

## UCCC Preschool Mission Statement

**Nurturing the gift and promise of young children** is the mission of the *University Congregational Children's Center Preschool*. We honor the value and dignity of each individual, while educating the whole child through developmentally appropriate practice. We encourage children to become contributing members of their classroom community, strengthening values of **cooperation**, *responsibility* and creativity. As a parent-cooperative, the preschool offers an environment where ideas about learning and positive parenting can be shared by all. The Preschool is part of the University Congregational Church. The curriculum is not religious in nature, yet maintains strong humanitarian and community building values. Reflective of University Congregational Church's statement of "Open and Affirming", we celebrate present-day family **diversity** and welcome children of *all races, abilities and backgrounds*. As one of the church's 'outward faces', we seek to be not only a home for **discovery and learning**, but also a place of **hospitality and love**.

