

The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
6:30am to 6:00 pm



Mettelise Ziegler, MS - Director
OFFICE HOURS
8:30am-4:30PM
(Hours are subject to change.)

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Happy Birthday!

Children: Seamus F. 2/5
Gavin M. 2/5
Adriana L. 2/9
James B. 2/9
Billy V. 2/10
Emma U. 2/14
Victoria B. 2/22

Teachers: Miss Judy 2/10
Miss Cathy 2/18
Miss Melissa 2/22
Miss Crystal 2/22

Important Dates

See a list of closings for 2012 on the back page!

2/21 & 2/22: Easter Seals Speech & Hearing Screening (3 and up)
2/22 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

Looking ahead: We will be closing early on March 14th at 4:00PM for our annual meeting and training. You will need to pick up your children on time so we can get to our classes on time. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

We thank the Board of Trustees, John Cato, (Maintenance Supervisor), John Dalzell, (Business Manager), and the Rev. Warman for making our new flooring possible. We thank Nancy Romano for cleaning them for us. Our old tile from "mid-century" is now gone and the new surface is much nicer for many reasons! The installer did a fabulous job at a fair price. If anyone needs his name, stop by the office.



You are invited to a Mardis Gras pancake supper with games for the whole family on the 21st here at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. It will be held from 6:00-7:30PM. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be taken.



INFANTS

There are seven infants in our room. We welcome our newest, Artie, who is 4 months old! Jackie Perry

SUPERTOTS

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we learn about Jesus' love for us and about how we love our friends. We learn about kisses, hugs and sharing. Our words are Valentine's Day, love, kiss, hug, heart, friend and share. We will exchange Valentines on the 14th! Alissa Matson

TINY TOTS

Be my Valentine this month! The Tiny Tots are celebrating Valentine's Day by learning to be kind and sharing. We will be making Valentine boxes, so please bring a Kleenex box by Monday, the 6th. On the 14th we will be exchanging our Valentines and having a special snack. This month's Christian theme is *Jesus grew as I grow*. Erin Piatt

OLDER TODDLERS

Through red, pink and purple colors we celebrate Valentine's Day this month! We will be exchanging Valentines, making beautiful creations for people we love and enjoying our families and friends. We also have some fun with Groundhog Day and President's Day. Please watch the door for specifics you should know about Valentines. Don't forget to look at our monthly lesson plan outline on our parent bulletin board. Heather Buettner

PRESCHOOL PALS

There is a lot going on this month! Besides Valentine's Day and President's day, we explore dinosaurs, Groundhog Day and learn that *Jesus grew as I grow*. We will learn about shadows, bubbles, fossils, and what makes us grow. We will be creating lots of art and learning new songs. A lot of emphasis will be put on how Jesus had a family and so do we! Helbig

PRE-K CLASSES

Our theme for February is *community helpers*. What tools do they use? What do they do? We will learn more about opposites. Our letters are Rr, Kk, Aa and Vv. Our numerals are 5 and 6. Prek-4 and T classes will continue working on learning their addresses and phone numbers. Please check out the bulletin board for sign up sheets for the Valentine's Day parties. There will be hearing and speech screenings and a disability awareness program late in the month. Brack & Carol Flaherty

The Director's Page

Mettelise Ziegler

The children will be learning that *Jesus grew and I grow*. Baby Jesus was celebrated in December. In January, we learned that Jesus and his family went to Egypt to escape Herod's evil plot to get rid of Jesus. Now, the children hear that Jesus was raised in a family much like their own.

Not much is said about Jesus' childhood. We know that children in his socio-economic group would have helped around the house when very small and help their parents in their vocations when they were older.

We also know that Jesus was taught God's Word because when he was twelve, he spent time quoting scripture at the Temple. We assume He was not given this ability supernaturally, but that his parents followed the mandate given Jewish parents, specifically fathers, to train their children in God's Word.

A big difference between Jesus and our own children is that Jesus never sinned. He never lied, stole a toy or disobeyed his parents.

We can learn a great deal from Jesus' childhood and apply it to our own families.

We know that helping around the home gives children a sense of belonging and purpose. We cannot instill self-esteem in children unless they experience a sense of accomplishment. Related to that concept, serving someone, even when not particularly heartfelt, is a way to teach that love is not a feeling, but a holy calling God gives us to act for the benefit of someone else. Family members are called to serve one another even when they are not feeling particularly loving.

We also learn that spiritual training is not left up to a church, school, society or someone else. It is best done in the home through ordinary tasks like washing dishes, cooking, playing, or reading together. It was how Jesus was taught these important concepts by his parents.

Jesus grew and I grow. Actually, we never stop growing. As adults, we continue to learn ways to make our homes a place where children learn about the import place they have in two different families: their earthly one and their heavenly one.



Weekday Ministries Cookbook coming soon! Our hardcover cookbook features recipes from our families and preschool age children...over 230! At \$10 each, they make great memory books and **great gifts!** Reserve yours today by signing up on your child's classroom door! Cookbooks will be available in the spring.

Holiday Calendar

February No closures

March 14th closed early at 4:00PM for teacher training

April 6th closed - Good Friday

9th closed - Easter Monday

May 28th closed - Memorial Day

June No closures

July 4th closed - Independence Day

August No closures

September 3rd closed - Labor Day

October No closures

November 6th closed - Election Day

22nd & 23rd closed -Thanksgiving Break

December 24th – Jan 1st closed - Christmas Break



Is Winter Over?

We may still get some storms!

If we have to close or delay due to weather, we will post our announcement on WPXI, KDKA or WTAE television. Typically, our notice will be sent in by 5:30am. Look for the words

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