

# Bethlehem United Methodist Preschool

**Celebrating the  
FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION  
by appreciating the Earth's  
natural resources.**



## *Caring for animals outside.*



Students love visiting the “groundhog hole” and leaving plants for food. Additionally, they have created pinecone/peanut butter feeders, laced cereal feeders and this winter began filling a traditional birdfeeder they can observe from the classroom. It took 2 months for birds to begin eating at this spot.







In the fall, a church member shared his garden harvest with the children. They examined how the crops grew and took them home to try new vegetables. They fed the extra greenleaves to the groundhog.



*Sharing food with others.*



*Learning to grow food to share.*



We had a live Christmas tree that was planted this spring.



Students grew this bean plant that bloomed and began producing.





## *Learning to grow plants all year.*

We utilize the changing seasons, especially frost and freezing temperatures to predict when our annuals will die for the winter.



Knowing fall is coming soon, we get cuttings of plants to bring inside and root in water.





# Exploring God's Creation

A church member donated a set of binoculars that the children use to explore the outside with "different eyes."



## Prayer Walks



We take "Nature Walks" on Wednesdays to explore the church property. We utilize the signs and seasonal displays to teach God's message. Each child has a shoebox to collect "treasures" they find during the walk.





Numerous church members donate plastic containers that we re-purpose as planters. We send home the plants and herbs. Above are the vegetables they grew from seeds, as well as dried Rosemary we grew. Preschoolers have a difficult understanding how items can be recycled, but they can understand how to reduce and reuse.

*Reduce*

*Reuse*

*Recycle*



We re-purposed a popcorn container and for our paper recycling basket that we empty into the church "blue containers." We use the back side of used paper that a church member donated, as well as utilize cut construction paper for confetti.





# God's Green Garden



Planting and caring for the church property.





## *Enjoying God's Green Earth*

