

# 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  
412-531-5790  
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**Our Center is closed the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

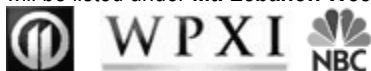
Please Note: We need a commitment from you as to whether your child will be needing child care on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduling fewer staff members to cover these days. Please stick to your commitment if possible.

Happy Birthday to Jayden Davis 12/11, Celia Mitchell 12/17, Emma Dowds 12/18 and Jack & Justin Bochkoris 12/19. Three of our teachers are also celebrating birthdays: Miss Susan 12/5, Miss Eileen 12/15 and Miss Janice 12/27.

Donna Kramer, Business Administrator, will be leaving us to work for the University of Pittsburgh. She has been doing a wonderful job keeping track of funds, income, expenses, tuition charges and human resource issues. Not only is she good at her job, she is a terrific person to be around. She will be missed by us all.

The church is looking for new or gently hugged teddy bears to provide comfort to needy children. Offerings can be donated now through December 13<sup>th</sup> or brought to church on that day. Bears are donated to many different groups like shelters and hospitals. If you know of a group that would like some furry pals, let us know.

**Weather:** In case of power outages, snow or ice, flu we will notify you through WPXI-Channel 11. If you go to their website, you can sign up for email notification. That way, you will always know if we are delayed or open. Our center will be listed under **Mt. Lebanon Weekday Ministries**. Do it today!





### **INFANTS**

There is one spot open in the Infant room. If you know of anyone who needs great care, call right away before the spot is taken. Rosalia will be leaving us after Christmas. She is having her own baby in February and will still be in to teach the preschoolers Spanish. We're looking forward to seeing her baby! Jackie Perry

### **SUPERTOTS**

It is Christmas time again, our favorite time of the year. Our theme words are tree, Santa, bell, reindeer and baby. Theme colors are red and green. The theme shape is the star. We will celebrate that Baby Jesus is born. Please remember to sign your child in and out and check the door for important information daily. Have a wonderful holiday! Alissa Matson

### **YOUNG TODDLERS**

Listen for sleigh bells ringing. Santa's on his way! Happy Birthday to Celia Mitchell this month. We will also be celebrating Jesus birthday, learning Christmas songs and making special Christmas art. We will continue our counting from 1 to 10 in Spanish. Happy Holidays from Miss Erin, Miss Susan, Miss Kim and Miss Betty. Erin Piatt

### **OLDER TODDLERS**

The month of December will be a very busy, exciting time. The children will be learning different ways of celebrating the holidays. We will be discussing the birth of Baby Jesus, the winter season and the changes that take place outside. We are looking forward to this magical, colorful time of the year. We are planning a sing-a-long, gift exchange, cookie baking and much more! We wish Marshall all the best as he moves to the preschool room. We will miss you. Janice Zaborowski

### **PRESCHOOL PALS**

This month we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will learn about the nativity and the first Christmas. We will talk about Santa Claus and about giving. Jayden Davis (12/11) and Emma Dowds (12/18) celebrate their birthdays this month! Cathy Helbig

### **PRE-K PROGRAM**

Not only are we learning about the birth of Jesus, we are learning about how different winter holidays are celebrated around the world. The PreK3 and PreK4 classes will be learning Cc, Oo & Uu and the numeral 3. The T class will focus on Kk, Ll & Uu. Colors of Christmas include red, green, brown, black and purple. We have a sing-a-long planned for PreK3 on 12/22 at 10:45am and a PreK4 and T class Nativity Pageant on 12/23 at 10:30am. Join us! Remember, there is no school from 12/24 – 1/1/10. School resumes 1/4/10. Merry Christmas! Monica Bochkoris

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS !**

Some people say that the Bible is one big love letter from God. Some believe it's a book of laws. Which is it?

If you say God is love and that's all, you run the danger of thinking that God does not care about what we do or believe as long as we "don't hurt anybody." That kind of God is a little like Santa Claus, a big old cozy couch of a grandfather giving us what we wish for.

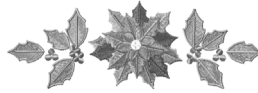
If you believe the Bible is a rule book, you may not have much affection for God and you will always be trying to find loopholes to get away with things.

In reality, The Bible is a love letter that shows us the destruction our sinful nature can cause and our need for a Savior. Over and over again, stories in the Bible illustrate that God wants us to know Him and to love Him. So that we can really connect with Him, He became one of us through the birth of Jesus.

Advent means "coming." Emmanuel means "God with us." We joyfully celebrate Jesus coming at Christmas, and look forward to His second coming at an undisclosed time.

The ancient hymn sung this time of the year, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, says it well.

**O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**



Safety and cleanliness!

Please keep your children home if they have symptoms of fever, vomiting or diarrhea. Illness can spread quickly. Practice hand washing, even after wiping runny noses. We are not permitted to use hand sanitizer because of the alcohol content, but if you watch your own children carefully, it's not a bad idea for you to get some at the dollar store and keep it in your glove box or purse!

We try to post important information in the hallway above cubbies, on classroom doors and by handouts we send home. Please do not forget to read them so you do not miss important messages about special events and closings. You can find our monthly newsletter on our website: [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org). Click on *Weekday Ministries* and select the monthly newsletter

Thank you for your Sarris Candy fundraising efforts! Candy will be delivered on Friday, 12/11. We made over \$795. It really helps.

Although we make every effort to keep costs down, we are forced to raise tuition on January 1. A copy is attached. You will notice that there is a change to the sibling discount. Instead of a 10% break, the second child gets a 15% break. You will be asked to sign or initial a new agreement this month. You will also be asked to update your emergency contact information.

If you cannot afford child care, you may apply for funding through Child Care Information Service (CCIS). They can easily be reached at 412-261-2273. About 15-18% of our parents receive assistance through CCIS.



"I'm sorry but you can't expect him to sleep on that rough straw and this cold damp barn is hardly a place to bring up a young child...."

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## Weekday Ministries Tuition Rates

Effective January 1, 2010

Infants	9 weeks-12 months	5 days/week	\$865/month	_____
		3 days/week	\$760	_____
		2 days/week	\$520	_____
Super Tots	12-22 months	5 days/week	\$844/month	_____
Younger Toddler	22-32 months	3 days/week	\$740	_____
		2 days/week	\$504	_____
Older Toddler	32-42 months	5 days/week	\$833/month	_____
		3 days/week	\$728	_____
		2 days/week	\$475	_____
		PreK 3 class	\$ 84 extra/month	_____
Preschool Age	42months-6 years	5 days/week	\$730/month	_____
		3 days/week	\$626	_____
		2 days/week	\$458	_____
		PreK 4 class	\$96 extra/month	_____
		"T" class	\$126 extra/month	_____
PreK 3 (no daycare)	3 year olds	T Th 9-11:30am	\$112/month	_____
PreK 4 (no daycare)	4 year olds	M W F 9-11:30am	\$129/month	_____
"T" class (no daycare)	5 year olds	M – F 12:30-3:00PM	\$168/month	_____
Kindergarten extended day ½ day care		5 days/week	\$360/month	_____
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>	
<b>15% discount for second child</b>			<b>- \$ _____</b>	
<b>Total monthly fees</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>	
PreK Lunch Bunch Daily Rate			\$6/day	
Daycare Registration fee (Start date within 30 days)			\$100	
Daycare Registration fee (Longer than 30 days)			\$100 + 50% of the monthly tuition	
PreK Registration fee			\$30	



Dear Parents,

With the Holidays fast approaching I wanted to make sure that we, the parents, take time to recognize our hard working teachers here at Weekday Ministries. In the past, the parents have collected money to put towards a “Christmas Bonus” for our teachers.

This year I have taken on this responsibility and would like to ask for your help in making this possible. The teachers have such a large impact on the development and growth of our children, and this is just a nice way we can thank them during the holidays.

If you would like to contribute, please either give your contribution to Mettelise Ziegler, Director, who will pass it on to me, or you can turn it in to the church office. (Please place in an envelope and mark it clearly as ‘Weekday Ministries Teacher Bonus’). Please turn in all contributions by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. (If you need to write a check, please make payable to Janna Dowds). We will take the amount collected and distribute it evenly to all of our classroom teachers in time for their holiday brunch on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks for all of your help. Have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Janna Dowds

Weekday Ministries Board Chair and Parent Representative