



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Sing a New Song

Happy New Year! As the Psalmist says, "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Music was God's invention. As the reformer Martin Luther said, all music is sacred. All music is good unless we profane it.

The Bible says that the night Jesus was born, the angels sang "glory to God in the highest." At the end of the world, it is prophesied that the angels will be singing "worthy is the lamb who was slain."

It is well known that children learn to memorize through music. Need your child to pick up toys? Make up a tune and a verse to sing. It's not just for fun that we teach the days of the week or months of the year through simple songs. It really works!

Music has, mysteriously, a special place in the brain. Elderly patients with dementia may lose their memories, but the last to go is the memory of an old song. Many a patient, speech gone, can suddenly sing a hymn or childhood song word for word.

Bernice Merchant has been teaching music for us for decades. Even the infants rock to the rhythms and clap their hands, mesmerized by tunes and cadences.

Mrs. Merchant will be working on songs for the children to present on **February 23rd**. This will be our annual **Weekday Ministries Sunday**. In the past, we held this special event in April or May. It is hoped that we will have record turnout in February. After all, there's not much else going on.

Mark your calendar now! Bring the grandparents.

Weekday Ministries Sunday
February 23rd

10:45 am

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

New Year's Shuffle

Thank you so much for the gifts at Christmas. Many of you contributed to a generous cash gift for the teaching staff. Still others gave thoughtful cards, treats and other gifts. Your kindness is very much appreciated! Special thanks to Kate Vitek for collecting and distributing the money from the parents.

We have not endured a big storm, yet. If necessary, we will send out an alert on the Remind app to inform you of delays or closures. In case of relocation, we will be waiting for you at St. Bernards. We will continue to post weather emergencies on the three local television stations and their websites.

Sadly, we cannot bury our heads in the sand and ignore the possibility of a security breach. We attended an evening with a representative from Homeland Security recently. As a result, we have beefed up our Emergency Plan. (This is another reason for using the Remind app to communicate quickly.) In these situations, one must act fast. Know the plan. Get out if necessary. If you see something, say something. Please keep your eyes and ears open. If there is something wrong in the building or in the parking lot, please call 911. Better to be safe than sorry.

Carol Mills has semi-retired! She will be working two to three days per week, continuing in the Jr. Pre-K classroom. Suzette Torrence will be working the alternate days.



God Says

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. Psalm 96:1-4

Classroom Highlights

Our Infant room is welcoming three new girls this month. The tide is turning. There will soon be more girls than boys!

Supertots are learning that God keeps us safe; playing with the properties of water (mainly solid ice); how we keep warm in winter; and snow.

Tiny Tots are learning that God keeps us safe through family, friends and home. They're learning about winter, animals that survive the cold and Eskimos.

Older Toddlers are observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day by learning about brotherhood, getting along and sharing. They are exploring snow and ice. They are welcoming Miss Annie back from maternity leave.

Jr. Pre-K is learning about things that start with P and I. They are making igloos, ice, and learning about penguins. They observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day with lessons on peace and citizenship.

Sr. Pre-K is learning how to identify and write letters L, M and N. They are doing experiments with ice. They are playing Math games with the numerals 5 and 6. Martin Luther King Jr. day is a chance to learn about our nation's history, our cultural differences and our respect and appreciation for those differences that enrich our nation.

Important Reminders

1. Everything must be labeled!
2. We must send children home with fever, diarrhea, unexplained rashes or vomiting.
3. Tuition checks must be made out to MLUMC and are **due by the 1st of the month**. Automatic withdrawals are available from checking, savings or credit card accounts. See the director for an authorization form.
4. We close at 6:00 PM and will charge you late fees after that.
5. **DO NOT open the door for strangers.** Even friendly strangers have the potential to be dangerous.
6. If you send someone to pick up your child, make sure they have the code.

Special Dates

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

www.mlumc.org.

January

1 st	Closed
2 nd	Open as usual
6 th	Epiphany
20 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - OPEN



Children:

Lennon S.	1/7	4 years
Arabella T.	1/9	5 years
Augustus W.	1/9	2 years
Oliver W.	1/17	5 years
Jonathan J.	1/17	1 year
Andrew L.	1/18	4 years
Nora J.	1/27	3 years



United
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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

*Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:45 each Sunday.
Nursery provided. Sunday School for all ages at
9:30 am.*

Visitors are always welcome!