May 7, 2020

Dear Nursery School Families,

I pray you are all safe and well. I know there has been much loss and grieving in this time of pandemic and separation, and the people of Christ Church hold you all in prayer.

Over the weeks, the teachers and staff of our school, along with our church Director of Communications, Candice Whitaker, have been working to stay in touch with all of you, especially with our students. We hope that this has been helpful to you.

Christ Church has been deeply committed to our school since we opened it in 1967 as a ministry of the church. This time of separation has been no different. Our leadership stepped forward to cover salaries in April, a financial difficulty for the church at a time when there was no income from the school, while we applied for the SBA Payroll Protection Plan loan to cover those costs. We did this because we care about our teachers and staff, and all of you. We were fortunate to receive the PPP loan, and that allows us to cover salaries through the end of June.

What does this mean for all of you? Well, we will continue, through the end of June, to post helpful information and activities for our families, even while we are not receiving any tuition. We do this as an act of good will because this is a ministry of our church, and we care about all of you. We hope that it is something that you find helpful.

Some of you have asked about the status of opening the school. The governor has not yet indicated an opening date for pre-schools & daycare centers, but has closed all public schools through the end of the academic year. As soon as we are allowed to open, we will communicate this to you. What that will look like, or how will things be different, we cannot yet say. We await the guidance from the state, and will communicate what we know, when we know it. That said, in the hope that we will be able to re-open sometime in the summer, we anticipate beginning re-registration for 2020-21 by email and online submission at the beginning of June.

Again, we will let you know as soon as we hear more from the state about re-opening, but until then, we hope that you remain safe and healthy.

Blessings,

Mtr. Diana+
Rector
Christ Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge