

## UALC Preschool Staff

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### Administration



#### **Phyllis Amato, Preschool Director**

Phyllis graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education and has continued in Early Childhood Education. She became the UALC Preschool Director in August 2000. Prior to that, she taught for ten years in a full-day program and seven years in a part-day program at another center. She has also taught first and fourth grades. A longtime member of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, she has taught Sunday School and VBS, as well as worked with a number of other groups. She has been the Public Policy Chairman of the Columbus Association for the Education of Young Children and presently holds the office of Membership Secretary of the organization. She is on the Hilltop Preschool Advisory Team.

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10



#### **Toni L., Office Assistant**

Toni pursued the medical field in college and worked in a doctor's office for many years. In August 2000, she began volunteering at a church-based preschool in Marion, Indiana. She came to UALC Preschool after moving to Columbus in 2003.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 139:23

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### Music Teacher, Pilgrim and Inventors Teacher



#### **Angie G.**

Angie has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with an urban focus from The Ohio State University and has extensive training as a foster parent with Franklin County Children's Services. She came to UALC Preschool at the start of the 2006-07 school year. She has been the Choir Director of the Carolers Choir at UALC since 2001 and has been a VBS storyteller & music person for many years.

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:31

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### Pilgrim and Inventors Teachers



#### **Amy A.**

Amy has a Bachelor of Humanities Degree and a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. She taught first grade for four years before taking time to stay home with her kids. All of her children enjoyed learning at UALC Preschool and she joined the preschool staff in 2011. Amy has attended UALC since elementary school and has been involved in a variety of children's ministries including Sunday School, VBS, Key Camp and Cherub Choir. She enjoys reading, music, crafts, and volunteering for UALC's AWANA program.

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11



#### **Kathy Q.**

Kathy joined the staff of UALC Preschool in 2008. She has substituted in all the classrooms with all age groups and became an assistant teacher in the Inventors in 2011. She attended OSU for two years. She has volunteered extensively in her own children's classrooms for twenty years from preschool through high school.

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13



#### **Jodi C.**

Jodi has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Otterbein College and has continued in Early Childhood Education. She came to UALC Preschool in 2003 with two prior years experience teaching preschool. She taught in the Explorer Classes until 2007, when she moved to the Inventors. She volunteers for the Hilliard Free Lunch Program and YKBS. She is a Stand By Minister at UALC and a Hilliard Darby Parent Choir Member.

Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 3:20-21

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## Explorers Teachers



### Kim D.

Kim has a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Bowling Green State University and a Masters Degree in Language Arts from The Ohio State University. She came to UALC Preschool in 2007. She has served as a Sunday School teacher and YKVBS leader in the church. She is actively involved in the community in a number of activities including Cub Scouts, Britton Elementary PTO, American Red Cross Blood Drive, among others. She taught in the Hilliard school system for eight years.

Favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:13



### Kelly H.

Kelly received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Child Development from Bluffton University. She came to UALC Preschool in 2009 with ten years previous preschool teaching experience, as well as experience as an ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) Therapist for a child with autism.

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6-7



### Michele T.

Michele has a B.A. from Bowling Green State University in Interpersonal and Public Communication. She came to UALC Preschool as a substitute teacher at the start of the 2010-2011 school year and is now teaching the Explorers. She has been a teacher in the preschool through second grade children's program at her church for six years.

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 43:2-3



### Deborah R.

Deborah came to UALC Preschool in 2011. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor Degree in Child and Family Development. She has been an afternoon Supervisor for a SACC program in the UA Schools for the past four years. Her experience includes working as an assistant teacher in UA Schools, working with Head Start as a teacher and in conducting assessment, teaching adults in Columbus Public Schools, teaching high school students to run a preschool, directing and teaching kindergarten at a child care center, and being a nanny.

Deborah enjoys her family, music, gardening and riding her bicycle.

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 9:6

\*See Robyn S. & Amy B. in the Discovery Class, and Leslie P. in the Adventurers below.

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## Adventurers Teachers



### Jenn D.

Jenn has a B.S. in Elementary Education and a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Cincinnati. She has continued her education at Wright State University, The University of Dayton, and Columbus State. She taught in the Dayton school system. She came to UALC Preschool in 2004.

Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6



### Leslie P.

Leslie has a Paralegal Associate Degree and is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood program at Columbus State, working on a CDA. She taught in our three-year-old program in 2005 and joined our substitute staff the following year. She returned in 2009 to teach in the Adventurers and Inventors Classes, as well as in the Friday Inventors Class. She has experience in teaching at two other preschools. Presently she teaches the Adventurers and Explorers.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:13-18

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## Discovery Class Teachers



### Amy B.

Amy has a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a concentration in Mathematics and has continued her studies in Special Education. She came to UALC Preschool in 1999 and has taught three-, four-, and five-year-olds and FAB. She has substituted in the public schools and volunteered as a VBS teacher, Sunday School teacher, Hilliard free lunch worker, Urban Concern tutor, and Cub Scout leader.

Favorite Bible Verse: Zephaniah 3:17

**Robyn S.**

Prior to coming to UALC Preschool in 2000 and going into Early Childhood Education, Robyn worked with open heart surgery patients and hospice as an RN. She also directed an urban preschool for ten years. She has a certification in Biblical Counseling and is pursuing a degree in Special Education. Robyn teaches our Discovery Classes and our afternoon Inventors and Explorers, as well, and has directed our Music program in the past.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:10

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**Spanish Teacher, Substitute****Lori S.**

Lori came to UALC Preschool at the start of the 2006-2007 school year. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts, History and Spanish, from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. At the start of the 2009-10 school year, she became our Spanish teacher.

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 16:9

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**Teacher's Aides****Angie D.**

Angie has a B.A. in International Studies from The Ohio State University. She came to UALC Preschool in 2003 as a teacher in the Explorers Class and worked with the Pilgrims and Inventors from 2007-2011. She is currently working as an aide for all classes.

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

**Cindy L.**

Cindy has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Lorain County Community College. She came to UALC Preschool in 2007 with six years prior experience in teaching preschool. She is an active Brownie leader and volunteer for Women of the Word Bible study. She enjoys scrapbooking, crocheting, anything that has to do with crafts, and gardening.

Favorite Bible Verses: Psalm 19:14, Psalm 29:11

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**Substitute Teachers****Mim B.**

Mim has a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. She has been a substitute teacher at UALC Preschool since 2003 and has been involved in MOPS and VBS for many years.

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 55:8

**Sharon C.**

Sharon's background is in Early Childhood Education from Columbus State. She came to UALC Preschool in 1993 and taught in both three- and four-year-old classrooms until she became a substitute teacher in 2001. She volunteers in delivering Meals On Wheels, helping with Children's Hospital Reach Out and Read and Music Programs at the Hilltop Close to Home Center, tutoring kindergarten children at Highland Elementary, serving at the Hilliard Free Summer Lunch Program, and volunteering at Columbus Alzheimer Care Center. She also helps with MOPS and VBS.

Favorite Bible Verses: Deuteronomy 31:6 and Psalm 86:12-13

**Anna P.**

Anna has Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees from the University of Dayton. Her Preschool Certification is from The Ohio State University. She has taught preschool, kindergarten, and the learning disabled. She came to UALC Preschool in 2003.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 23

**Marybeth W.**

Marybeth received an Associates Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Butler County Community College in Butler, Pennsylvania. She has taught our Explorers Class for all but one year, when she taught the Pilgrims, since coming to UALC Preschool in 2001. She worked for two years at another preschool before coming to UALC Preschool.

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:28