

# Our Mission



## Fairbrook First Steps Christian Preschool

is a preschool program serving both our church community and the outlying communities surrounding State College.

### Our Mission

It is our mission to connect with each student on their own level and to nurture them so that they grow developmentally, socially, academically and spiritually.

### Our Philosophy

We believe that:

- Each child is an individual with his/her own ideas, preferences, abilities, and interests.
- Children learn through play within a sensory-rich learning environment.
- Fostering connections with the natural world and the community helps children develop a vital sense of belonging and purpose.
- Families deserve respect, support, and open lines of communication within the preschool community.

### It is our goal that

- Each child will leave prepared for kindergarten and, more importantly, that each child will leave prepared to enter the world with a foundation of Christian values that will help them to display compassion and respect in all situations.
- Each family will gain a better understanding of the stages of their child's development and learn appropriate ways in which to foster their child's continued development.

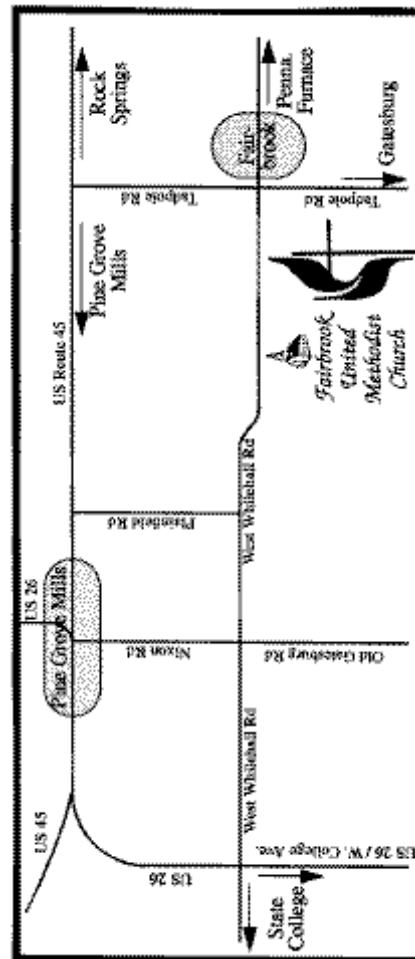
### Our Vision

We envision a preschool in which children can just be children—free from the pressures and stresses of our society and where they have time to play, imagine, explore, learn and dream without being rushed.

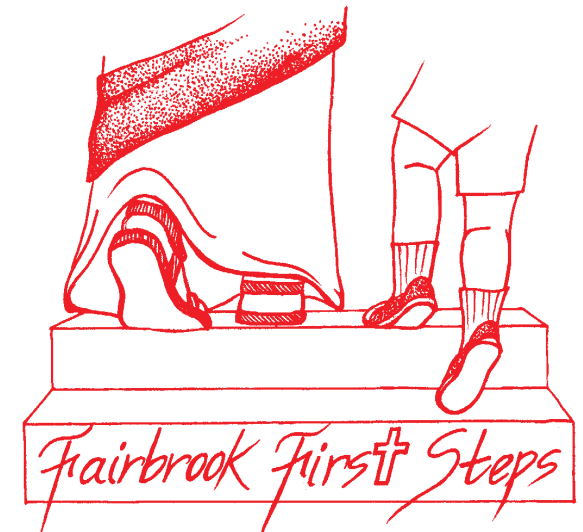
## Fairbrook United Methodist Church

Pastor Gene McCallips  
4201 West Whitehall Road  
Penna. Furnace, PA 16865  
(814) 238-5870  
www.fairbrookumc.com

Sunday School: 9 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.



## Fairbrook First Steps Christian Preschool



4201 West Whitehall Road  
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865

814-235-7040  
<http://FirstSteps.fairbrookumc.org>

# Developmental Curriculum

The Fairbrook First Steps Christian Preschool provides a stimulating social and educational environment for preschool children ages 3 and 4.



The experienced teachers at Fairbrook First Steps are committed to working with each child developmentally, socially, academically, and spiritually, while incorporating and respecting each child's individual ideas, preferences, abilities and interests.

Our curriculum is designed to assess and promote development in the following areas:

- **Social/Emotional**
- **Physical - Gross Motor and Fine Motor**
- **Cognitive**
- **Language and Literacy**

Growth and learning in these areas will occur through hands-on learning and exploration, interaction at activity centers, indoor and outdoor free play, and large and small group activities - all within a literature-rich environment. Christian education will be an integral part of the daily classroom routines and activities.



**Each class is taught by two certified teachers with the help of parent volunteers, and is limited to 18 students.**

# Classes Offered

## 3 and 4-Year-Olds Classes



### Three Day Mixed-Age Preschool Class

for children ages 3 and 4

**9:00am – 11:45am**

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Children in the preschool class must turn 3 on or before October 31st.

We suggest that students attend all three days, however there will be a limited number of spaces available for families that desire to have their child attend only two days per week.

#### All Schedules

Class Size Limited to 18 Students

Parent Volunteers Will assist the Two Certified Teachers

## School Calendar

Fairbrook First Steps Christian Preschool will begin classes in September and end the last week of May. The preschool will follow the holiday and vacation schedule of the State College Area School District calendar during the regular school year.

# Registration Information & Fees

Tuition costs for the preschool are paid monthly.

The cost for the two-day preschool option is **\$135 per month.**  
The cost for the three-day preschool option is **\$183 per month.**

Registration forms may be obtained at the church or by calling 235-7040 or online at <http://FirstSteps.fairbrookumc.org>  
A non-refundable \$40 registration fee is due with the application form.



## Enrollment

### Fairbrook First Steps Christian Preschool

is open to all children, ages 3 through 5 years old. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin or ancestry.