



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Courageous Dad

Some fathers are great athletes. Some are spectators. Some are creative types. Some see only black & white. All fathers need one thing to be a great Dad.

Courage.

My own father passed away on Easter Sunday at the age of 92. A man short in stature, soft spoken and kind, he left his childhood home, a fishing community in Norway, took up a trade, married my mother, packed up two little children and came to the United States with \$600 and a boatload of courage.

Harry did not speak English at first. He took a job in maintenance at Yale University, which turned into a career as a self-employed contractor for 30 years until retiring and moving into a brand new home in Florida. He and my mother lived there 20 years until relocating to Pittsburgh to be near me. He died in his apartment at Concordia of the South Hills waiting for an "elective" procedure, which would have saved his heart.

Harry always looked ahead. When he lost my mother, he looked ahead. When he gave up his license to drive, he looked ahead. When St. Clair Hospital told him to wait out the COVID epidemic, he patiently waited without complaint and looked ahead to a healthier future.

Men like my father are able to look ahead with courage when they know who God is. God will show up when you least expect Him. God will send people to help you when you need aid. God will send His Holy Spirit when you need assurance and wisdom.

May all our Dads have courage and faith at this time and into the days ahead.

Happy Father's Day!

*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*
Isaiah 41:10

Let the Summer Begin

We are opening on June 1 with just 19 children and two classrooms.

Miss Cathy and Miss Emily will be teaching the Jr. & Sr. Pre-K children who will be meeting in Rm 307. There will only be a maximum of six children per day. You all know Miss Cathy. Emily was here last year, working with the Sr. Pre-K children. She will be a senior at Penn State this fall. An education major, Emily enjoys planning educational yet fun lessons for children. She has good classroom management skills, so when the Sr. class moves downstairs in July, she will execute excellent activities for the summer.

The toddlers and one infant will be meeting in the Older Toddler Room, 305. Miss Dana (Supertots), Miss Talia (Infants) and Miss Dawn (Older Toddlers) will be working together for the benefit of these, our youngest ones. The room is huge, which is good for air circulation and as much social distancing as we can encourage. There will be nine or less per day.

July will be different. It must be different.

Our center was founded in 1982 to serve families in our community who need childcare. Since I took over in fall of 2008, I have been able to get the center out of the red and into the black. In order to continue serving families who need childcare, we need to stay out of the red.

We could have opened in May, but we decided to wait. We offered June as a grace period for parents who are hesitant to jump right in. We also offered July on a part time basis for the same reason.

We will need you back by July, at the two-day rate, at least, in order to stay afloat. If you cannot commit to July, we will have to fill your child's vacancy. The south hills has a childcare shortage. There are many families waiting for a spot that we feel obligated to serve if we are not serving yours by then.

If you are not returning, please let us know by June 19. Thank you for your understanding.

Classroom Highlights

Summer is upon us! Please check your children's clothing from march and replace anything that needs to be updated for summer.

We will be playing outside in the courtyard and park. Please send in swimsuits, towels, water shoes, swimmy diapers and sunscreen.

Do not forget to use the handicap entrance (by the semi-circle stairs). Do not use the red steps. Stay out of the church office area. Come up the stairwell in the corner.

Older kids, wash hands under parental supervision before entering the room.

Toddlers wash in the classroom when admitted.

Parents wear masks.

Pre-K kids wear masks. However, the state may be backing off this requirement for children. I will keep you informed.

Hand sanitizer for adults is available by the girls' bathroom on the wall, if desired.

Drop off children outside their classroom doors. Sign them in. Temperatures will be taken in the classroom. Symptoms will be noted upon arrival.

New door codes will be given to you when you drop off. The old one will work for the first week of June.

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, Tuition Rates and Parent Handbook are posted there. www.mlumc.org.

June

- 1 Hurray! We open for friends and fun!
14th Father's Day



Children:	John D.	6/4	2 years
	Blake T.	6/8	5 years
	Easton D.	6/13	3 years
Teachers:	Miss Emme	6/8	
	Miss Dana	6/17	
	Mrs. Flaherty	6/21	



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Church worship services are available on YouTube. Simply search Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church and choose your video. There are plans to reopen when Allegheny County enters the green phase and the church implements safe in-person gatherings. Stay tuned by checking the website: www.mlumc.org.