



Kids Care News

Van Meter United
Methodist Church

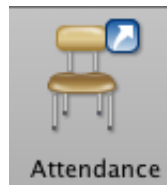
Sept. 2018

Fees & Payment:

- Pick up invoices on Tuesday of every week
- **Make checks to: VMUMC Kids Care**
- Fees are not reduced for absences.
- Payments due each week by Friday or you may pay ahead for 2 wks or monthly
- If paying with cash use envelope on side of payment box. Label with child's name
- Keep Invoices & Statements for your records
- You will receive year-end statement of payments in mid Jan. for your tax purposes

Signing Out / Absences

- Responsible adult from your permission list must sign your kids in and out daily!
- **Let us know if your kids are going to be absent after school either by e-mail, phone call, or note in the sign-out book.**
- Last minute changes should be done by phone as we are not at the computer after 3:00.
- RSVPs will be required for the days when there is no school. Watch for more info as those dates approach after the school year begins.



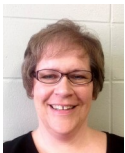
Breakfast / Snacks - (No Extra Fee)

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 am; please have children here before 7:30 if they need breakfast.

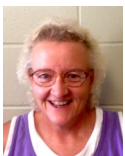
Monthly menus are available and one is always posted on the bulletin board

Kids may bring their own food.

Meet the Kids Care Team (More info on other staff to come soon)



Beth Keyt: Director since the beginning in 2000. I have a B.S. in Elem. Educ. from Iowa State. Previous to starting Kids Care I taught special education for 2 yrs in the ADM district. I've also been a teacher's associate, substitute teacher, tutor and home daycare provider. I'm originally from Little Rock in far NW Iowa. My husband and I have lived in Van Meter for 23 years. We have two 20 something children and Silas is our 5 yr old grandson! We are ISU b-ball fans- Go 'Clones! I also enjoy gardening, photography, hiking and sewing.



Raeann Thomas: Asst. Director. I started working here 4 years ago. I graduated from UNI (Go Panthers!) I taught 1st grade in Hubbard, Iowa for 8 years. I also worked with high school basketball and served as Speech Coach. In 1988 I began teaching at Interstate 35. I taught Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade. I retired in June of 2015. When not at Kids Care you can find me working with Madison County 4-H, doing needlework, reading, and following

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Kids Care

Van Meter United Methodist
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Van Meter, IA 50261

Director: Beth Keyt

Kids Care: 996-2117

Church: 996-2572

Pastor: Linda Stueve

Dates to Remember!



1:30 Dismissal

P/T Conferences

Kids Care—OPEN

Oct. 18

No School

Kids Care—OPEN

Friday, Oct 19

No School

Kids Care—OPEN

Weds. Nov. 21

No School

Kids Care—CLOSED

**Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 22
and Nov. 23**

No School

Kids Care—CLOSED

Dec. 24-Jan. 1

Weds. Jan. 2—OPEN

Bus Pick Up / Drop Off Times

7:40 a.m: bus stops at church to pick up Kids Care

3:40 p.m: bus stops at church to drop off Kids Care

Make sure the school knows that your child will be picked up and/or dropped off at Kids Care. David Johnson, school transportation director, will know the bus # and driver's name.

Kindergarten Parents: Write out your child's name, schedule and Van Meter United Methodist Church Kids Care, 996-2117 on a index card and pin it or otherwise attached to your child's backpack.

Pointers for a Smooth Transition to the New School Year

A week before school starts start working at getting the kids to bed earlier

Mornings go better if decisions are made the night before: what to wear, sack lunch, etc.

When dropping off at Kids Care keep good-byes short and sweet

Please remember to inform us if your child will not be attending after school. Saves us a lot of worry and time. We will call parents if we have no notice and your child is not in attendance. Do not rely on older siblings to tell us.

Label all your child's belonging with their name.

Start / Continue to practice zipping coats, tying shoe laces, carrying a plate & drinking glass, etc. Independence with self-care helps a lot.

The following times have been established for new student visits as we have 14 for the fall. During these times I'll be sure to be available to answer your questions and to show you around:

- Thursday, August 10 from 7:00 a.m. -12:00
- Friday, August 11 from 12:00-3:00p.m.
- Tuesday, August 15 from 7:00-9:00 a.m., 1:00-4:00 p.m. or after 6:00 by appt only

Thanks,

Beth