
### Weekday Ministries

Child Care Center

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The Weekday

 Messenger

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**Family Invitation**

**Early Easter**

Second Annual Weekday Ministries Sunday!!

Please plan on coming to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church on Sunday, **April 10th for the 10:45 am** worship service!

The older children have been practicing songs to sing! They love these songs!

*Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna*

*Inright Outright Upright Downright Happy All The time*

*Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam*

If your child is old enough to stand up and sing with a group, we ask you to meet us in the Pre-K room at 10:30am. Teachers will walk them to church as a group. After they sing, they will be dismissed to you. You can elect to take them to the nursery or to *Kidz Praise* for the rest of the service. We expect that some of our two-year-olds plus our three, four and five year olds can handle this.

All other children, infants and toddlers, can sit with you, their parents. After the service, stick around in the narthex for some cookies and conversation.

The congregation is very excited to meet you! Mark your calendar today!

A flier and sign up sheet will go home soon.

Easter is very early this year… March 27th to be exact. It could be warm and spring-like, or it could even snow!

The very first Easter was known as the Resurrection of Our Lord. It took place early in the morning. It involved ancient believers who proclaimed that Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

If Jesus did not rise from the grave, then He lied about who He was and why He came. You couldn’t call Him a great teacher, either, because fine teachers have integrity. They would never teach myths as fact!

Did Jesus rise from the dead? No one saw it happen, but hundreds of people risked their lives to swear they saw him! And documents from credible Roman historians of the time agree that eyewitnesses believed they saw Jesus alive.

May the resurrection of Our Lord mean everything to you this year! May it give you hope and a secure future as you trust in Him. Remember: Jesus, who conquered death, is there for you!

**Because He Lives**

 **Bill & Gloria Gaither**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

P.S. Check out the Crowder version of this song! The song is recorded by many artists on Youtube.

**God Says**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” 8Then they remembered his words.

Luke 24: 1-8

# Special Dates

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Is Christianity about suffocating us in rules and regulation? Not at all says St. Paul.

***It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.***Galatians 5:1-2

# Classroom Highlights

Infant room space is unavailable until May of 2017. If you are pregnant, please see Mettelise as soon as possible in your pregnancy to be placed on a waiting list.

The Supertots will be enjoying lots of activities in preparation for Easter, St. Patrick’s Day and spring! They are making pots of gold, shiny shamrocks, and lambs among other colorful things. They welcome Samuel to their room!

Tiny Tots are looking for leprechauns, making Easter baskets, finger painting and learning that *Jesus is their friend.* Friends, sharing, love and family will be emphasized as they celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and Easter.

Older Toddlers are looking at the colors of the rainbow. Not only is this the month of St. Patricks’s Day and Easter, it is also Dr. Seuss’s birthday. His stories are so much fun and teach so much! BTW: There will be a pizza party on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th. Yum!

Preschoolers are growing some leprechaun hair as part of their St. Patrick’s Day theme! They are also learning about what Lent means as they look to Good Friday and the resurrection. For the silly part of Easter, they are making chocolate bunnies, marshmallow bunnies and chickens with nests.

We are pleased to announce that we have gone green! We are no longer using bleach at our center. We are using products from Envirox that are certified by the EPA, EcoLogo, Green Seal, Green Clean Institute and NSF. We are attempting to control germs while protecting our health. The new product smells like oranges!

Please see our website. The Health Form and Parent Handbook are posted there. [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org).

**March**

25th Good Friday CLOSED

28th Easter Monday CLOSED



Children: Alaina H. 3/31 4 years

Teachers: Miss Kelly 3/26

**Weather Delays**

**Please note: Weather can cause water main breaks, power outages, ice or snow. We might delay or close.**

It is your responsibility to check the three local TV networks or their websites for information about our center. We will be listed as *MLUMC Weekday Ministries* or *Mt. Lebanon Weekday Ministries*.

**MLUMC Corner**

Plan to attend EGGSTRAVAGANZA with your children on Saturday, March 19th!

The event starts at 10:00 am and ends at 12 noon.

It includes eggs, games, crafts, lunch and live bunnies!

There is no charge!

## Important Reminders

* You must pay your tuition by the 15th as you contracted in the Agreement Form you signed.
* We need a Child Health Report form every time you see the doctor for routine checkups! Forms are available on the bulletin board.
* We will call you and send your child home with fever, vomiting or diarrhea.
* Use the door code and pass it along to authorized caregivers. Do not open for strangers!