

Jacobs Ladder opened September 14, 1992, as a part of the children's ministry at the First United Methodist Church. It is designed to provide a quality pre-school experience in a loving, caring Christian environment. The goal of the program is to foster each child's learning through developmentally appropriate activities which enhance each child's physical, spiritual, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Jacobs Ladder accepts children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old. Classes are divided into Infants, Toddler 1, Toddler 2, 2-3year-olds, and two preschool rooms with children ranging in ages from 3 to 5 years. Jacobs Ladder is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. year-round, although we are closed the week between Christmas and New Year.

Meals are prepared fresh daily, in our kitchen and served family style in each classroom. Our program makes every attempt to accommodate all children's dietary needs, and provides substitutes for food allergies and special diets, based on doctor recommendations. Children through 5-year-olds rest daily on cots provided by the program. Three separate playgrounds have been designed for the program to encourage children to explore and experience nature and the outdoors.

The fees for Jacobs Ladder include a \$20 application fee for the waiting list and a \$75 registration/activity fee due upon enrollment. Tuition varies for each age group and the number of days attending per week. Parents may select a 5-day, 3-day, or 2-day program. The weekly rate for infants is \$200.00, toddlers-2-year-olds \$185-\$180-, and 3-5-year-olds are \$170.00.

Parents are always welcome to visit our program at any time. Several parents come to feed their babies on their lunch hour, and many stop by to peek in the window! Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled three times per year in March, June, and October.

When placing your child on the waiting list, please remember that this does not at any time ensure that your child will be offered a spot. Enrollment into our program is based upon availability throughout the year.

When a spot becomes available, we will make every attempt to contact you based on the information that was given when completing your application. After 3 attempts, if you have not contacted us back, you will be removed from the waiting list.

If you have any questions regarding the program or if you wish to enroll your child, please call Heather Dickson, Director, at 520-0181.

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