



THE WEEKDAY MESSENGER

Weekday Ministries
Child Care Center

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Everything Changes

By now you know that my last few hours at Weekday Ministries Childcare Center will be Pre-K graduation, May 26th. It has been almost 14 years!

When I began, there were file folders piled around my office; uncashed checks between sheets of paper; holes in the vinyl window shades; coats stacked three high on pegs in the hall; and donated refrigerators and microwaves.

But there were also caring, kind teachers playing games with the children; appreciation from grateful parents; well-prepared kindergartners; before and after school care and summer camp.

We were severely in the red, financially. We made big changes to the program so that we could serve children better and make certain we would not have to close because of lack of funding.

With good financial stewardship, we were able to add wooden cubbies in the hallway; new blinds; carpet; vinyl flooring; cots and cribs; and toys and equipment. And now, our bathrooms are being refurbished and we have a security system!

We have raised tuition judiciously, respecting that childcare is very expensive for families, but without increasing revenue, we would not attract or retain good staff.

Mrs. Beth Brack has been serving Weekday Ministries since 1996. I could not be leaving my position in better hands. She has taught in every room. Most recently, Beth has been the lead teacher in the Sr. Pre-K room. Our reputation for sending kindergartners to area schools well-prepared can be credited to her.

Beth possesses the marks of a fine director. She has spent the past nine months in training with me. The childcare center will continue to serve your family well.

May God richly inspire and guide Beth Brack in her new role as the Director of Weekday Ministries.

May the Lord guide your family as you raise your children. May you know His love and truth.

May Days

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Everyone appreciates hearing "thank-you."

Pre-K Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 26th. The ceremony will take place in the church sanctuary at 4:00 PM. Afterwards, please leave the red robe for future graduates. You may take the red cap with you.

Over the summer, many of our **Jr. Pre-K** children will be transitioning to **Sr. Pre-K**. This will not happen all at once, as we need to maintain manageable numbers. By Labor Day, our future kindergartners will have moved on, making it possible to relocate all our four-year-olds into the Sr. Pre-K room.

Whenever you see the pediatrician, please make sure to get your child's Health Form and/or immunization records.

Whenever someone leaves our center, their code to the center doors will be deactivated. They will also lose access to the private Facebook page.

It is highly recommended that you install Remind on your smart phone in order to receive emergency alerts from us. The class name is still Weekday Ministries Childcare. The class code has been changed to @bethbrack



The Bible Says

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Classroom Highlights

The Infants are making something special for their mothers' first Mother's Day! Reminder: First spot for an infant is May - 2023! Get your spot reserved early.

Supertots are looking at plants, flowers, parents and insects. They are doing the Mexican Hat Dance for Cinco de Mayo; Mother's Day surprises & American flags.

Tiny Tots are learning about the relationship between water, sun and plants. They love their Moms with art; focus on mothers, babies and family ties. There are also bugs during the month!

Older Toddlers are focused upon Mother's Day; Caterpillars; butterflies; God's blessings of nature, mothers & freedom. They will be making a snack with colorful veggies and fruit and having a Spring picnic.

Jr. Pre-K is recognizing that things are alike or different; bugs, bugs, bugs, including their hatching lady bugs; Moms; Memorial Day.

Sr. Pre-K is preparing for graduation. The themes are Dinosaurs; Flowers & Quantitative Reasoning (so smart); National Get Caught Reading Month, Letters Yy & Zz; the Biblical story of Esther and paying tribute to their Moms!

Important Reminders

1. Follow the arrows in the parking lot.
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 fees beginning with one minute past the hour.
5. Give the door code to trusted adults who pick up your child. Do not open the door for strangers.

Special Dates

Please see our website for the Parent Handbook, school calendar and Health Forms: www.mlumc.org.

May

- 8th Mother's Day
- 26th Pre-K graduation at 4:00 PM
- 30st Memorial Day/Center is closed



Children:	Julian	5/6	1 year old
	Jack R.	5/13	3 years old
	Josie K.	5/22	2 years old
Teacher:	Sarah K.	5/25	
	Jodi W.	5/31	



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MLUMC Corner

Reverend Tom Strandburg, Pastor

Worship services are at 8:30 am and 10:45 am every Sunday. Sunday School is at 9:30 am.