

# The Neighborhood Learning Center



## The Director's Corner

Marcie Peterson, Director

Ah, November! November brings to mind so many things, e.g. shorter days of light, "Fall Back" Saturday, November 4th; harvest; Thanksgiving; time for families to gather together; a special time for God's

everyone in your family gathering at your home or it might be going to a dinner where foods are made from recipes that have been passed from generation to generation.



people to thank Him for all His blessings.

Most likely your family has some Thanksgiving traditions you will be passing along to your children. It might be having

In chapel this month, Pastor Jessica will be teaching the children to praise God for answering our prayers and blessing us with many good gifts. They will also learn that God, our heavenly Father, loves and cares for us. We can always trust Him to provide for all our needs and we never need to be afraid, for God is always with us. He watches over us and protects us.

At this time in your life, for what do you give God praise and thanks? Is it for a special child or children He so graciously gave you? Maybe you are

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## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!



**November 5th, 6th and 21st** —Loudoun County Schools closed. Please let us know if your school age child will be attending those days.

**CENTER CLOSED: November 22nd & 23rd for Thanksgiving**

**November 8th - Book reading of "Annie's Special Day" by Clarike Bowman-Jahn**

**November 14th: Scholastic Book Club Orders DUE— Thanks for last month's orders. NLC received 10 free books!**



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## Staff Spotlight



My name is Laki-sha Frye I am originally from Washington D.C. I have two daughters and we live here in Purcellville. I have over ten years of

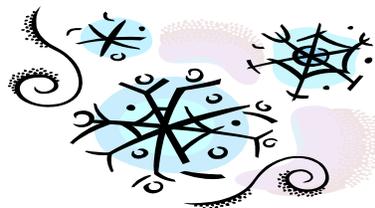
working with children from infants to school aged. I am a certified PCA and I have my certificate in medical billing and coding. However, working in

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## Friendly Reminders

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS & HOLIDAYS!

The NLC school closing policy will follow the federal governments' schedule for closing and early dismissal. If the LCPS's have an early dismissal, our bus will immediately pick the children up from school. If the federal government has an early dismissal



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## Door Lock Update

We're happy to announce that we are in the process of adding door locks to the classroom hallway and the front door. These door locks will require that anyone entering the building or the classroom hallway enter a key-code to open the door. We'll be mailing out the key-codes to parents as soon as



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### Class Sharing Feasts

During the month of November the children will be exploring the concepts of family, the many different customs and traditions that are shared by many of our classmates, the history of Native Americans and the Pilgrims' journey to America. We will learn what we have to be thankful for every day and how different groups of people learned to live together and share with one another. As a special sharing feast was planned long ago, we too, would like to give thanks to God for our blessings and our friends. On November 20th, all classes will have an opportunity to celebrate with other classes, a sharing feast. Each class will make a dish to contribute to the feast, such as corn muffins, fruit salad, etc. and the school will provide the turkey. Everyone will be able to come dressed in whatever festive attire they wish to wear.



### Sharing Our Blessings

In November, as well as all year long, we celebrate our blessings. Our students learn about how grateful we are to God for our families. St. Andrew's Mission Ministry Team has designated the second Sunday of each month as a food drive day for Interfaith Relief. They especially need cereal, 100% juice, peanut butter & jelly, canned meats and canned fruits. Your support will be greatly appreciated. A special box is provided in the lobby for your donations.

#### Parent Handbook Updates

Marcie & the NLC Board of Directors are in the process of revising the Parent Handbook. When it is complete we will post it on the NLC website and distribute it to parents when they pick up their children. We plan to have the revisions completed by mid-November.

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giving God thanks and praise for your extended family and the opportunity to be together on Thanksgiving Day. You might be thanking God for the many blessings He gives, e.g. home, job, food, etc.

Teach your child to give, with a grateful heart. Give God the praise and thanks for all He provides. We encourage you to thank God in prayer at mealtime for the food He provides just like we do at school. Put your hands around your little one's hands and tell them we are going to thank God for the food He gives us before we eat. Here are some short prayers you might use:

- Thank You, Jesus, for this food. Amen
- God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for our food. By His hands we all are fed, give us Lord our daily bread. Amen (the prayer we use at school)
- Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen
- Our hands we fold, our heads we bow; for food and drink, we thank God now. Amen

Not only do we thank God for the many blessings we see each day; but we respond to God's goodness with praise and thanksgiving.

"O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever"

(Psalm 136:1 NIV)

God Bless,

Miss Marcie

**Special Thanks to the Purcellville Station 1 Fire Department for visiting our school and teaching us about fire safety!**

**Special Thanks to Ms. Ibbey for letting the kindergartners and 4 year olds visit her farm. We saw apples pressed, drank cider and visited the animals!**

### Wednesday Afterschool Café

The Wednesday Afterschool Café program for youth (4th – 12th grade) is St. Andrew's mid-week ministry program open to the church, community and the NLC. Our weekly program begins at 3 pm and concludes with family dinner at 6:30 pm. Our afternoon includes snack, tutoring, games, worship lab and Bible Study. If you would like your 4th or 5th grader to participate in the program simply fill out the form on Page 4 and drop it off the NLC.

*Look for us on the web at* <http://tnlcenter.com/>



## The Chaplin's Corner

The NLC Chapel Singers will sing on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am service. Just who are the chapel singers? Well, it is all the NLC children from two years old to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We have been busy learning songs as part of our chapel time each Monday. We have nearly perfected, "Over My Head." (Ask your kids to sing it for you!) Now, we are working on "Peace Like a River." Our older,



school-aged youth will sing a song all by themselves, too! Reminders will be sent home the week before indicating when our practice time will be prior to the start of the 11 am service. We look forward to sharing the Sunday with all our NLC families!

This month our Chapel stories will continue our dig into the Old Testament. We will hear the stories of God's people moving into the Promised Land, David and Goliath, Daniel in the Lion's Den and the journey of Ruth and Naomi. Our kids are asking excellent questions, as they hear God's word for them and discover how

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the daycare is my passion. I am currently working two jobs. My coworkers and I have good times while working during the day and we make a good team. When I am not working at the daycare I enjoy cooking and spending time with my kids and my dog, but it always feels great to come back to work at the daycare. I look forward to watching your children grow from infants to school-aged children and see what they will become.

### November Highlights (From Page 1)

**November 18th & 19th** – NLC will be selling kettle corn as a school fundraiser

**November 18th** – NLC Chapel Singers sing at the 11 am Worship at St. Andrew

**November 20th** –Thanksgiving Sharing Feast

**November 28th** –Advent Workshop & Greening Party 3 - 7 pm

God is their friend. We are learning how to pray, to sit with God, to give God praise and to say thank you to God, too. We hope that our NLC kids are sharing with their families these incredible stories and the ways in which we all can be God's friends.



### **Mark your calendars for special events:**

**Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Chapel Singers sing at the 11 am Worship at St. Andrew

**Wednesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Workshop and Greening Party at 3 to 7 pm – Families of the NLC are invited to join St. Andrew for a Soup and Chili Cook-off, to make a live wreath for your homes and celebrate the start of the Christmas Season. We conclude the evening with worship in the sanctuary.

*Pastor Jessica*

### Door Lock (from Page 1)

the installation is complete. The classroom hallway lock will be installed first and then the front door lock. For people who do not have a key-code or forget their key-code a doorbell will also be installed.

Keeping your children safe is a priority at the NLC.

Thank you for your patience!

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you are required to pick the children up immediately. If the federal government opens one or two hours late, NLC will open 1 HOUR LATE.

When LCPS's are closed due to holidays/teacher work days and the NLC is open, school age children may attend for an extra fee. The extra fee is applied if the child arrives before their normal time i.e. 11 am for kindergarten or 2:45 for 1st - 5th grade.

### **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL AND ON-LINE**

The NLC Newsletter is now being distributed through email and is also available on-line at the NLC Website. The newsletter article headlines are under the "Newsletter Articles" menu, while the calendar is under the "Calendars" Menu.



## The Pastor's Corner

The Neighborhood Learning Center is a dream come true for us at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Committed to ministry in our community we are delighted to provide a learning, caring environment for children of working parents.

Many moons ago our youngest daughter, Karen, was enrolled at the church day care where I was pastor at the time. My office was next to the playground and, as she started there, I re-

member her leaning next to my door crying, "Daddy, Daddy." As a parent, it was tough to work, hearing her cry. Three months later, when the Center presented a Christmas pageant, I saw her skip energetically down the center aisle as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. I was absolutely thrilled to see her maturing, as she learned, now letting her light shine brightly before others. I was a beaming parent, a smile stretched wide on my face. The teachers, the aides and the director had her care and development as their voca-

tion, delighting me as a parent.

At St. Andrew, we are committed to this quality of ministry in our Neighborhood Learning Center and hope that the families whose children are here are blessed by this ministry. We are glad you are here.

Pastor Dave Milam

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### WINTER IS FAST APPROACHING!

Children need outdoor time year round. Unless it is below freezing or raining, we will continue to take the children outside for fresh air. It is important that you send your children to school with warm coats, hats and gloves. It is also very important that you put their names on everything.



Please check their cubbies and switch out the extra clothes with appropriate winter clothing. Extra sets of pants, shirts and socks come in very handy!



We are also in need of donations from you of used sweat pants and shirts. We never seem to have enough extras for those special occasions.

## Contact us!

We welcome all comments and are happy to hear your recommendations and concerns. Call The Neighborhood Learning Center at 540/338-3956 or e-mail our Director, Marcie Peterson, at

[Marcie@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto:Marcie@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com)

### Wednesday Afterschool Café Enrollment

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_