

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Report 2009

The First Presbyterian Church Nursery School welcomes children of all racial, religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds. The Nursery School is housed on the fourth floor of the Mellin-Macnab Building in four large, light, airy classrooms that are shared with the Sunday School. Facilities also include a circulating library with children's and parenting books, a woodworking/arts studio, a fenced-in roof playground, and indoor play space (the Assembly Hall) for rainy day play and music and movement classes. Church members are given the option of early notification in the admissions process, and admission decisions are guided by the best interests of the children and the quality of the educational experience for them.

There are 103 children, including 34 from Church families, enrolled in 2009-2010. There are three classes of two-year olds; two classes of three's and two classes for older three's and four's. Children in the older classes can enroll for the "longer day" an after-school activities program on specific topics, such as cooking, music, science, drama, etc. There was also an early summer program the last two weeks in June 2009, featuring outdoor, warm weather activities. The school's talented faculty, assembled by Director Ellen Ziman, includes head teachers, assistant teachers, teaching aides, and specialists in movement, music and woodworking/arts.

Parent volunteers are extremely active in the life of the Nursery School, maintaining the school's library, and directing the school's highly successful spring auction, a fall bake sale, and an annual fund campaign. Funds raised through these efforts support the school's mission by providing for financial aid and teaching specialists, as well as other program enhancements that could not be provided through tuition alone.

The Nursery School is under the direction of a Board of Directors. The Nursery School reports to the Session and is a standing committee of Session, and is chaired by an Elder. The Board is composed of three Elders of the Session, including the Chair, two Trustees, five members from the congregation, and five non-church-affiliated members.

Members of the First Presbyterian Church Nursery School Board: Martyn Ball, Amy Brennan, Leslie Chang, Eunu Chun, Sarah Dana, Mindy Dehnert, Elaine Hall, Garrity Lansing, Marjorie Penrod, Albert Picallo, Rosemary Ryan, Jennifer Stelwagon, Katie Sudol, Larry Tallamy, Jon Walton and Ellen Ziman, ex officio

Steven Wells, Chair