



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Good Communication Starts Early

We have these great electronic devices available to us, and yet we often fail to be effective communicators.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. James 1:19

We often react in haste! It is easy to type a quick response, or cut our children off before we have taken the time to listen well so that we respond the way we should.

The Book of James also says, *But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison* (Chapter 3:8)

The Book of Proverbs has a great deal to say about our words. It says that a *gentle tongue is a tree of life* and that the tongue can produce life or death. Colossians reminds us that our speech should be *gracious*.

In all, one website suggests there are 69 Biblical verses about the power of the words we speak to others.

As parents, we are often in a hurry and may say harsh words. Before we speak, we must listen.

- Listening involves putting the phone down and looking in the speaker's eyes.
- Listen for the emotions, as well as the words.
- Allow the speaker time to express what they need to say. Do not cut them off.
- Summarize what you heard. Something like, "So, what I hear you saying is..."
- Ask if there is anything you can do to help, or if they just want you to listen.
- Take the child's concerns to the Lord in prayer together.
- Tell your child that you are always willing to listen.

Speaking graciously, (kindly), does not mean agreeing with your children. Sometimes they are flat wrong. It simply means respecting their need to express themselves. It leads to honest, open dialogue so that you have the opportunity to correct them if necessary. Hopefully, constructive conversations will always be honored in your home producing respect, peace & love.

The Dog Days

August brings the "dog days" of summer. Let's hope we can have a pleasant month ahead, since the season always seems so short compared with the upcoming long, grey winter.

We wish Brooke success at Edinboro University and hope she can visit us in the future. Brooke has been a kind, gentle soul, well loved by the children.

Our future kindergartners will be exiting at different times this month. Our Sr. Pre-K class will be filling with new pupils at the same time. Mrs. Brack and Mrs. Flaherty will be returning at the end of the month to prepare for the school year.

Soccer Shots for children 3 and up will begin September 10th. Register online by visiting www.soccershots.org. This is an outside program brought into our center on Fridays. Therefore, if you are interested, and your child does not attend Weekday Ministries on Fridays, you may bring your child for soccer, but you must stay with your child.

Mettelise will be on vacation the first week of the month. Please see your child's lead teacher or leave a voicemail or email if there is anything out of the ordinary that will need her attention upon her return on August 9th. She will not have access to email or voicemail messages while she is away. She will be "in the sticks"!



God Says

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 18:2

Classroom Highlights

Our Infant Room does not have an opening until October of 2022. If there's a little blessing in your future, please share the news with Mettelise or risk not having a spot.

Super Tots are learning about different animals and where they live. They learn that God made the animals and provided habitats for them. They are also learning about the great flood and Noah's ark.

Tiny Tot themes include lessons on pets & other animals. God created animals. They are learning about where different kinds of animals live.

Older Toddlers are learning about forms of transportation; dinosaurs; woodland animals and that God created animals. They are observing National S'mores Day with a snack on the 10th. Be ready to hear the Dinosaur Song at your house!

Jr. Pre-K themes include farming, camping, Noah's Ark, letters C and H. On the 11th, they are having a "campfire" lunch. Please contribute, if you are able. See the sign-up sheet on the door. They are making butter on the 27th.

Sr. Pre-K is working an entire theme around Noah's Ark: animals, water, boats, God's care for us. They are reviewing letters, numbers and sounds. They will be saying good-bye to many friends this month who will be leaving us for kindergarten.

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 forms.

Special Dates

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

August

No closures.



Children:	Elsie D.	2 years	8/2
	Eleanor W.	4 years	8/3
	Juliana M.	1 year	8/8
	Jackson M.	4 years	8/11
	Graham G.	4 years	8/13
	Scarlett C.	1 year	8/24
	Emily W.	3 years	8/27
	Connor T.	2 years	8/29
Teachers:	Miss Dawn R.	8/12	
	Miss Kristina	8/22	
	Miss Dawn P.	8/27	



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Worship Services are live-streamed, in-person and on YouTube!

Services are at 8:30 am and 10:45 am every Sunday.

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