



The Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center
ELC School News
January/February 2021



Greetings! I hope you are enjoying a wonderful Christmas break. I'll bet it has involved some time with your kids playing out in the snow. Even though the snow was a little late to give us a white Christmas, it has added some beauty to our winter break. This Christmas and New Years have certainly been different due to COVID. We have not been able to gather as we would like. It is my prayer that you and your family are hopeful in the coming year. Joy in Jesus does not end with Christmas, it is only the beginning! We wish your family much happiness in 2021. Happy New Year from all of us at Shepherd's Flock!

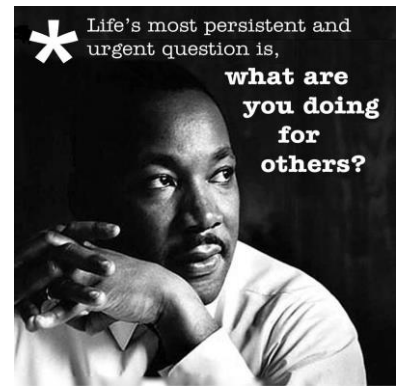
January Means Pre-Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

Pre-registration for the 2021-2022 school year is offered first to families with children currently enrolled in The Shepherd's Flock Early Learning Center. The deadline for this process is **Friday, January 15**. When the families with children currently enrolled in the ELC have completed registration for fall of 2021, we will move to the waiting list and fill in all remaining preschool and kindergarten positions. Because people on the Waiting List are guaranteed notification regarding availability by January 31, we must promptly close pre-registration to families with children currently enrolled in the ELC on January 15. **Families that miss the deadline, in fairness, are placed at the end of the waiting list.** In a separate online attachment sent with this newsletter, you should find Pre-Registration information including the form to indicate your preference. Please read and fill out all of your materials and **return the form with the required \$100 registration fee (\$200 for kindergarten) to your child's current teacher by the January 15 due date.** Please note that if a class is not at or near capacity, we will be unable to offer it. In the unfortunate event that this would happen, the ELC Director will contact the parents and discuss other options. If an alternative choice cannot be provided, the registration fee will be returned. Likewise, if a class fills up beyond capacity and we are unable to accommodate everyone with a spot in their preferred session, students will be enrolled based upon whether or not they are SOTV church members, numbers of years in the ELC, and lastly a lottery will take place. (see p. 1 of registration packet)

Register By January 15 for 2021-2022 School Year

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School

Please note that Shepherd's Flock will NOT be in session on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 18. Our staff will meet for a teacher work day.



Valentine's Day

Valentine celebrations will take place in the classrooms with each teacher conducting special activities in her own way. **Your February classroom calendar/newsletter will contain specific instructions about Valentine cards and how they should be signed and addressed.** Please refer to these instructions when you receive your February communication from your child's teacher.

The Annual Twice Blessed Consignment Sale

Each spring, The Shepherd's Flock ELC holds a big fundraiser, the Twice Blessed Consignment Sale. This event invites parents to resell children items, from toys to clothing to maternity items to children's furniture and more. It is with sadness that we announce the cancellation of this spring's sale. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the event will not take place. With required protocols still in place, holding an event of this size is simply impossible to do in a safe manner. The Twice Blessed Sale has such loyal and dedicated sellers, shoppers, and volunteers, for which we are so very grateful and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. We look forward to Twice Blessed 2022 with great anticipation. Until then, we will keep you informed of any other fundraising opportunities.



Thanks for a Successful Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

Last month's cookie dough fundraiser with Eileen's Colossal Cookies was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated! Total sales exceeded \$4,000! Despite a very snowy morning on December 12, the curbside pick-up went smoothly. **Thank you also to these wonderful volunteers: ELC mom, Lindsey Matus, who so nicely organized the event along with the help of her family, Adam, Nik & Jon; ELC mom Lindsay McQuarry; and the following high school volunteers: Hallie Mouw, Karissa Quass, Carter Hartman, Oriana Ryker, Max Deets and Eeon Martens. A special congrats goes to the Reynolds family, Abbyann & James (Penelope is in Mrs. Sutcliffe's T/Th AM), who sold a record 46 tubs of cookie dough totaling \$690! Wow! 😊**





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God's blessings to you and your family in 2021!

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Director, Early Learning Center

Shepherd of the Valley Invites You! ...

Church services are held in person at 50% capacity. Masks are required. Contact the church office to register at 225-1623. Service times are Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM. The Sunday 10:30 service is offered live on Facebook.

Click [HERE](#) for SOTV's Facebook page.

A Couple Bible Study Options:

Ladies Community Bible Study is welcoming new participants. They meet Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 by Zoom or in-person. The group is studying Genesis and the book can be found on Amazon. A service project is done once a month. Interested moms can contact Leslie Napier at 515-664-0909.

SOTV's Ladies Bible Study – This group, lead for many years by Marie Rickert, currently offers studies that are individualized so people can jump in anytime, but they will be starting a new book the end of January. Anyone is welcome. The group meets on Zoom for now 8:30-11:00. Please text or call Marie at 515-778-2879.

