

Fees and Registration

All payments are to be made in advance of care.

Annual Registration Fee: \$325.00

The Annual Registration Fee covers the school session from August 10, 2023 - August 8, 2024.

Full-Time Tuition Rates

Infants:

Kitten Room \$250.00/wk
Butterfly Room \$250.00/wk

Toddlers:

Dolphin Room \$240.00/wk

Preschoolers:

Bear Room \$230.00/wk
Gator Room \$230.00/wk
Bunny Room \$225.00/wk
Shining Stars \$225.00/wk

VPK:

3 hours (9-12) FREE
Wrap Care \$180.00/wk
Non VPK days/Summer \$225.00/wk



School Closings

Sept. 4, 2023	Labor Day
Nov. 23, 2023	Thanksgiving
Nov. 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 25, 2023	Christmas
Dec. 26, 2023	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 1, 2024	New Year's Day
Jan. 2, 2024	New Year's Holiday
Jan. 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 16, 2024	Professional Day
Feb. 9, 2024	Professional Day - CPA Conference
Mar. 29, 2024	Good Friday
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Jul. 4, 2024	Independence Day
Jul. 5, 2024	Independence Holiday
Aug. 9, 2024	Professional Day (estimated)

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Early Care Center



First United Methodist Church has responded to the need in our community for safe, dependable day care by offering its facilities and enrichment experiences for young children in a Christian environment. The Early Care Center of First United Methodist Church is open to children of all races and creeds.

Ages and Hours

Early Care Center serves families with children ages 6 weeks through 5 years.

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Food and Formula

Parents provide their child's lunch and formula which are refrigerated and heated at the center. The center provides nutritious morning and afternoon snacks.



The Early Care Center Program



- ✓ Provides a safe and healthy environment.
- ✓ Provides a staff of loving, qualified caregivers.
- ✓ Provides indoor and outdoor play area with age-appropriate toys, equipment and curriculum.
- ✓ Encourages curiosity about the child's world.
- ✓ Encourages language development.
- ✓ Encourages self-esteem with positive reinforcements.
- ✓ Provides social opportunities.
- ✓ Provides new learning experiences.
- ✓ Provides a Christian environment, allowing children to experience the wonders of God's love.
- ✓ Understands and values the importance of "parents as child's first teachers."
- ✓ Encourages creative expression through art, music and creative movement.
- ✓ Invites parents to visit or have lunch with their child.
- ✓ Participates in the Florida VPK Program.
- ✓ Accredited by the Christian Preschool Association.
- ✓ Certified 4.5+ STAR rated program.



The Staff

Our caregivers are chosen for their experience in working with infants and young children. Each employee has had background screenings by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Florida Abuse Hotline Information System, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). All staff members have completed a state required course in child care, ten extra hours of child development, five hours of early literacy training, First Aid, CPR plus 24 hours annually of in-service training in early childhood education.



Location

The Early Care Center is a part of First United Methodist Church in downtown Sarasota near Five Points. Located on the ground floor of the Family Life Center, the entrance on Mira Mar Court has accessible parking for delivery and pick-up of children.