



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Back to School

On a recent road trip, I was struck by a message on a church sign. Not technically Holy Scripture, but it impressed me so much that I am quoting it here.

*Feed your faith
And your fears will starve* (Max Lucado)

This is an extraordinarily challenging time for parents, especially for those who work outside the home and have to consider how to plan their school-age children's education. I wonder about the children. Are they feeling tossed about, too?

Here are some ways to *feed your faith* at home and starve those fears.

- Before school or lessons begin, take some time to pray with your children. If they have any concerns to share, include those. You can thank God for a new day, new opportunities, for new lessons and for good health.
- Purchase a daily devotional book especially for children. There are many good ones available. Look at Christianbook.com for titles such as *The One Year Devotions for Preschoolers*; *Leading Little Ones to God*; *Gotta Have God for Boys 6-9*; *My Bible Adventure*. Most of the books cost less than \$13 and take no more than five minutes. What a great way to tame your thoughts before school or bedtime.
- Play children's Bible songs at home. Sing them, too. Many songs teach God's Word and help build faith and confidence in our awesome God.
- Quarantine does not mean shutting out the needs of neighbors, family or school friends. Include them in prayers, stay in touch by telephone and find ways to show you care. Reaching out to others has always been a way God builds our faith.
- Worship online or in person regularly! Now is a good time to "visit" those churches that might be a good fit for your family. Streaming is free and there's always good coffee available from your own kitchen!

School Year Notes

An updated **Parent Handbook** will be sent home. Please take the time to read it and keep it somewhere handy for reference.

- The holiday calendar is published on the last page.
- **Vaccinations are required! Flu shots are required for children in a licensed childcare center.**
- Please read the policies on illness.

Weather Emergencies:

If you have signed up for REMIND in the past, **you do not need to sign up again.**

If you have not already done so, sign up for REMIND. You will receive a text if there is a weather emergency. You will not receive reminders about classroom events or deadlines, so if REMIND comes through on your phone, *please read it.* To sign up, use your browser. Type in rmd.at/missmette. Follow prompts to download the app. Then join the class titled "Weekday Ministries Child Care."

Soccer Shots will be starting on September 11th for children ages 3 and up. This program is entirely voluntary and must be paid for by the parents. Follow instructions to register with Soccer Shots online.

Staff changes are difficult for everyone. However, they are unavoidable. Some teachers have not returned due to health concerns. We are currently looking for staff members who will put the needs of children before their own and who understand we must uphold our policies in order to manage threats of COVID. Please be patient with us as we search.

God Says

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

Classroom Highlights

The Infant Room welcomes Charlie G's sister Betty and John D's sister Nora. The two Older Toddlers are excited their siblings are across the hall!

Our Tiny Tot learners are starting activities about fall. They are learning about sharing, friends, apples, and that God created them.

Supertots are also learning that *God made me* while exploring their feelings, senses and parts of their bodies. They are also learning about back-to-school and autumn.

Older Toddlers are learning about how God made them and their miraculous bodies. They will explore their five senses by painting with toes, painting to music, singing songs and seeing similarities and differences in faces.

Jr. Pre-K's themes include Apples, All About Me, Fall and how God created people. They're making apple pizzas on the 16th and having a picnic on the 24th to say good-bye to summer. Letters are S and F.

Sr. Pre-K will begin with a theme on teddy bears. Their letters are Aa and Bb. They will learn about the lines that make letters: vertical, horizontal, diagonal and curves. They are graphing. They are learning the Ten Commandments as they learn new classroom rules. There is a teddy bear picnic on the 19th. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat outside!

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.

September

7th CLOSED Labor Day



Children:	Keira H.	9/28	3 years
Teachers	Miss Shana	9/8	
	Miss Ronna	9/11	



MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

You are invited to tune into the streamed Sunday services or worship outside on Sunday Mornings. Email the church secretary if you are interested in outdoor worship or Sunday School materials for your children. churchsecretary@mlumc.org. You can find the virtual service by looking on the website: www.mlumc.org.

In-person worship is scheduled to begin on 9/13. You may come at 8:30am or 10:45 am on Sunday mornings.