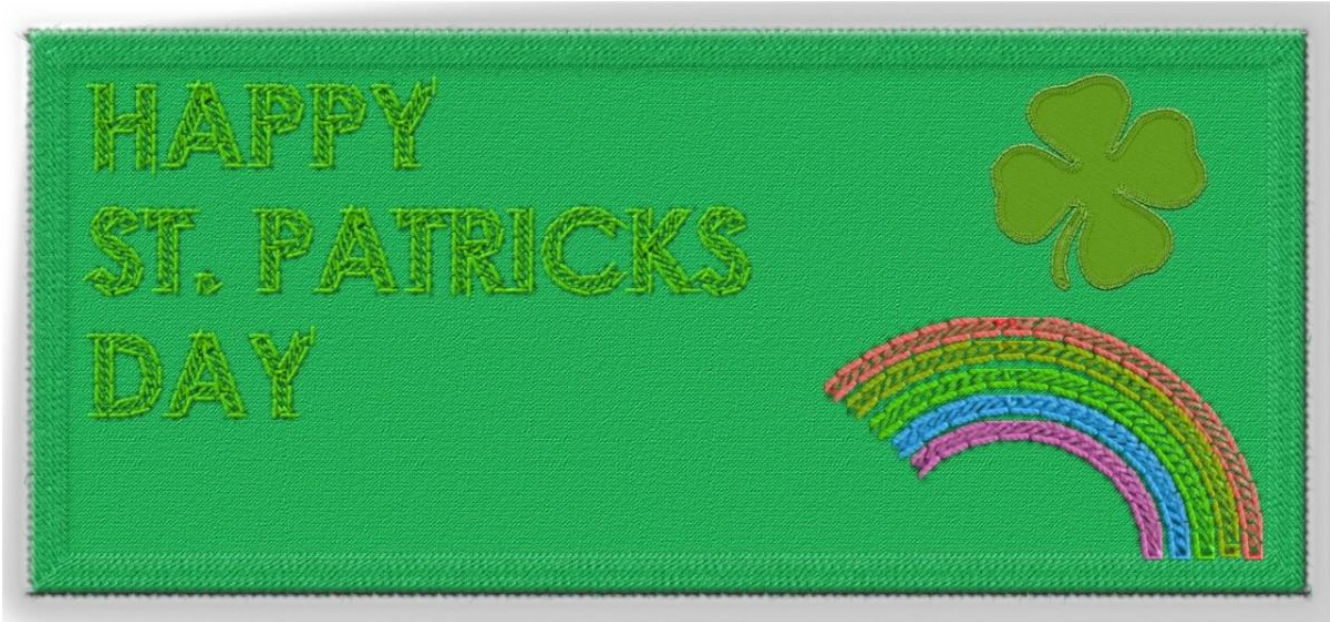




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Being loved by...

Dear Ms. Brenda

Remember Kindercottage

IT'S A BLESSING TO BE LOVED!

Evangelical UCC in Godfrey had a Valentine Tree with tags for members to choose and bring needed items for Kindercottage. Lois Gibson, Ginny Ilch and Sandy Olivia delivered the gifts to Kindercottage where the teachers were very excited to receive them. Their comments were: "Amazing." "Wow, they really did a big thing for the kids." "Everyone will get something." Evangelical has a continuing relationship with Kindercottage and we are very grateful. Thank you so much for winter warmth from our heads to our toes and places in-between!



The Confirmation Class from St. Peter's UCC in Okawville, along with their pastor, Rev. Jeffrey Schwab, visited us recently. The youth played with the children and Rev. Jeff read to some of the children. We love visitors who interact with us! Thank you for coming to visit.



And finally, sometimes we don't think what we do matters so much. This letter from a Kindercottage parent tells us differently. (It was signed but names have been removed for privacy.)

Dear Ms. Brenda Crisp,

As I sit and pen this letter it is hard for me to hold back the tears. I am extremely grateful to you and Uni-Pres Kindercottage because of your generosity and kindness toward my family.

Not only are you educating my children but you are nourishing us as a family unit. You touch us mind, body and soul (literally)! Through the mind, you are continuously encouraging me as a parent that I CAN do it! From unruly children (so I thought) to a well-mannered parent! I thought this letter was going to be a simple note of saying THANK-YOU! For Christmas but as I began to write I realized that there were things that I must tell you to let you know how much I appreciate you!

Through the body, you fed us with physical food! No holiday goes without

traditional fixings! By providing us with physical food, it allows us to have family time together creating traditional foundations.

Through the soul, your tender talks at 9AM not only keep me on track for success but it also lets me know I have someone in my corner. Your heart pours out to each and every one of the children in your center. Your patience should be commended. I have met NO one that has this gift quite like you do! I thought Christmas was going to be desolate in (our) household this year with my economic situation drastically declining however God turned this around for us. The bags of blessings that the children brought home this year had so much significance in my life. I waited so anxiously for them to sleep so that I could open the bags. So much thought went into those gifts. I remember (my daughter) asking specifically for some underwear earlier in the year and months later you did not forget that tiny request. To me it felt like each item was picked especially for my two amazing children. I was excited for clothing that they can grow into. This year my appreciation for each trinket was like never before, for you and what you do for (our) household I feel THANK YOU is not nearly enough! For you and the Staff of Uni-Pres Kindercottage are true Angels. May God continue to touch your heart, mind and soul for you are the true meaning of Agape Love! I am forever gratefully indebted to you! Please if I can ever be of assistance do call on me!

Sincerely Grateful,
(A Kindercottage parent)

We ask that you remember to include Uni-Pres Kindercottage in your will or trust documents. We would be ever so grateful! Thank you!
