



Arcola Christian Preschool

"Let the little children come to Me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."
(Luke 18:16 NKJV)

April 2025

Director's Note

Spring is here! It is so nice to have more pleasant temperatures, blooming flowers, and budding trees to enjoy.

Field trips are scheduled for our 3 and 4/5 year old classes and FIELD TRIP FORMS ARE ATTACHED! (Note: the 2 ½ year old class will not have a spring field trip. They will get to experience that additional excitement next year!)

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up at the beginning of May, so please continue to check your child's school bag for that information.

I've attached a couple quick articles with some fun ways you can enjoy the outdoors now that the weather is getting warmer.

If you are doing some spring cleaning, consider donating to the church's No Sale Yard Sale. There is a link at the end of this newsletter.

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Enter in Good Health

As a reminder, when you enter the building or send your child into the building, you are confirming that you or your child do not have symptoms of a contagious illness. Children should be 24 hours symptom free without medication before returning to school. Please stay home if you are unwell!

ACP Calendar

The calendar for the school year is posted on our website for you to view at any time.

April 4 & 7 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed

April 14 – 18 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

April 23 – Temple Hall Farm Field trip (Frogs)

April 24 – Temple Hall Farm Field trip (Chimps & Horses)

April 29 – Claude Moore Park Field trip (Stars)

April 30 – Claude Moore Park Field trip (Dolphins & Ladybugs)

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that requires advance registration and payment. Sign up for April dates here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-55697476-acplunch> The link will also be in our Friday email.

2025-2026 Registration for ACP

We still have openings for the fall! We would love for you to follow our Facebook page and spread the word about our openings.

www.ArcolaChurch.org/Preschool

Scholastic Books

Does your child love books? Reading to your child is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed in school. Books make great gifts too! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child. (If they are a surprise, just let me know and I'll notify you when they arrive.)



Family Order Due Date: 4/15/2025

Shop Our Class Page:

<https://orders.scholastic.com/GZVWY>

Shop Flyers: <https://clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers>

Thanks so much for your support!

Snack

All snacks must be nut free – that includes peanuts and tree nuts. We cannot serve items that have been processed or packaged in a facility that also processes or packages peanut products. Snacks must be store bought with labels we can read and be unopened.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our

students safe. We will send home any snack that doesn't meet our guidelines.

Absences

If your child is going to be out of school due to illness or travel, please email your child's teacher or the preschool office.

Clothing

Please be sure to label all clothes, jackets, and school bags with your child's name. Many children do not recognize their own belongings when there are several others that look similar.

Arcola Church Happenings

Arcola Church is an active church with opportunities for Worship, Sunday school for all ages, a variety of bible studies, music groups, support groups, and opportunities to donate to the Hygiene Pantry and the Dulles South Food Pantry. For more information, check out our website or ask me to point you in the right direction. You do not need to be a member of Arcola Church to participate in any of our programs.

Holy Week/Easter Worship

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship @10am
Easter Egg Hunt @11am
Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Worship @7pm
Sunday, April 20 – Easter Worship
@ 7:30am, 9am, & 11am

Lenten Service Project

The church and preschool are collecting items for the Personal Hygiene Pantry at Shreveport Ridge Apartments. Care for your neighbors by donating the items below! Contact [Deborah Taylor](#) with questions.

3/30 Body Lotion
4/6 Toothpaste

There will be a basket in the Narthex to collect donated items during office or church hours, as well as the one just outside the front doors, all day, every day, year-round.

No Sale Yard Sale – week after Easter

Arcola Church is hosting our annual No Sale Yard Sale event to benefit local families. Family Liaisons from our partner schools invite families to "shop" for items. Everything is free. See the webpage for accepted items and to sign up for a donation appointment.
www.arcolachurch.org/nosaleyardsale

Dates With a Purpose

April 5, 4:45-8pm

Need a date night? DWAP provides an intentional way to do just that. You will meet for 20 minutes, get some discussion questions, then be on your way.

Contact **Molly Riedel** with questions. Register here:
<https://arcolachurch.org/event/23689367-2025-04-05-dates-with-a-purpose/>

Wednesday Prayer Service

Every Wednesday @11:30am in Pearson Chapel (finished before pick-up carline)

This service is 30 minutes in length and designed to strengthen us until Sunday comes. Prayer is a powerful tool that connects us to God and with each other. During this worship, in addition to a variety of prayer opportunities, we will sing some good hymns, listen to special music, hear a brief inspirational message, and share communion together. All who wish, may also experience anointing during communion time.

VBS True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World - Open for Registration!

This year's VBS is an ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. True North VBS shows us that God is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

- **July 14-18, 9:30am – 12:30pm**
- Rising Pre-K – 5th grade (must turn 4 on or before 9/30/2025)
- Childcare is available for younger children of 5-day volunteers!

Summer in the Arts Camps Open for Registration! -

July 21-25 - Rising 3rd grade and up- Summer in the Arts at Arcola Church encompasses FOUR performing and visual arts camps for rising 3rd graders through adults, led by a staff of professional musicians, artists, and teachers, who pass on their genuine love of their crafts to their campers and students. The Adult and High School camp registrations will be coming soon!

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel

Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

Worship @ 9am & 11am (Nursery available)
Sunday School for PK -5th grade @ 9am
Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday School @ 10am

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the life of Arcola Church, please send me an e-mail (BarbaraL@ArcolaChurch.org) and I will have you added to the church newsletter e-mail distribution list.