



Meet Our Staff



Sharon Paige



Sharon started as the Director/Teacher at Montrose Zion Christian Preschool in 2007 when the Preschool opened. Sharon has a BS degree in Early Education and Special Education (Learning Behavior Disorders) from the University of Kentucky. Along with overseeing the Preschool, Sharon is currently teaching the 4-year-old class on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. She has two children; James and his wife Jessica, who live in Willoughby Hills working as Director of Golf at Quail Hallow and Jennifer who also lives in Florida working for Marriott resort on Singer Island. Sharon is very passionate about mission opportunities both local and global. She has taken trips to Haiti/Cuba and each month during the Preschool calendar year a new mission opportunity for the children and families is highlighted.

Nicole Belich



Hello everyone! My name is Nicole Belich and I am very excited to be teaching your wonderful children this year. I am originally from Pittsburgh and have relocated to the Norton area. I graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in December of 1999 with a BS in Elementary Education. In 2000 I taught preschool at St. Elizabeth's in Pleasant Hills, Pennsylvania and then transferred into the West Mifflin Area School District. During my 13 year tenure in Western Mifflin, I taught kindergarten, first grade, third grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. In 2014 I returned to teaching preschool at a private school in Pittsburgh. I look forward to a fabulous year with all of you and growing in this amazing ministry!

Maria Dowd



Hello. My name is Maria Dowd and I cannot tell you how excited I am to teach the 3-year-old class at Montrose Zion Christian Preschool. I am originally from Australia, however my family and I moved to Ohio in 2012, and we enjoy experiencing life in the States. I have an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, and am currently working on my Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. As part of my studies, I have had exposure to working in a preschool setting by assisting the teachers with creating fun activities for the children. I also thoroughly enjoyed volunteering in my Son's kindergarten class. My husband John, of 12 years is very supportive and encouraging of my career. We have 5 wonderful children together – Isabella, Alexander, Jessica, Sofia and Mia. Helping children thrive and learn in a classroom setting is my passion, and I very much look forward to providing your children an opportunity to form positive attitudes about learning in general, at this wonderful Preschool .





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Calli Kohmann



My name is Calli Kohmann and I am the aide in the 4 year old class. I am blessed to have been with Montrose Zion Christian Preschool since it began in 2007! I am a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Elementary Education. After college I worked for 6 years in Copley-Fairlawn city schools and one year in Nordonia Hills City Schools. After 7 years of teaching I left to raise my family. My husband, Joe and I are blessed to have 4 wonderful children. I enjoy working with children in Vacation Bible School and in Preschool; it is exciting to be a part of the growing preschool ministry!

Andrea Bergum



My name is Andrea Bergum. I am a teacher's aide in the 3 year old class. After graduating from Baldwin Wallace College, I worked as a Safety Director at the Akron Area YMCA. As a Safety Director, I worked on the Summit County Safe Kids Coalition to coordinate area car safety seat checks. I also worked at the Goddard School in the infant room before deciding to stay home with my growing family. My husband and I have four incredible boys: Nick, Chris, Mason, and Andrew. Our family has been a part of the Montrose Zion family for several years. I am extremely excited to be on the staff at Montrose Zion Preschool.

Mindy Opsincs



My name is Mindy Opsincs. I am an assistant teacher in the Pre-K classroom. I have a bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development from the University of Akron and seven years experience in teaching and assisting in Christian preschool classrooms. My husband Brad and I have been married for 11 years and have two wonderful children. Our daughter, Brianna, is 7 (and half) and Bennett, our son, just turned 2. We enjoy hiking as a family and you can always finding me reading when the kiddos are sleeping! We recently moved to Richfield to be closer to friends and family. I am excited to start my new adventure at Montrose Zion preschool and look forward to meeting and getting to know you all!

