



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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It's A Wonderful Life

When the movie hit the box office in 1946, right after World War II, it flopped. People found it dark and depressing. The FBI was suspicious of the film, concerned it was part of a Communist plot to infiltrate the movie industry and discredit our banking system!

Produce, Frank Capra, was turned down by Carey Grant. When he pitched it to Jimmy Stewart, the legendary actor said, "Frank - if you want me to be in a picture about a guy that wants to kill himself and an angel comes down named Clarence who can't swim and I save him, when do we start?"

The copyright expired on the film. Television was able to pick it up in the 1970's. When I was a child, they ran it every day and night for days and weeks! It became hugely popular at Christmas time.

Have you ever wondered what the world would be like if you had never been born? In other words, does your life matter?

Read what God says.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)

But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8)

I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His **faithfulness**; His mercies begin afresh each morning. (Lamentations 3:20-23)

In the movie, George Bailey sees what a difference his life has made to others. I hope you recognize that your life makes a difference, too. When it is hard, remember that you are not alone. Emmanuel has come at Christmas! God is with us!

December Notes

Our traditional hot Christmas lunch for the children will be served on Tuesday, 12/22, two days before Christmas Break. There is no cost to you. The menu consists of tender chicken and pasta in a simple, homemade broth, fruit cups and "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake.

Years ago, parents requested a way to give to all the teachers at Christmas. If you would like to contribute to a potl that will be divided among all the teaching staff, simply make out a **check to Kate Vitek** or slip some cash into the envelopes on the classroom doors. The money will be divided and given to the teachers before Christmas. The deadline is Wednesday, 12/16.

We will close at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, 12/23 and reopen Monday, January 4 at 6:30 am.

We hope you will enjoy your copy of *Our Greatest Gift, A Wonderful Life in Christ*. This adult devotional book is meant to be read each day before Christmas, beginning with the first Sunday in Advent, November 29th. It is an uplifting way to think about what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. May it be a blessing to our parents and staff during a unique holiday season. (Extra copies will be available on the landing in the stairwell).

It will be helpful if you continue to keep us informed about any COVID related issues over the break. You may email the director anytime.

Do not forget that we have a private Facebook group! Look for "Weekday Ministries Childcare Center" with the prize winning gingerbread house on the main page. It is fun to share pictures of our kids, families and activities.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Classroom Highlights

The Infant Room has special gifts planned for Mom & Dad. They welcome McKenna to the Center!

The Supertots have an Advent calendar with a countdown to Christmas. They're learning that Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a manger. They are also adding a little Hanukkah to their celebrations. Wear pajamas on the 16th!

Tiny Tots are joining Supertots for Pajama Day on the 16th. It's Happy Birthday Jesus time with jingle bell music, watching ice melt, counting Santa cookies and making special presents.

Older Toddlers are learning about "giving." They are learning about families at Christmas time, holiday smells and the birth of Jesus. The class is also participating in Pajama Day on the 16th.

Jr. Pre-K will be making a paper chain counting down the days until Christmas. They are learning about the nativity of Jesus; the joys of giving and getting, and focusing upon letter Aa & Jj. Pajama Day is the 16th!

Sr. Pre-K will be rhyming their way through the month learning about families, Christmas, letters Jj, Kk and Ll. Don't forget show & tell on the 4th; Pajama Day on the 16th and a Christmas party on the 23rd.



Important Reminders

1. Child Health Reports are mandatory, as are flu shots. Please send them in when your child sees the doctor.
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. There are fees charged for late pick ups.

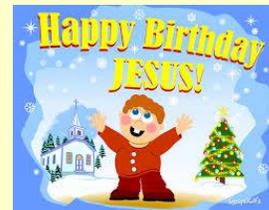
Special Dates

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

December

16th Pajama Day☺
22nd Children's Luncheon
23rd Closed at 6:00 PM

See you on January 4th!



Children:

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| 12/2 | Violet | 2 years |
| 12/12 | Charlie | 3 years |
| 12/15 | Piper | 4 years |
| 12/19 | Ella | 2 years |

Teachers:

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| 12/8 | Kim | Sr. Pre-K |
| 12/25 | Jesus | Heaven |



MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Do not miss the real joy of Christmas!

Plans are going ahead for Christmas services, but that may have to be changed because of COVID.

**Call the church office for more information:
412-531-7131**