

# The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

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## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm  
OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY thru FRIDAY  
9:00am-4:30PM  
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### Happy Birthday!

Alyson D. 1/5  
Bobby D. 1/5  
Allyson S. 1/7  
Aubrey V. 1/8  
Alex D. 1/8  
Alex S. 1/18  
Stella 1/27  
Alaina 1/27

Two new teachers are starting this month. Nancy Phillips has worked at Bethany Presbyterian Preschool in Bridgeville and raised two daughters with her husband Bill. Jeanne Erickson has raised all sons with her husband! She has worked as a kindergarten teaching assistant in the public schools. Both teachers have worked with children at their churches and will be working with our preschool group. We are excited to have Nancy and Jeanne join us.

We have a new Business Administrator starting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. His name is John Dalzell. John has been serving on our Weekday Ministries Team (Board), and is a church member, so he already has an understanding of our mission.

### Winter Weather Alert!

*Please do not take it for granted that we are open!* There could be ice on the parking lot or problems with getting staff here at 6:30am. Check WPXI or WTAE. KDKA may be added soon. Recently, notice of a 9:00am late start was sent to WPXI. The station's website posted the delay immediately, but they did *not* broadcast it! We do our best, but please double check any morning it looks like travel might be a problem before dawn. Delays and cancellations will be sent to the stations by 5:30am. You can sign up for email notification by clicking on *school closings* and following prompts. We are listed as **Mt. Lebanon Weekday Ministries**.

### PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S AFTERNOON SNACK

Because of food allergies and nutritional requirements, we ask that you pack a little extra something for your child's afternoon snack. You know best what they should have whether it's a piece of fruit, a yogurt, some cheese and crackers, or something else. We will continue to supply milk for snack time, if milk is not a problem for your child. Please keep us informed of food allergies so that we can share treats confidently on party days.



### **INFANTS**

Jackie Perry has gone through successful surgery but will be out for at least a month. If you'd like to send her a card, you may send it to 1518 Methyl St., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Kim Shiring and Karen Pfeiffer, both experienced in infant care will be helping in the infant room. More babies join us! We welcome Owen Olden and Avery Carson to our room.

### **SUPERTOTS**

January means snow, and that's what we are learning about. Theme words include snow, snowflake, snowball and snowmen. Theme colors are blue and white. The theme shape is a circle. "God keeps me safe" is our Christian theme, which includes being protected from the cold. Alissa Matson

### **YOUNG TODDLERS**

Let it snow, let it snow...Watch for our little snowflakes. This month, we will be learning about winter, Eskimos, penguins and some favorite nursery rhymes. We are happy to have Zachary Bannon in our room, too. Erin Piatt

### **OLDER TODDLERS**

The theme for January is *Winter*. We will be discussing the variety of winter activities we can participate in during this season, and how we can stay warm and dry. Peter will be joining us from the Younger Toddler Room. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and wish everyone a joyous and healthy new year. Janice Zaborowski

### **PRESCHOOL PALS**

We have a few birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to Bobby 1/5; Alex 1/18; Stella 1/27 and Alaina 1/27. We are helping Bobby Dong to learn English while practicing our letters, numbers and colors. We will talk about the winter season, snow, what we need to wear and what we need to eat. We also learn that God keeps us safe! Cathy Helbig

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our January theme is “**God keeps me safe!**”

If we truly believed that, would we live differently? Would we go scary places in order to help someone else? Would we go back to school? Would we give more of our money for a good cause?

After the birth of Jesus, King Herod, afraid of competition from another “king,” vowed to have the baby killed. But God kept Jesus safe by warning Joseph in a dream and sending the family off to Egypt. Another dream sent by God told Joseph it was safe to go home.

God does not typically speak to us through dreams today, but He does want to keep us safe. That’s why He gave us His Word. There are religions all over the world in which the faithful watch and wait for a word from a “prophet” or medicine man...*anything* to hang onto. We have an entire volume of sixty six books, given to us by God, to help us understand His intentions for us.



You may make New Year’s resolutions about your weight, your health or your family this year. Maybe they can all be lumped together into one resolution. If you get to know your Bible, you will get to know God, and you will finally feel **safe** in all the areas of your life!

May you have a Happy New Year!



The Weekday Ministries Staff wants to thank you for your generosity! Janna Dowds, our Weekday Board Chair, presented each full-time teacher with \$50 and each part-time teacher with \$25. We also thank you for the delicious brunch provided by the Board. We are all truly grateful! Thank you for making us feel appreciated!

*Sincerely,*  
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## CALENDAR 2010

March 16	<b>Center closes at 4:00PM</b> for lengthy staff training.
April 2 & 5	Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday
May 31	Closed for Memorial Day
July 5	Closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Weekend
September 6	Closed for Labor Day
November 4	Closed for Election Day (We are a polling place with open doors)
November 25-26	Closed for Thanksgiving
December 24-31	Closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays