Arcola Christian Preschool

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

November 2026

Director's Note

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Pumpkin Village! The weather was beautiful, and I loved seeing our preschoolers and their families exploring all that was offered. The Halloween parades were also a lot of fun. We loved your children's costumes and had fun celebrating with them!

November is such a special month! The colorful fall trees, blue sky, and cooler weather remind us of God's amazing creations. It is fun to watch the children take every opportunity to hear the "crunch" of the fallen leaves and it's wonderful to see how they are enjoying many new experiences and making new friends. They have adapted well to their classes and new routine.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to tell you how thankful I am for the wonderful staff, parents, and children at our preschool. You all make it a pleasure to come to work each day!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at any time.

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Lunch Bunch opportunity

Lunch Bunch is an optional program that occurs Monday – Thursday most weeks for children enrolled in regular morning classes. It offers the opportunity for students to extend their school day occasionally until 1:30pm while enjoying lunch, friends, and play. **November's sign-up can be found here -** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B49A8AE292-66703093-acpnovember

ACP Calendar



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

November 2 - NO SCHOOL – LCPS & ACP Closed
November 3- NO SCHOOL
(ACP STAFF MEETING & WORK DAY 9am-1pm)
November 4-13 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3s & 4/5s only (students attend school as usual)
November 9 - NO SCHOOL (Diwali)
November 19 & 20 - Thanksgiving Friendship Celebrations (students only)
November 23-27 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)
December 16 & 17 - Christmas Celebration
(No extended day on Thursday)
Dec. 18 – Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL (Christmas/Winter Break)

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!

Snack Policy

There is a helpful Snack Guide posted on our website. As a reminder, snacks must be in unopened, INDIVIDUAL, commercial packaging with a label we can read**.** The label can be on the box holding the individual packages. We will not serve any foods at Arcola Christian Preschool that may contain peanut or tree nut products or that were processed/manufactured in a facility that processes nuts (including coconut) or peanuts. Do not send beverages (i.e., juice, milk).

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.

Tuition

Tuition payments are **due the first of each month**. We do not send a bill. The best way to pay is on the preschool tuition payment page on our website. There is a $25 late fee after the 5th of the month. We are a non-profit and rely on your timely payments to pay our staff and purchase supplies.

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.

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. Each month, new flyers will be posted. Please take a few moments to explore the selection together and let your child help choose books he or she is excited to read. Orders will be once a month. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom! Your books will ship directly to our preschool, and we will send them home with your child.

Family Order Due Date: **11/8/2026**

Shop Our Class Page:
https://orders.scholastic.com/GZVWY

Help those in need in our community:

Dulles South Food Pantry

There are several places locally to drop off food for the Food Pantry, including the shopping cart just outside our front door! Current requests are:

- Peas
- Corn
- Can White Beans
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Pasta Sauce w/Meat
- Can Pinto Beans
- Fruit Cocktail
- Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Soup w/ Chicken
- Seafood Soup

View the full list **here**.

Personal Hygiene Pantry

Provide for your neighbors' personal care needs through our hygiene pantry! Arcola Church provides hundreds of items each month and we are regularly in need of restocking. The most current needs are found on our **Amazon Wish List**. You can also make a **donation here**.

Arcola United Methodist Church

Pastor: Chris Riedel
Web site: www.arcolachurch.org

Worship @ 9am & 11am (Preschool & Nursery available)
Sunday School for K-5th grade @ 9am
Youth (grades 6-12) Sunday School/Fellowship @ 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.

Arcola Church Happenings – All are welcome!

The Gathering Grounds

Every 1st & Last Friday, 10am

Where little laughs and lasting faith grow together! Join Arcola's Children's Ministry Leader for coffee and fellowship with other caregivers while children enjoy fun activities and grow in faith. The Gathering Grounds will meet the first and last Friday of the month at 10:00am. No registration required. For more information, please contact **GraceM@ArcolaChurch.org**

Dates With a Purpose

November 7, 4:45pm

DWAP is an intentional way to connect and strengthen your relationship. Start your date at the church with a brief, 20-minute relationship-building conversation designed to spark meaningful connection. Then, the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy together!
Register here -
https://arcolachurch.org/event/24166895-2026-11-07-dates-with-a-purpose/

Wednesday Prayer Service

Take a midweek pause Wednesdays at 11:30 AM to reconnect with God and one another in Pearson Chapel. This 30-minute service includes prayer, favorite hymns, special music, an inspirational message, and Holy Communion. Come as you are and find peace, encouragement, and connection in the middle of your week.

Christmas Fest & Live Nativity – Mark your calendar! Friday, December 11, 5-8:30pm

Experience an evening of holiday joy! Our annual smash hit Christmas Fest is family fun for all ages. We're bringing back live animals in our nativity, Christmas music performances, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, plus Santa's workshop, games, hot cocoa, food trucks, and more. No registration necessary.