

THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Is It Normal Yet?

Summer is over. Autumn has begun with leaves changing; nights cooling; thoughts of pumpkin spice; plans for holidays.

As predictable as autumn seems, it is still not quite "normal." And that has left both parents and children feeling unsettled, or unnerved.

COVID continues to make life strange.

I have often said that I am not a "religious" person. Having a "religion" is nothing more than following rules, conventions or routines.

I am a follower of Jesus. Because I am, I do belong to a local Christian church. I do participate in religious practices. They are good for me because they feed my faith.

My parents showed me that "normal" is a myth. Life is full of rocky terrain. But the road does not have to be travelled alone.

Jesus Christ knows the past, present and future. He knows where to take us; when to turn; when to run; when to stand still. From the beginning, God planned for people to walk with Him. That was supposed to be our "normal."

Feed your children's faith. Read Bible stories. Attend your local church. Pray together. Help your children hold hands with Jesus Christ because he will not lead them into danger.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27



The Business of Autumn

Weather delays are on the horizon. Be prepared.

- Do you have REMIND? From your smart phone go to www.rmd.at/missmette. You will sign up and download the app. Our class code is missmette. The class is called Weekday Ministries. REMIND is used to alert you if there is an emergency. If you signed up last year, you do not need to sign up again.

Please call and tell us if your child will be absent.

There is a *free* vision screening for all children ages 1 and older on 10/7 beginning at 9:00 am. This service is provided by the Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh. This is a non-contact screening. The screener will simply snap a picture of the child's eyes from several inches away. It takes a mere second. There is an opt out form in your child's classroom if you do not want your child to participate. However, we highly recommend this effective screening.

The state requires that children receive flu shots. Please send in an updated immunization form showing the date it was administered. "Thank you" to many parents who have already sent in updates.



God Says

For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Classroom Highlights

Infants are having a special Halloween onesie/T shirt contest. Babies: wear your special shirt on Friday, October 29th.

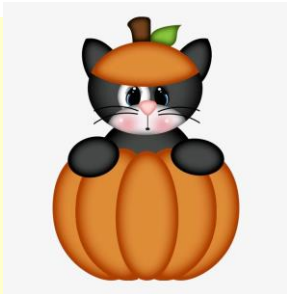
Supertots are learning that Jesus grew and they also grow. They will be enjoying a month of fall activities including their Halloween parade on the 29th. Please send in a costume in a bag for the children to wear later in the morning.

Tiny Tots are enjoying fall activities by exploring Fall, pumpkins, silly goblins and that God loves all of us. They will join the Supertots on the 29th for a parade. Send your costumes in bags, please.

Older Toddlers have several themes for the month. They are learning that Jesus loves them. They are having fun with Halloween, leaves and pumpkins. There will be an indoor Teddy Bear picnic on Friday the 8th. There will be a Halloween costume show 'n tell on Friday, the 29th. Bring your child's costume in a bag.

Jr. Pre-K is beginning a unit about outer space. Then, of course there is Halloween! There will be a party on 10/29. Details to follow. Letters are Bb & Cc this month.

Sr. Pre-K will be learning about zoo, wild, tame, jungle and farm animals. They will have a Halloween celebration on Friday, 10/29. Please bring in costumes and treats. They are working on letters Cc, Dd Ee and Ff. There will be show 'n tell on 10/1.



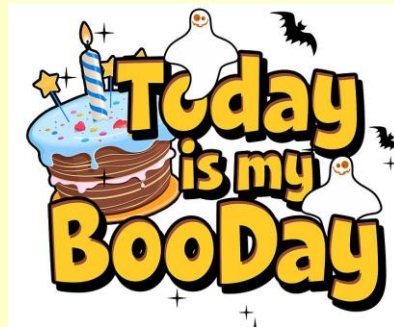
Please remember not to open the doors for strangers. Have visitors call our office number and we will verify their claim to be in our building. If someone new is picking up, give them the code to the door.

Special Dates

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

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No Closures



Children:

Dean K 1 year 10/21

Teacher:

Miss Emma 10/11
Miss Erin 10/26



United
Methodist
Church

MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

In-person & online worship are available at 8:30 am and 10:45 am every Sunday.

Sunday School for all ages from 9:45 to 10:45.