



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Count On It!

We all need help. We can't do it alone. Who can we count on?

Thank you to the families who put their trust in us to do our jobs.

Thank you to the staff. Every staff member has a family with vulnerable members who need protection from the Coronavirus. Everyone has been more than cooperative: coming back to work; changing hours; doing their best to keep the classroom environment clean and joyful at the same time.

God could say the Word and remove this virus if He chose to. So far, He has seen fit to work through people. He used Moses to lead His people out of slavery. He used the Apostles to spread the Word of Life to the world.

God is using scientists to find ways to combat the Coronavirus. He is using governments and citizens. He is using you.

Christians know that each new day is an opportunity to serve God. Every Christian is the hands and feet of Jesus, actively looking for ways to help other people. Are we perfect like Jesus? Absolutely not.

Christians know that all people are born with a self-centered perspective. We cannot serve God the way He desires unless that perspective is changed.

We need help. We cannot change ourselves. We count on God to do that for us. (1 John 1:8-9)

Thank you, God, for sending your Spirit into our hearts to change the way we think. Thank you for sending Jesus to make this possible. Thank you for giving us opportunities each day to serve people in Your Name. Thank you for the people that have been working to end this pandemic. Keep them safe and guide their minds, hearts, and hands for the benefit of all people. Amen.

Our Progress

It seems like each day has its own challenges, changes and corrections. This is true for those working from home. It is also true for us at Weekday Ministries.

Our staff is in place for August. You will see some new faces. Susan (Tiny Tots), Robin (Infants), Nancy (Jr. Pre-K) & Talia (Infants) will not be returning for various reasons. New staff includes a new Susan (Tiny Tots), Andie (Older Toddlers) and Brooke (Infants). This time of uncertainty has brought us the blessing of talented new staff.

COVID questions continue. Parents recently reported concerns about their children's sniffles and congestion. We have it on good authority that these runny noses are from summer colds and allergies. As long as we are all open and honest about symptoms and share information, we will be able to keep things under control.

Our staff and families are all concerned about COVID. As long as we are avoiding crowded places, wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands, we can live our lives without panic.

Are we in danger of closing due to financial hardship? No. We are making it! As you have observed, our staff has been called back incrementally as enrollment numbers have increased. We are watching our dollars. We recently received grant money through the Cares Act. You can count on us to be here for you.

God Says

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy,^[d] drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do^[e] such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:19-24

Classroom Highlights

Our Infant Room enrollment is full. They are enjoying getting to know each other. They are excited that Miss Brooke is joining them. Brooke graduated from Upper St. Clair High School, worked in Utah as a substitute teacher, and is now back home. She has a heart for children that will surely help make the room a joyful place.

Super Tots are learning about animals. There are animals at the zoo, in the jungle and in the back yard. God made animals and preserved them on his big ark a long time ago.

Tiny Tots welcome Lydia to their room. They are learning that God created animals and about various habitats through art, songs, stories and pictures. They are also enjoying sprinkler time.

Jr. Pre-K is into camping, farm animals, letters C and H. They will be enjoying a campfire lunch on the 12th. Sign up to bring something for the kids to share. On the 26th, they will be making butter from the cream that comes from cows.

Sr. Pre-K is trying to review as much as possible for kindergarten for those still here. They are transitioning new children to their room who will be attending through the school year. They will be saying "good-bye" to Miss Emily, who will be returning to Penn State. Thank you, Miss Emily! Hope you get to play in the Blue Band this fall. You have done a marvelous job this summer. We hope we see you again.

Important Reminders

1. Flu shots are required. Make sure your child gets one this fall.
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. Visit www.mlumc.org and click on "Child Care Center" for the Parent Handbook, tuition fees and Child Health Report form required for well-child

Special Dates

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

August

No Planned Closures Make sure to use the REMIND app on your smart phone so we can alert you if we are forced to close.



Children:	Eleanor W.	3 years	8/3
	Jackson M.	3 years	8/11
	Graham G.	3 years	8/13
	Emily W.	2 years	8/27
Teachers:	Miss Dawn	8/12	
	Miss Kristina	8/22	



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