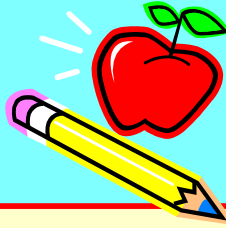




THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER



Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Love and Joy

When I was a child, I was taught that real love was spelled this way.

- J - Jesus. The first and most important love of your life.
- O - Others. You put others before yourself, but not above Jesus.
- Y - You. You are third on your love list.

Many people in our world claim to be Christians, yet they lack any real love for other people. They put themselves first.

St. Valentine, according to Catholic.org, is a mystery. There could have been more than one Valentine. But all of the Valentines understood the nature of love.

According to one story, a Roman official sought out Valentine, asking for healing for his blind daughter. When Valentine performed the miracle, the official smashed all his household idols and had his entire household baptized, converting to Christianity.

Another story says that Valentine defied the Roman government by performing marriages for Christian couples. Thrown into prison, Valentine died a martyr for sticking with his Christian faith in the year 496 AD on February 14th.

Maybe neither of these St. Valentines experienced lives of comfort, ease, chocolate or flowers. But they did teach us something about love for God and love for our neighbor. I am willing to bet that down deep they had a deep, true sense of joy.

God Says

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”...
John 13:34-35

Important Notes

We will be **OPEN** on President’s Day - February 21st.

Please continue to bring us your Health Forms and immunization updates. It is very important that we are have current health information.

COVID rules and best practices change. Currently, if we have to send a child home with suspicions of COVID, we have to ask you for a written note from your doctor telling us your child is healthy enough to come back. Your doctor will know how long your child should stay out.

February will be the last month for our beloved Pre-K teacher, Carol Flaherty.

Mrs. Flaherty began working at Weekday Ministries in August of 1999. At one time, she worked in the same room she is now, while it was the Infant Room. She and four others cared for nearly 20 children ages 3 mos. through 18 mos. (It is a wonder she did not quit!)

Mrs. Flaherty has been in the Sr. Pre-K Room for many years now. She has been in charge of lessons in Science, Math, and even Spanish. I wanted to scrap the end of the year “carnival” in 2021 due to its unruly and labor-intensive nature, but she insisted we do it. (It is a wonder I did not quit!)

Carol is retiring on March 4th to spend more time with family. There are no words to express how much she has meant to this place and to the hundreds of children, many of whom are now college graduates, that she has impacted.

May God richly bless you, dear friend.



Classroom Highlights

Infant Room

There will be a special Valentine's Onesie/T-shirt Day on 2/14 with treats for parents, too! Welcome Hazel & Jack!

Supertots

Supertots will be celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th. They are learning we all have hearts that beat. We hug and kiss our families. We share with friends. We also learn that Jesus loves us! Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year and Winter Olympics will be topics for some art projects.

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots are exploring how Jesus grew and we grow too. Their Valentine's party will be on the 14th. They are making a mobile with different shapes. Songs: Teddy Bear; Head, Shoulders, Knees, Toes; Skidamarink

Older Toddlers

Older Toddlers are learning about how Jesus grew and how they are growing bigger, too. National Muffin Day- 20th. All month long, they will be reading nursery rhymes. Shadows; calendar and dental health will be explored. Valentine's on the 14th.

Jr. Pre-K

The Jr. Pre-K will celebrate their Valentine's Day on the 10th. See the sign-up sheet to participate by bringing something to share. They are also learning about Chinese New Year; letters H and N, and that Jesus is our friend. Oh, and let's not forget the groundhog on Groundhog Day!

Sr. Pre-K

The "big kids" are learning about dental health, letters P, Q & R. They are celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th. Olympics; static electricity; community helpers; groundhog Math. They will be enjoying time with Mrs. Flaherty until she leaves.

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.

February

2 nd	Groundhog Day
14 th	St. Valentine's Day



Children:	Brooks P.	2/7	3 years
	Olivia Z.	2/21	1 year
	Scarlett C.	2/27	4 years
Teachers:	Miss Amanda O.	2/8	
	Miss Cathy	2/18	



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Worship services are 8:30 am 10:45 am.

Online streaming at 8:30 am.

Watch anytime on YouTube