



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



**Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center**

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Thanksgiving

Our national holiday was instituted by President Lincoln during the Civil War to give "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." For some of us, the day brings anxiety! Will the turkey be dry? Will the piecrust be flaky? Will everyone compare my stuffing to Grandma's?

Good news! Your troubles are over! The Jr. and Sr. Pre-K children have suggested simple ideas that will surely be a hit this year.

For some kids, you only need to supply a turkey. No sides. That will please Micah, Cameron, Liam, Evelyn and Eric. You could even splurge on lunchmeat, save your oven and forget the cooking.

Abbey, Grace and Mrs. Brack would rather have ham. Lennon wants spaghetti. Perry and Blake prefer chicken fingers. Heat & eat. Easy.

Green bean casserole anyone? No. Keira and Waverly would rather eat broccoli. Everly loves edamame. Rowan wants chips.

Why not skip the poultry altogether? Waffles, French Toast or mac & cheese work for Amiya and Philip. Popcorn pleases Arabella. Cailyn prefers meat in the form of tacos and Jack likes the idea of lasagna. Prepare a casserole - not much clean up.

The rest of our kids subscribe to the "life is short; eat dessert first" philosophy. Jude likes apples. Andrew and Theo like chocolate pie. Cecilia thinks blue cupcakes would be appropriate. Oliver believes candy is enough. Alden is a traditionalist: cherry or pumpkin pie for him.

Mr. Lincoln never intended to create a holiday for foodies. The emphasis should be on thanking God for blessing us with family, friends, home, health, national security, Jesus, the whole enchilada (no pun intended).

Then again, good food brings people together. Jesus is well known for sharing meals with friends. Here is a great website with recipes created with stress-free in mind.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/the-ultimate-guide-to-your-first-stress-free-thanksgiving/2017/11/13/b97df754-c401-11e7-afe9-4f60b5a6c4a0_story.html

Upcoming Events

Remember that we are **closed on Election Day** - Tuesday, Nov. 5th. The building will be wide open to the public, as ours is the location for two polling places.

We will be **closed on Thanksgiving** - Nov. 28th and remain closed the day after, Black Friday.

Please do not forget to check the weather before bringing your children. If we delay, we will post immediately to the REMIND app and all three local television stations by 5:30 am. We do our best to clear the parking lot, but sometimes it is hazardous. To receive emergency messages on REMIND, go to rmd.at/missmette. Download to your smartphone. Our class name is *Weekday Ministries Child Care*. Our class code is *missmette*. If you signed up last year, do not sign up again. You are already active.

Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable item for the food pantry. Bring items to the classroom so teachers can use them to encourage the values of giving and sharing. The food pantry serves over a hundred local family units in need each month. The Pre-K classes will bring their items as offerings on chapel day, Nov. 12th.

Child Health Reports are mandatory! They must be dated every 3-6 months for children under two. For children over two years of age, they are expired if older than 12 months. We are required to check for current flu vaccines. When your child receives immunizations, send us a copy.



The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am
helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.
Psalm 28:7

Classroom Highlights

The first Infant spot is November, 2020. Get on the list early! Infants are "little turkeys" making silly art for Thanksgiving. Miss Suzette will be helping in the afternoons as Miss Talia will be in Older Toddlers while Miss Annie is on maternity leave.

Supertots and Tiny Tots are learning that food comes from God. They are still learning about Autumn and will be experiencing a little Thanksgiving in their classrooms. They are learning about Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Older Toddlers are learning about Thanksgiving, where food comes from, community helpers, Veteran's Day and kindness. They are excited their teacher Miss Annie will be having a new baby! In her absence, staff schedules will change and Miss Talia will be helping in the afternoons.

Jr. Pre-K themes include Thanksgiving/Giving thanks to God/Pilgrims and Indians. They are even washing dishes and playing with water and cranberries. There will be a "feast" for lunch on the 26th. Please see the menu displayed outside the classroom door. Their letters are Dd, Ee & Tt.

Sr. Pre-K is learning about hibernation, nutrition, manners and Thanksgiving. They are acting out the first Thanksgiving. On the 21st they're making soup. The 15th is Teddy Bear day. The 22nd is black and gold Day. The 27th is a special feast prepared by teachers for lunch.

Reminders

Children cannot come to school sick!
Children who are exhibiting symptoms must stay home and possibly go to the doctor.

You do not want your child to be miserable trying to keep up during the day.

You do not want your child to become sick from another child if possible.

You do not want your teachers to be sick or for yourself to become sick. Lost wages and time off work is expensive and inconvenient for everyone.

Special Dates

Please see our website. The Health Form and Parent Handbook are posted there.
www.mlumc.org.

November

- 2 MLUMC Rummage sale
- 3 Sunday...Turn your clock back one hour!
- 5 Election Day - CLOSED
- 28th & 29th Thanksgiving Break - CLOSED



Children:

Teddy S.	11/12	3 years
Margot K.	11/14	1 year
Benicio	11/15	1 year

Teachers:

Mrs. Brack	11/8
Miss Nancy	11/18



United
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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor
You are invited!

- Sunday School: 9:30 am each Sunday
- Worship 8:30am and 11:00am
- Terrific Tuesdays: Each week at 6:00 PM for dinner and program for the whole family.