

# The WEEKDAY Times

Newsletter of Weekday Ministries Child Care Center

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## WEEKDAY MINISTRIES CHILD CARE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Open 6:30am to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY thru FRIDAY

9:00am-4:30PM

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### ***Happy Birthday!***

**Children:**

Zachary Bannon 4/1

Leah Bonnet 4/17

Jaelyn Lakes 4/30

**Teachers:**

Miss Mettelise 4/23

Miss Betty 4/28

### ***Important Dates:***

**April 2 Closed Good Friday**

**April 5 Closed Monday after Easter**

### **Planning for summer?**

We will serve your children through August until they enter first grade. Full time children may cut down to two days a week to hold their spot over the summer. The two days are floating ones, so you can change your two days as you like! This offer is only good for children who are full-time in the fall. Please see the director for more information.

- Summer camps are forming now. Mt. Lebanon and Dormont Extended Day programs include trips to the swimming pool, art, crafts and outdoor games. The YMCA also provides day camp experience.
- Please tell your child's teacher if your child will be staying over the summer or leaving us.

### **Holy Week at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church: You are Invited!**

Maundy Thursday: Noon and 7:30PM with Holy Communion  
7:30PM Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday: Noon – 3:00 "Last Words of Christ" – Come for any period of time. Child care provided.

Easter Sunday: 8:30am & 10:45am Worship



### **INFANTS**

She's back! Jackie is back in the captain's rocking chair in the infant room. We are all so happy to have our merry band back together again. We now have a full house of babies and we need all hands on deck. Welcome Tyler Bannon and Lillian Gordon! Jackie Perry

### **SUPERTOTS**

We will be learning about animals this month – bunnies, ducks, lambs and chicks. Our theme colors are green and yellow. The theme shape is the oval. Alissa Matson

### **YOUNG TODDLERS**

Jesus is Alive! It is spring this month so we will learn about springtime and that Jesus is alive. Please send a coat every day for your child as we will go outside daily, weather permitting. Erin Piatt

### **OLDER TODDLERS**

The Older Toddlers will be talking about spring and the changes that take place in the world around us. We will be doing some planting and bird watching along with other fun activities. We are celebrating Easter and having a colorful egg hunt. What fun! The children are excited about spending more time outside in the beautiful sunshine. Thank you God for bringing us spring! Janice Zaborowski

### **PRESCHOOL PALS**

Welcome Spring! This month we welcome several new friends to our room. We will talk about different types of transportation like cars, boats, trains and planes. Toward the end of the month we will talk about bugs, caterpillars and butterflies. Happy Birthday Leah on April 17<sup>th</sup>! Cathy Helbig

### **PREK CLASSES**

This month's themes are spring weather, bugs, butterflies, plants and the five senses. The life cycle of the butterfly will be studied. Live butterflies are coming! We will watch them grow from caterpillars to butterflies. All three classes will conclude the alphabet. The PreK3 class is going to the Carnegie Science Center on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. "T" class will be cancelled that day. The PreK4 and T classes will be visiting the National Aviary on Monday, May 3 at 9:00am. Parents will have more information in their weekly packets.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR**  
*Mettelise Ziegler*



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Sometimes, sadly, although perfectly beautiful in the eyes of the Heavenly Father, His children are born into this world needing special care and attention.

Weekday Ministries serves around eighty eight children at this time, most of whom are entirely healthy and capable of maturing within typical parameters.

But we also serve children who need extra help.

It is well documented that the earlier special needs can be identified and assessed, the more successful the outcome.

We are currently working with area agencies like The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, Project DART, Easter Seals and Pittsburgh Vision Services.

Serious conditions like autism are on the rise in Pennsylvania. It isn't understood why. Conditions like eyes that don't quite work together or problems with speech can often be remedied through therapy in a short period of time. Other conditions take much more time and patience with parents, staff and therapists working together.

Please pray for our children, staff and agency therapists. Not only do we pray for success, but we need to believe in God's promises. We need to understand that sometimes the special needs will continue. Sometimes a child will not overcome every challenge.

But that's okay! In reality, no one is quite perfect. We all have special needs.

The children will learn this month that Jesus is alive! He died and rose again to give us all abundant life now and forever. Pray that our children will learn to trust the Risen Lord!



*Because He Lives*

(By Bill Gaither © 1971)

1. God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives.

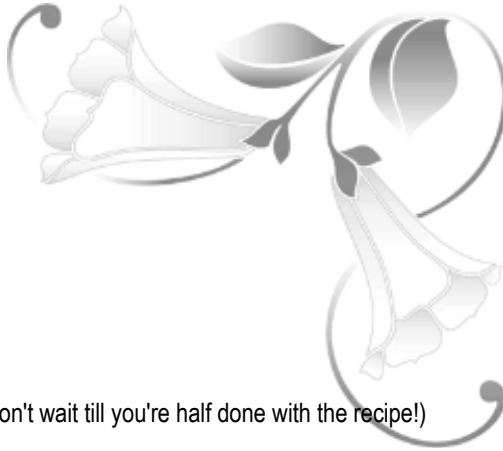
**Chorus:**  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

3. And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory - and I'll know He lives.

## *Easter Story Cookies*

To be made the evening before Easter

1 cup whole pecans  
1 tsp vinegar  
3 egg whites  
pinch salt  
1 cup sugar  
zipper baggie  
wooden spoon  
tape  
Bible



Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important, don't wait till you're half done with the recipe!)

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was Beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar.

Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.