

# THE PARENTS' PRESS

Duke Memorial Weekday School | November 2018



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Nov 2: Book Mobile Visit
- Nov 7: Parents' Council Meeting
- Nov 12: Veteran's Day—No School
- Nov 13: Giving Tree Gifts Due
- Nov 15: Storyteller Visit
- Nov 21-23: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 26: Poinsettia Orders Due
- Nov 27: Dining Out at Pour

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Dec 7: Kindergarten Open House for Prospective Families



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Dear Parents,

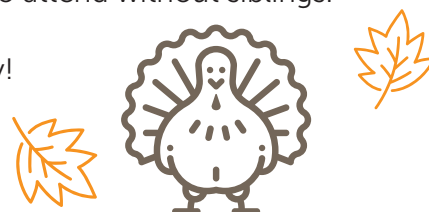
October was a busy month at DMWS. In addition to a visit from the storyteller, we've had visits from fire fighters and the book mobile, pumpkin and leaf activities, and our annual Halloween Parade. The children have celebrated the change of season with songs, books, art projects, movement activities and cooking experiences. (I have loved the smells of apple and pumpkin creations coming from the kitchen!) The pre-k classes visited a farm while younger children enjoyed their own pumpkin patch on the church lawn. On October 19, our staff joined colleagues from Durham and Chapel Hill preschools in an excellent workshop presented by Amanda Morgan.

Many thanks to our Parents' Council who made this year's Fall Gathering and Book Fair a success. The children always enjoy showing their families their classrooms and special artwork. We all enjoyed the playground, Locopops, and delicious drinks from the food truck. The highlight of the event was certainly the presentation of Mortimer by our kindergarteners with assistance from pre-k students. Special thanks go to Mrs. Combs, Mrs. Dixon, and Mrs. Perkins for preparing the kindergarten students for the performance.

November is shaping up to be a busy month as well. Classes will be feasting in honor of Thanksgiving and the storyteller will return. We will also have a visit from the Durham County Library Book Mobile. Our music classes will be preparing to sing in worship on Sunday, December 9.

Parents of our pre-k classes are invited to attend a Kindergarten Open House on Friday, December 7 at 9:30am. This gives parents an opportunity to learn more about our kindergarten program and observe the class in action. Since it is a regular instructional day for the children, parents are asked to attend without siblings.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!  
 Julie Allen, *Director DMWS*  
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## Fall Gathering



We had a wonderful time at the Fall Gathering on Sunday! Congratulations to **Clarra Galloway**, our winner of one month's tuition! Thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

We are grateful to all who attended and supported our school by visiting the classrooms, shopping at the Book Fair, cheering on our Kindergarten and PreK performers, and buying drinks from Cafe Bellezza. **Angela Combs**, our wonderful music teacher, and our terrific kindergarten teachers, **Jodie Dixon** and **Dawn Perkins**, put together an adorable show. We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the chance to spend time with so many DMWS families.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this event possible. **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

**Ashley Wojnarski** for coordinating the raffle and Locopops

**Amanda Baker** and **Cameron Pittman** for organizing the Book Fair

**OUR BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS:** Emily Brogan, Bethany Hsia, Fallon Wieselquist, Heather Couture, Liz Albertson, Lindsey Scherich, Allison Dawson, Kira Galloway, Deborah Barnes, and Amy Wilson

**Tracey Hawkins** for handling our T-shirt & tote bag orders

**Joe Stevens** for setting up Whitford Hall

And always, **Julie Allen** for all her help & hard work!

## Carpool Reminder



For the safety of the children, please keep the following in mind.

Carpool line is a cell free zone.

Do not exit your car from the driver's side while your car is in a loading/unloading position. After you pull up to buckle, you may exit your car if needed. Memorial Drive is a city street and is used by many cars daily.

## DMWS Poinsetta Sale



Orders for poinsettias are due by **Monday, November 26**. The plants will be ready for pick-up on December 11. Order forms will come home soon in your child's folder.

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
 An event for families\* in Durham to shop for gifts at affordable prices. Proceeds will benefit local agencies.  
 \*families referred by local agencies

# weekday school giving guide

## ways to give...

1. Choose tags from the Weekday School giving tree.
2. Use our Target gift registry (online and in-stores).
  - a. Visit <https://www.target.com/gift-registry>
  - b. Click "search for an organization"
  - c. Type in "Duke Memorial United Methodist Church"

## general guidelines...

- Items should be left by DMWS's giving tree.
- Online orders may be shipped directly to the church, but must be received by Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Tree tags list broad categories so that your children have the experience of selecting a gift that will be kid approved.
- The goal of the market is to have the bulk of gifts priced at \$1-\$3 (75% off retail price). We would rather have more lower priced than big ticket items. (ie. \$15-\$20 lego set vs. \$40).

## guidelines for new items...

- Gifts should be unwrapped.
- **DO NOT** remove price tags.
- If you get an item requiring batteries, consider attaching batteries to the package.
- We **DO NOT** accept weapons (including Nerf).

## items we have enough of...

- Barbies/Bratz or similar dolls
- Art kits
- Board games
- Footballs
- Stuffed Animals



Want to learn more about the Christmas Market or how to volunteer?  
 Visit [dukememorial.org/christmas-market.html](http://dukememorial.org/christmas-market.html)

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## Giving Tree 2018

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With just a little over seven weeks until Christmas, it's already time to start thinking about our annual Giving Tree! The Giving Tree is our way of giving back to the community and fostering the sharing and caring spirit with our children.

We are excited to be partnering with our very own Duke Memorial United Methodist Church and their Christmas Market again this year. The Duke Memorial Christmas Market is a one-day, low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families with limited financial means. It gives parents an opportunity to give Christmas gifts to their children and honors their dignity by letting them to do the shopping themselves. It gives donors a chance to share God's love and experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Families who receive services from our partner agencies are invited to shop at the Christmas Market. Agencies (Urban Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, IHN, etc.) distribute Shopper's Passes to families (1 pass per child) based on need and circumstance. New and gently used items are accepted and sold at 75% off retail. Proceeds from the market go back the partner agencies.

**This year's Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, December 8th**, so we will be collecting gifts during the first few weeks of November. The Giving Tree will be set up in the hallway of the Weekday School, so please plan to stop by the "tree" with your child(ren) to select an ornament (or two) to donate to the Market. Once purchased, please bring the unwrapped items back to the school or church office (there will be a collection bin located outside of the church office). Please do not remove price tags.

The organizers of the Market have also set up Target Wish List for hot ticket items. You may shop in stores or online using the gift registry. To shop online, go to: [tgt.gifts/DMUMCChristmasMarket2018](https://tgt.gifts/DMUMCChristmasMarket2018)

The registry is an excellent resource since it is customized to include items we have learned are most desirable and to exclude items we don't allow or already have plenty of.

You can also sign up to volunteer for "elf duty" during the Christmas Market by clicking the following link for sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba9a62fa4f94-duke1>

**Please be sure to bring your gifts back to DMWS by no later than Monday, November 13th!**

For additional information regarding the Christmas Market, please go to: <http://www.dukememorial.org/christmas-market.html>

THANK YOU so much for your participation and generosity! Wishing you and your families all the best during this holiday season!

Thank you,  
Amber West ([amberwest828@gmail.com](mailto:amberwest828@gmail.com))



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## Get Published

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In addition to information about DMWS, the Parents' Press offers space to advertise your small business. The fee to advertise is \$5.

Please send submissions to [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com) by **November 30th**.

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## GoPlaySave Fundraiser Update

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### TOTAL SALES

142 books



### CHRISTOPHER + CARRINGTON CURRY

19 books



### JAMES PRESTON + ADAM HAWKINS

18 books



### WYATT + HANK SCARBRO

6 books

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## Kindergarten Open House

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Friday, December 7, 2018 at 9:30am\*

DMWS will hold an Open House for parents to learn more about DMWS kindergarten. There will be an opportunity to see the classroom, speak with the lead teacher, and ask questions.

Please call the office at 919-688-5130 or send an email to [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) to attend. Since this is a regular school day for students, we ask that only parents/caregivers attend. *\*other time slots may be added if there is demand.*

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## November Dining Out

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Join us at Pour Taproom on **Tuesday, November 27, 5-8pm** and **15% of the sales** will go to DMWS. **Be sure to mention DMWS and place your receipt in the bucket provided.** Here's a message from Dan Enarson, a DMWS parent and owner of Pour: *Pour your own drink from 60+ taps featuring a wide variety of selectively curated craft beer, wine and ciders. The food menu features a kids menu, paninis, sliders and tasting boards. As fellow parents of DMWS students, we look forward to welcoming you to Pour!*

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## DMWS Inclement Weather Policy

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When the **Durham Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Duke Memorial Weekday School will be closed.** If Durham Public Schools are delayed, the Director will determine if Duke Memorial Weekday School should be open, closed, or operate on a delay.

Factors considered when assessing whether to close, open on time or on a delay include, but are not limited to: teacher availability to fulfill Safe Sanctuaries requirements, the condition of Memorial Drive/sidewalks along Memorial Drive, and timing of the inclement weather event. Parents should check for cancellation/delay information on WTVD and WRAL. Attempts will be made to notify all families by email and by using the REMIND texting service. The decision as to whether or not Duke Memorial Weekday School opens on a delay will be made with the utmost consideration of safety for all of our families and staff members. Use of these makeup days is at the discretion of the Director.

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## Did You Know?

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- + DMWS began as a kindergarten in 1950 and has grown to include children ages 2-kindergarten.
- + The teachers have all received new DMWS tee shirts courtesy of the Parents' Council!
- + Thanks to the generosity of our Parents' Council, our music classes now have a gathering drum to use during class. You may have noticed it at the Fall Gathering.
- + Duke Memorial UMC houses not just DMWS and PMO, but also Durham Congregations in Action and Society of Saint Andrew.
- + The Duke Memorial UMC Sanctuary Building will get roof repairs over the next couple of months.
- + A couple of DMWS classes went "camping" in their classrooms in October and even enjoyed S'Mores as a snack!

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## Safety and Security at DMWS

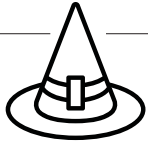
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DMWS has many policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety of staff and students. Our staff undergoes CPR/First Aid/AED training every other year. You may have heard your children talk about having fire drills. Our fire extinguishers are inspected yearly and we also have periodic facility fire safety checks. Every spring we conduct a tornado drill so the teachers and children can practice their "turtle positions".

Our staff has a lock-down drill yearly on a teacher workday. Emergency information is displayed prominently in each classroom. We also have exterior and interior security cameras that are monitored by the church office. Carpool line allows us to safely and quickly welcome and dismiss students each day by minimizing walking across Memorial Drive. Requiring the use of assigned carpool numbers allows us to be sure children leave with approved individuals.

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church helps us maintain a secure environment. Admittance to the facility is controlled in several ways. Our playground is locked during non-school hours. All exterior doors remain locked during the week. Some doors have keypads for entry. The parent code provided for you works during school hours in case you need to enter the building. Codes are to be changed on a yearly basis. Visitors to DMWS who do not have a code must be on a list in the church office for admittance on a particular day. Those individuals are buzzed in through the awning doorway. If a parent forgets the code, church office staff will ask for the child's name and name of the teacher in order to be admitted. Persons who do not have the code or are not on the visitor list for that day must walk around to the front of the facility and be admitted through the Welcome Center. Once there, the appropriate person must come to the Welcome Center to escort their visitor to the proper area.

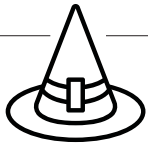
Please help us keep the building safe by not holding the door for others to enter the building. Also help us by checking in at the preschool office if you are picking up a child early or arriving late for school.



# DMWS Halloween Parade







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