

## Luray United Methodist Preschool Operating Plan

Luray United Methodist Preschool is a not-for-profit religious exempt preschool program, located in Luray United Methodist Church in Luray VA. Luray United Methodist Preschool (LUMP) is a preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. **The preschool will operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 for the 3 and 4 year olds. Children can arrive anytime from 7:45-8:25.**

The staff ratio will be no more than one teacher to 10 preschool children. This is within compliance of the Code of Virginia preschool regulations (regulations permit one teacher to 10 three/four year olds). The preschool will operate from the beginning of September until the middle of May.

## Luray United Methodist Preschool Philosophy

Luray United Methodist Church has established Luray United Methodist Preschool as part of the church's outreach ministry to the community. Luray United Methodist Preschool (LUMP) offers a nurturing, Christian based preschool program for children who will be three or four by the end of October. We believe that each child is a unique and special individual who has the right to safe, stimulating, educational, child care regardless of race, gender, color, religion, ability, economic background, national origin, culture, or ancestry. Learning experiences will be diverse, creative and carefully planned based on sound principles of child development. **We recognize the importance of play and develop our curriculum around it.** Our goal is to provide a high quality preschool by creating a safe, healthy, and caring environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and cognitive development of your child.

## Luray United Methodist Preschool Goals

The goals for the children enrolled in this preschool are:

1. To encourage spiritual formation by sharing Bible stories and prayer with the children daily.
2. To encourage positive self-esteem and positive self- concept.
3. To promote positive social skills.
4. To promote developmentally appropriate fine /gross motor skills.
5. To promote cognitive and creative skills in the areas of literacy, language development and math.
6. To equip preschoolers with the social and academic readiness skills needed to succeed in preschool and kindergarten.