

## **GUMP Info & Offerings**

- ❖ Well-qualified, nurturing teachers who truly care about the growth and development of each child
- ❖ Hours are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- ❖ School year calendar that runs from mid-August to mid-May
- ❖ Serve children 9 months to five years of age in a friendly, family atmosphere
- ❖ Safe, clean, bright facilities offer an ideal learning environment
- ❖ A three-star rated program with TN -DHS
- ❖ A variety of weekday classes from which to choose - anywhere from two to five days a week depending on the child's age level
- ❖ A developmentally appropriate curriculum based upon the TN Early Learning Developmental Standards
- ❖ Extra curricular activities include Chapel once a week for all age levels and weekly Music & Spanish lessons for ages three and up
- ❖ A Discovery Days offering once or twice a week for ages four and up which gives children an opportunity to expand their critical thinking skills. This enrichment program focuses on hands-on-learning with daily science experiments as well as exposure to famous painters, dances, cooking, literature and acting.

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# **Germantown United Methodist Preschool**

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Serving  
children & families  
since 1974

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If you are looking for a great Preschool, right here at Germantown United Methodist Church we have a three-star state licensed Preschool, affectionately known as GUMP (Germantown United Methodist Preschool) full of happy children and exciting teachers learning together through play. We offer classes for children from nine months to five years of age. Our toddler through three-year-old classes meet two or three days per week, our four-year-olds have classes two to five days per week, and our five-year-old class offers a four or five day option. Our school hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our curriculum is based upon the Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards and is developmentally appropriate for children at all age levels. In addition to our curriculum, children have the opportunity for Chapel Time weekly, and our three through five-year-olds have Music and Spanish once a week as well.

For information regarding costs, our annual calendar, and other helpful details, please access our web site at [www.germantownumc.org/gump](http://www.germantownumc.org/gump). The registration process includes a required tour for parents and children as well as completion of our registration form which can be down loaded from the web site. Tours are by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays and can be scheduled by calling the Preschool Office at 901-753-3109, Monday-Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We extend a special invitation to GUMC members and visitors with preschool aged children to come and visit us at the end of the covered walkway here at GUMC.

## **Our Mission Statement**

Germantown United Methodist Preschool is a ministry of Germantown United Methodist Church that partners with parents to provide a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children to grow to their fullest potential emotionally, socially, spiritually, physically, creatively & cognitively.

## **GUMP Goals**

While educating CHILDREN we strive

- ❖ to nurture children's emotional development so that they can identify their feelings and choose appropriate responses while maintaining a positive outlook
- ❖ to guide children to be respectful, independent, caring, accepting and honest in their relationships
- ❖ to bequeath to children assurance that they are unconditionally loved by God and that they have immeasurable worth
- ❖ to promote a healthy sense of self that motivates children to care for themselves and others
- ❖ to inspire children to be confident, independent thinkers who are inquisitive, creative and problem solvers

## **GUMP Goals** (continued)

In partnering with PARENTS we strive

- ❖ to empower parents to be confident as their child(ren)'s first and most important teacher while building a trusting parent/teacher relationship focused on the best interests of their child(ren)
- ❖ to encourage parents to accept their child(ren) as individuals, understand their limitations, allow them to develop at their own pace, and love them unconditionally
- ❖ to support parents in being patient, united and consistent as they parent their child(ren), helping them to assume the roles of loving authority figures and role models
- ❖ to ensure that parents understand and honor school policies, as they are designed to benefit all children and families
- ❖ to educate parents about their child(ren)'s individual needs and developmental milestones
- ❖ to support parents by providing a community of love, faith, acceptance, open-mindedness and forgiveness

