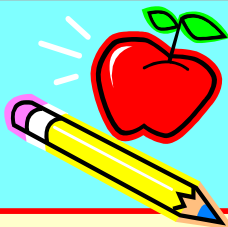




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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A Quiet Month

Lent is traditionally a time for reflection. Do we need to turn away from bad habits or bad influences and get on a new track (repent)?

Lent is a good time to ask the Lord if our parenting is all it should be. If we do it right, we honor and glorify God. If parenting is an afterthought, we may live to regret it.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees. Children will eventually grow up to make their own decisions. We all know of super parents whose kids made bad decisions later in life. However, that is no excuse to be lazy about parenting.

During this Lenten month of March, spend some intentional quiet time nurturing your children.

- Read Bible stories at bedtime. Talk about what God is teaching through them.
- Pray with your children. Say what is on your heart.
- When you eat together as a family, talk about your gratitude for the things God has provided.
- Go for quiet walks together as spring starts to show signs of rebirth. Talk about God's creation. Talk about how God loves life.
- Go to church. Remind them that church is often quiet so people can meditate on God's Word.
- Have a family collection project. Collect coins, clothes or food for the needy.
- Be quiet in the car. No movies. No music. Talk to your children. Pray when you hear an ambulance. Share your day. Tell how God has helped you during the day.

An old saying says that *God allows U-Turns*. If your parenting needs one, Lent is a great place to change lanes. Don't worry. God will help you.

Around the Corner

Picture Day is Wednesday, March 25th. This is the only day scheduled for the year. Caps and gowns as well as class pictures will be taken. All children will be photographed. However, there is no obligation to purchase photos. If your child does not normally come on Wednesdays, talk to your teacher about a good time to pop in.

We are still searching for afternoon help. If you know of anyone who will work 2 - 6 with toddlers, please let that person know.

Thanks to all the families who attended Weekday Ministries Sunday. Our turnout was respectable, even with absences due to illness. The kids sang great!

The building will be open by 4:00 PM for church fish fries. There will be people stationed at the door to direct foot traffic. There will also be parking lot attendants wearing orange vests to help WDM families. Use the handicap entrance for help parking and picking up.



Jesus Says

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life^a will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26)

Classroom Highlights

The Infants are welcoming a boy this month who will be joining seven girls. They are celebrating St. Patrick's Day, too.

The Supertots are looking ahead to springtime with rainbows, Dr. Seuss, flowers, shamrocks, red, orange, green, blue and purple days!

Tiny Tots are learning colors and shapes. They are observing St. Patrick's Day and hearing how Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus because Jesus is our friend.

The Older Toddler Class will be hearing many Dr. Seuss stories this month. The children will be learning that Jesus is their friend. Themes include the arrival of spring, rainbows, St. Patrick's Day, shamrocks and how to be a good friend to others.

Jr. Pre-K themes will be Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Lent and rainbows. They will be learning letters Gg, Mm and Oo. They're making a green snack, setting leprechaun traps and making candy rainbows.

Sr. Pre-K is learning letters Ss, Tt Uu. They're exploring bodies of water, tornadoes and rain. They will try to catch a leprechaun. They are learning that Lent is a time of reflection in preparation for Easter.

Special Dates

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

March

25th Picture Day starts at 8:00 am



Children:	Name	Birthdate	Age
	Theo V.	2/29	4 years
	Byron B.	3/3	3 years
	Cailyn S.	3/4	4 years
	Jack H.	3/9	5 years
	Grace B.	3/9	3 years
	Van B.	3/17	2 years
	Cameron F.	3/22	5 years
	Everly C.	3/23	4 years

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!



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Sunday Services: 8:30 am & 10:45 am
New modern worship (with coffee) at 8:30am

Sunday School: 9:30 am