



THE WEEKDAY

MESSENGER

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Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Returning to "Normal"

Everyone is hoping for normal lives. This difficult experience has given us all new wisdom into living normal differently.

There is a saying I have always loved. *Man proposes but God disposes.* We make our plans. We manage risk. But realistically, we are not in control. Thankfully, our Risen Lord is in charge. Jesus can handle it!

Before we closed in March, we had already started to take some new precautions against the virus. We will continue them when we open. Plus, there will be some new ones added. So that you can plan ahead, here is a *tentative* list.

- Handwashing is Number One. Children need to be supervised when washing. Accompany your child to a sink in a restroom as soon as you come to the center. Wash your own hands, too.
- Parents should drop off children at the classroom door.
- Staff will wear gloves to prepare food, changing as necessary. Staff: fingernails no longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- No uncovered food. This affects treats in the hallway as well as classrooms.
- Center will be cleaned and sanitized every night.
- Send in food that does not require much preparation to avoid sitting out and being exposed to the air.
- Children will be spread out as far as possible for meals and divided into smaller groups for play.
- Windows will be open as weather allows.
- Staff will sit on chairs, not on the floor for the time being.
- Any signs of fever (over 100 degrees), the child will be quarantined until you can pick up. *If testing is available*, it will be required before returning.

If you watch or read the news, you know as much as I do. I cannot open until the governor says so. When he does, I will send a quick message through REMIND to check your email for details. Until then, make your plans, manage what you can and trust God.

Notes From Our Lead Teachers



This was certainly not the way we planned on finishing up this school year!! One of my favorite words I use with the children is *patience*. I am sure our children have been practicing this lesson while families are attempting to work from home, home school, parent, care for others, and run a household. The quarantine has certainly tested our patience. The good news is the extra time together has drawn families closer than ever. While we are desperately waiting for life to return to normal, I hope and pray the lessons we have learned during quarantine will make us better people. Miss Carol, Miss Emme, Miss Kim, and I miss the children so very much and can't wait to be able to spend our days together again!

Love,

Mrs. Brack - Sr. Pre-K

At this time of the year, I am usually preparing Mother's Day gifts for our babies to give to their Mommies. Instead, I am home missing each of them and the interaction I have with each one. I hope we can get back to normal soon.

Miss Ronna - Infant Room

The pandemic has shown my two daughters and me how fortunate we are to have each other. I miss all of our little ones and look forward to being with them again as soon as we are able to return.

Miss Erin - Tiny Tot Room

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Notes From Our Lead Teachers cont'd

Hello Weekday families! I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I miss seeing all of your smiling faces. This time at home has allowed me to spend time with my family. We get so caught up in the daily routines that we don't take a chance to enjoy the little things. I can't wait to see you all again soon. Enjoy this time with your family, make special memories together and take care. "Be still in the presence of the Lord. Wait patiently for him to act" Psalm 37.7.

Love, Miss Dana - Supertot Room

Hello Everyone! To say I miss you all is an understatement to say the least! I hope you are all well and I can't wait to see everyone. While I have been thinking of some plans for our children, I have not really formalized anything. Considering that we will need to implement several changes, I'm not positive about what will be permitted. I do want to spend as much time outside with our children as possible, and have been thinking about picnics and going to the park. I would like to try to plant some things with them and to have them observe nature: (including catching some ants and beetles). I have been considering several activities for us to do and I am hopeful about them. As for me, I am well and so is my family. I am not on Facebook very much but I have enjoyed hearing about you all and seeing the pictures. Stay safe and well. I hope to see you soon.

Love, Miss Cathy - Jr. PreK

First of all, I want to say Happy Mother's day!! This past handful of weeks has been a testament to how much mothers do for their families. On that note, since you all have been your children's teachers, make sure to get yourself something nice on May 5th (National Teacher's Day). ;)

Growing up, Easter was always about Jesus, never the Easter Bunny. Now, as a mom, I defiantly appreciate the fun of the Easter Bunny. Hiding Easter baskets and having the kids look for eggs in the yard was SO much fun! However, the Easter bunny comes and goes on one day. The Season of Easter actually lasts 8 weeks! During that time we remember The Good News that Jesus is Risen and that He is with us right now through this crazy time we're living in. A good song to sing with the kids during these 8 weeks is called "Hallelujah! Praise Ye The Lord!" You can just YouTube it. Ms. Merchant taught this song to the children a couple years ago for the Weekday Ministries Sunday, so your child just might remember it. Speaking of Easter eggs, one fun activity to do with your plastic Easter eggs is to put some dry rice inside and tape them closed. Use them as a "Shaky Egg" in a super fun song by Laurie Berkner called, "I Know A Chicken." AND you can dance to that song on National Dance Like a Chicken Day on May 14th!

I miss you all, and look forward to seeing you very soon!

Miss Annie – Older Toddlers

Special Dates

Please see our website. You will find the tuition rates, Health Form, handbook and newsletter posted. www.mlumc.org

May

XX Sr. Pre-K Graduation (Tentatively, hopefully, maybe): End of May/ Late afternoon ...LOL

10 Happy Mother's Day!!

25 Memorial Day CLOSED

From Mettelise:

Currently, I am not often at the office and do not have full access to files. Please email me at mziegler@mlumc.org.

You can also contact me through the Remind app or Facebook page.



Children: Laiken 5/22 One-Year-Old!

Teachers: No May birthdays

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