these needs and interests. Many choices are provided within a carefully arranged structure. Learning through play and actual experiences is a cornerstone of the program.



AT Trinity's CHILD CARE CENTER

Children Learn To:

- Work alone and with others
- Share and take turns
- Explore thoughts, ideas, and feelings
- Listen to others
- Develop feelings of security and success

Activities Are Designed To:

- Build self-confidence
- Develop vocabulary
- Encourage recognition of differences in sound, size, shape and color
- Increase interest in books, numbers, and people
- Improve coordination
- Introduce new ideas
- Develop self-esteem

Daily Activities Include:

- Group time
- Story time
- Music
- Arts and crafts
- Reading, writing, and math readiness
- Health and safety
- Gross/large motor skills
- Fine/small motor skills
- Life skills
- Speaking skills and language development
- Science and social studies
- Outdoor play (weather permitting)
- Structured play in centers, such as housekeeping, puzzles, and blocks



STAFF

The administrative staff at Trinity UMC Child Care Center is comprised of a director, the church pastor, Rev. Walter R. Mander and a church advisory board.

Each classroom has one or more child care instructors who are responsible for the over-all daily management of the classroom program. Each member of the teaching staff has been employed as a qualified and competent person to care for the individual needs of each child. Staff qualifications and staff/child ratios always meet and often exceed local and state requirements.

MEALS AND SNACKS

Trinity daily provides breakfast & snacks. All of our meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the minimum daily requirements.

PROGRAMS

- Full-time & Part-time child care & pre-school programs for children ages 2 ½ to 6 years.

CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

Trinity UMC Child Care Center's theme-based curriculum focuses on the whole child, not just the brain. We foster the child's competence through hands-on learning and problem solving while exploring a weekly theme.

We provide a variety of age appropriate activities for the children. Our classrooms are child-directed with the teachers establishing areas of interest based on the needs and interests of the group. The environment is set up to be both supportive and safe. Activity centers are set up throughout the room to offer children a variety of opportunities for exploration. This provides the child choices to investigate the activities at his/her own pace. The centers include, but are not limited to: dramatic play, blocks and transportation, science, reading, games and manipulatives, and creative art.

We believe that children learn through play. Children use play to test and understand the world in which they live. During play, children have the opportunity to interact with others and explore their individual surroundings. We value play and encourage it through our curriculum.



Current Fee Schedule

Registration Fee

\$25

Preschool & Child Care

Ages 2 ½ to 6

\$180 /week full-time

\$45/day part-time

part-time minimum of 2 days

We accept and are approved for
WorkFirst New Jersey (WFNJ)
&
New Jersey Cares for Kids
(NJCK) vouchers.

**3 large fully equipped Child Care classrooms
with activity stations,
kitchen and large all purpose room with stage.
Outdoor shaded fenced Playground.
Off Street parking.**

Juanita Wilson, Director
Rev. Walter Mander, Pastor

Trinity United Methodist Church CHILD CARE CENTER



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HOURS OF OPERATION

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday