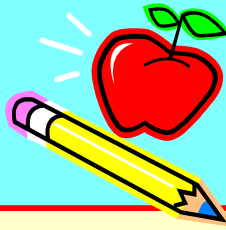




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Director

February 2020

Celebrate 38 Years With Us

Our annual Weekday Ministries Sunday will be held on February 23rd at 10:45 am. We invite all our families to attend this special worship service in the “big” church, as we sing, pray and hear God’s Word together with the congregation.

The child care center opened in 1982. Although many of the staff members have come and gone, several have served for a long time, demonstrating their commitment and sense of mission. The following staff members have served more than five years.

Bernice Merchant (Music)	28 years
Beth Brack (Sr. Pre-K)	24 years
Carol Flaherty (Sr. Pre-K)	21 years
Erin Piatt (Tiny Tots)	19 years
Cathy Helbig (Jr. Pre-K)	16 years
Robin Studeny (Infants)	15 years
Annie Buzon (Older Toddlers)	14 years
Susan Zirpoli (Tiny Tots)	13 years
Mettelise Ziegler (Director)	12 years
Karen Pfeifer (Infants)	11 years
Nancy Phillips (Tiny Tots)	10 years
Carol Mills (Jr. Pre-K)	9 years
Ronna Scalise (Infants)	8 years
Shana Brown (Supertots)	7 years
Dana Crowe (Supertots)	6 years

The rest of our team should also be recognized for their hard work, faithful attendance, flexibility, patience and competency.

- Stephanie Buskey (Supertots)
- Kim Gatti (Sr. Pre-K)
- Emme Hill (Sr. Pre-K)
- Elizabeth Mathews (Jr. Pre-K)
- Talia Meyer (Infants)
- Kayla Ovesney (Older Toddlers)
- Kristina Pierce (Older Toddlers)
- Dawn Rhodanz (Older Toddlers)
- Suzette Torrence (Jr. Pre-K)

So come on February 23rd! Children from Older Toddlers, Jr. & Sr. Pre-K will be singing three wonderful songs during the service. There is a church nursery and Kids Praise program for the children so you can listen to the sermon without distraction. A flier will go home soon with details!

Important Notes

We will be closed for President’s Day on February 17th. This is the only in-service day we schedule for our staff all year. All other training is done on individual free time. The state mandates we have hands-on fire safety and CPR/First Aid training by a certified instructor specializing in pediatric care.

Unless you opt out, all children ages one and up will be screened for vision problems on February 7th. The evaluation consists of a highly sensitive camera that simply takes pictures of your child’s eyes from three feet away in seconds. It is quick, non-evasive and effective. For more information, see the posting on the main bulletin board. There is no fee for this service. But remember, if you do not want your child screened, you must fill out the opt-out form which will be in your child’s cubby.

Regrettably, we have to say “good-bye” to Miss Natalie. She has been such a creative and valuable part of our Jr. Pre-K program. Natalie will be fulfilling her desire to work with special needs children. Her last day is Jan. 31. Of course, we are actively seeking a competent replacement. We will keep you posted.



God Says

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”...
John 13:34-35

Classroom Highlights

The Infants have a special treat for parents on Valentines' Day! Also, they are sponsoring a onesie-T shirt contest. Please remember that if you are expecting a new baby, see Mettelise right away, as you will need a reservation to hold a spot.

Supertots are learning about loving, sharing, families and friends. Learning the "Jesus Loves Me." Wear red or pink for the Valentine's party on the 14th!

Tiny Tots wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. They are learning about shapes through art and stories. They will see what Phil the groundhog has to say about spring. They are learning that we grow every day.

The Older Toddlers are learning that they grow bigger, just as Jesus grew bigger, too. They are learning nursery rhymes and about presidents and ground hogs. They will be celebrating Valentine's Day.

Jr. Pre-K will be learning about Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, friendship, love and presidents. They will be learning about teeth, log houses and that Jesus loves them.

Sr. Pre-K students are learning about kindness, friendship and respect for others. They are learning about community helpers and baking pretzels. Oh, don't forget Valentine's Day. Opera class is scheduled for the 20th. See the class handout for information. Their letters are P, Q and R.

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. Call upstairs and let us check it out!

Special Dates

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

February

7th Vision screening for children age one and up

17th CLOSED for President's Day & staff training

20th Opera class for Jr. & Sr. Pre-K

23rd Weekday Ministries Sunday 10:45 am



Children:	Brooks P.	2/7	1 year
	Eric D.	2/9	5 years
	Abigail P.	2/14	4 years
	Scarlett C.	2/27	2 years
	Theo V.	3/1	4 years
Teachers:	Miss Cathy	2/18	
	Miss Stephanie	2/19	



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Worship services are 8:30 am 10:45 am.

Weekday Ministries Sunday : 2/23 at 10:45 am!

Sunday School is 9:45am

Classes for children and adults ages three and up