

# Woodbrook Early Education

## A ministry of Woodbrook Baptist Church

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we have already completed one month of school. The children have done a fantastic job of getting accustomed to our school routines and structure. They are making friends and hearing laughter and seeing smiles in each classroom. Overall, this year's classes adjusted much more quickly than last years. I think part of this is coming out of the COVID world into a more normal routine of life. Of course, for some friends it may take a little longer for complete comfort but they know that we love and care for them when their family isn't with them during the day. Many of our friends are adjusting to doing things more independently. This can be exciting for some children but for others, very scary. We want to encourage our friends to try things even when they seem hard or that they can't do it yet. Yet is a very important word. Yet just means we are still working on it and that is OK!

You can help your child be successful at school by encouraging them to try things at home. This will be different for each child. Some may be working on putting on shoes independently. Others may be potty training. We want to encourage you to take the time to let your child attempt to do this for themselves. WE know that as adults, we are often hurrying from one thing to the next, but it is incredibly important for the child to be included and involved in what is happening. This is how they learn best-by doing. If they have trouble, tell them it's okay, remind them there are things that you can't do yet or that are hard for you but that you keep trying. Take time to celebrate successes when they do things independently as well. While the process takes time, it is so rewarding to see their smiles when they have successes.

As we begin October, we have already felt a change in weather. We are loving the cooler temperatures and more outside time. Remember that it can still be cold in the morning and very warm at times in the afternoon. Layers are often the best solution during this transitional weather. Be sure to check the extra clothes in your child's backpack or cubby so that they are appropriate for the season.

Fall is a wonderful time to explore the areas around us. The Baltimore area has many fun places that can be enjoyed as a family. We encourage you to take walks outside and look for signs of fall. It is fun to visit a local farm and go apple picking or choose your pumpkin together if your family carves one for Halloween. We have attached some local farms that you could visit. Always check their websites for more information about visiting before you go.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as we help your child grow and learn this year!

With love,

Angela



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## **A Few Area Pumpkin Farms & Fall Activities**

Weber's Cider Mill Farm  
2526 Proctor Lane  
Baltimore, MD 21234

Chapel Hills Farm & Nursery  
4350 Chapel Road  
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Clark's Elioak Farm  
10500 Clarksville Pike  
(rte. 108)  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Summers Farm  
5620 Butterfly Lane  
Frederick, MD 21703

Baughers Farm  
1236 Baughers Road  
Westminster, MD 21158

North Run Farm/Rodgers Farms  
1818 Greenspring Valley Road  
Stevenson, MD 21153

Beachmont Corn Maze  
6433 Mt. Vista Road  
Kingsville, MD 21087

Fresh McKenzie Charlotte's Web Corn Maze  
5445 Patterson Road  
Baldwin, MD 21013



# Good Health Reminders

If your child/children are showing symptoms of an infectious illness such as COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), or gastrointestinal infections, they should not attend school and should be tested for COVID-19 if appropriate. If the test is negative, they may return when symptoms are improved, and they have no fever for 24 hours without medication.

## \*Symptoms Requiring a Test:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



# RED Room

Your children are amazing! In the month of September your children learned new routines, met new friends in the classroom, and welcomed us as their new caregivers. Most of our friends have adjusted to their new learning experience. We have only a few tears in the classroom and they are gradually disappearing.

We started our year with a two week unit on "School Friends". We practiced learning to share, taking turns, and playing alongside others our age. We also worked on colors, numbers, and recognizing our names. We especially worked on the color "red" and counting to "three". As the year continues we will introduce shapes, patterns, etc. to build on our prior concepts. We will introduce these concepts by playing games individually and as a group. The last two weeks of September were spent on our "Farm" unit. We worked on the names and sounds of various farm animals, where they live on the farm, and how they help people. We also learned about some things that grow on the farm.

Each month we will introduce a new month song using the same tune. With each song the children will learn several "sign language" signals. Each week throughout the year the children will be having specials (Art with Ms. Carol, Science with Ms. Dawn, Music with Ms. Claire).

For our first week of October we will be talking about Pets. We will learn how to care for our pets and how they help us. We will even look at different types of pets too. For our second week of October we will review National Fire Safety Week. We will be learning about the jobs of fire fighters and how they help people. We will also talk about the equipment they use as well as their uniforms. We will learn the difference between "hard" (helmets) and "soft" (hats), "hot" (really just warm) and "cold" and learn how to create the color "orange" by mixing yellow and red paint together. Next we will explore the beautiful season of "Fall". We will learn what happens to the trees and nature in the Autumn as well as how the animals prepare for the season of winter. During this two week unit we will continue to work on our counting skills. Our last unit of the month will be on "Community Helpers". We will be learning about the various people in the neighborhood who help us, and we will talk about their special jobs. During this week we will also be celebrating our first in-house event, our "Fall Fun Fest". We will be doing several activities that week to welcome to season of Fall. More details will be coming out about the exciting week. We continue to look forward to continuing to teach your precious children and thank you for allowing us to be a part of their lives.

Love, Ms. Karen, Ms. Sharon, Ms. Barb, and Ms. Michelle





## Who is in the **RED ROOM?**

**Karen Mann**— This is Ms. Karen's 30th year at the WEE Center. She started teaching when her youngest child was 2 years old and never left! She enjoys working in a Christian school where everyone is so supportive of one another. She also loves helping the children grow and develop new skills. Your children are so amazing and so very precious!

She now works part time in the Red Room. On her days off she and her husband of 45 years (Jeff) watch their grandchildren. They have 11! One of her grandchildren is attending school at WEE. On weekends she likes to go to the grandchildren's recreation games. She also enjoys family gatherings and going to the beach in the summer. Her other hobbies are reading and cross stitching. When asked to describe herself, Ms. Karen says she is "a worker"

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Karen—she was a parole and probation Agent for 3 1/2 years before she had children!**

**Barb Gross**-Ms. Barb is a lifetime Woodbrook Baptist Church member, a WEE staff member since 1990 (this is her 31st year!), and has taught each age group. She feels "that each child may grow to be a leader! I will teach kindness, acceptance, and peaceful living to our littles because they are our future!" Ms. Barb loves to garden, read, and do projects around the house. She is the mother of two and a grandmother of three. "My happy place is wherever the sun is!" She describes herself as an initiator and efficient worker.

**\*\*Something you may not know about Ms. Barb is that she is planning to raise bees.**



## Who is in the **RED ROOM?**

**Sharon Garvin-** This is Ms. Sharon's 5th year at the WEE Center. She has an AA degree in early childhood development. She has spent most of her adult life raising her 6 children, as well as providing daycare to 1-2 other children at a time. Her oldest is almost 31, so 30+ years have been spent taking care of children. She is an avid runner and biker. She also enjoys cooking, reading and gardening.

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Sharon is that she has completed 3 half Ironman Triathlons and hopes to do another one.**

● **Michelle Kaufman-** This is Ms. Michelle's 2nd school year at the  
● WEE Center. She is a Baltimore native and has been teaching for  
● 15 years. She and her husband have a daughter and a son. Her hobbies include dog walking, listening to music, and walking with her friends. She likes all preschool age children! But 2 year olds have always been her favorite. She says they are so sweet and when given proper guidance and boundaries all they want to do is please you!

**\*\*Something you may not know about Michelle is that her favorite dessert is Lemon Meringue Pie.**



# YELLOW Room

September flew by! The children have really adjusted well to the routine in the Yellow Room. We started the month off getting to know our friends and teachers. They are doing a great job sitting in circle. We are enjoying our specials so much! The children love to sing and learn new songs with Ms. Claire. Ms. Carol teaches us about artists and helps us to create our own beautiful artwork. With Ms. Dawn we create science.....or magic!

In October we will review the importance of Fire Safety. We will practice how to Stop, Drop and Roll if our clothes should catch on fire. We will be practicing the rhyme "Don't hide go outside" if we ever see a fire. The fire fighters will even be coming to visit on Thursday, October 16th! Our apple unit will be next. We will be tasting and graphing our favorite apples. We will be making a lot of apple art. We will also be talking about Fall and all the changes God brings about. We will be going on nature walks as we look for signs of Fall. Throughout the month we will continue to work on our letter of the week, scissors skills and numbers. The children have really enjoyed the Bible stories. It's been a great start to the year.

Happy October Birthday to Leeland on October 9th and Ms. Stacey on October 19th!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Happy Fall!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Stacey, Ms. Aleia,  
and Ms. Judi





## Who is in the YELLOW ROOM?

**Bev Cvach**: This is Ms. Bev's 39th year teaching and her 32nd year at the WEE Center. She has taught 2-s and 3's while at the WEE Center. Ms. Bev and her husband Paul have been married for 47 years and they have 3 children. She has 7 grandchildren, 6 of which have graduated from WEE and 1 is still attending. Ms. Bev loves to travel and enjoys working outside in the yard. Ms. Bev's favorite place to vacation is Ocean City, If Ms. Bev had not been a teacher she would have become a missionary. Ms. Bev says she looks forward to going to WEE because it feels like an extended family.

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Bev is that her youngest daughter was in her first class at WEE!**

**Ms. Jordan** Ms. Jordan is excited to be in her 3rd year at the WEE Center as a Yellow Room teacher. She has been a teacher for 8 years and is a mommy to her son Jace, has a daughter, Aniyah, and has a new baby! Jaxon was born on September 13th! Ms. Jordan grew up in Baltimore. When she is not at school she enjoys spending time with family and friends. Her favorite store is Target and she loves Disney. Ms. Jordan is in her 4th year of college at Walden University and she is excited to be almost finished.



**\*\*Something you may not know about Ms. Jordan is that she loves tacos!**



## Who is in the YELLOW ROOM?

**Ms. Stacey:** This is Ms. Stacey's 13th year at WEE. She has a 22 year old son who is a WEE School graduate. Some of her favorite things are the Ravens and Dave Matthews Band. She grew up in Baltimore, but her sister lives in England. Ms. Stacey rode horses when she was younger, and was in the marching and jazz band (she played the flute and saxophone). She loves the snow and cooking. Ms. Stacey says she absolutely loves the joy the being around children every day brings!

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Stacey is that she lived in Hawaii for one year.**

**Ms. Judi:** This is Ms. Judi's 45th year teaching and her 25th year at the WEE Center. She has taught 2's-4's in her career and is the most fond of 3 year olds. Ms. Judi loves to read mysteries, historical fiction, and going to yard sales. She loves the beach and travelling to little known places in Maryland. Ms. Judi loves teaching at WEE because it "feels like family". She says, "I have tried to retire but it has not worked!"

**\*\*Something you may not know about Ms. Judi is that she has a son and daughter who have given her 7 beautiful grandchildren: a grandson and 6 granddaughters including twins!**

**Ms. Aleia:** This is Ms. Aleia's first year at the WEE Center! She has been teaching for 3 years but she has been taking care of children since she was 5 years old. Her hobbies include singing, reading, cooking, and crossword puzzlers. Ms. Aleia is very excited to teach your children this year!

**\*\*Something you may not know about Ms. Aleia is that she has 5 older brothers! She also loves the beach!**

# Blue Room

Happy October! Our 1st month of school was great! The children quickly learned the classroom routines and are great listeners. We introduced the calendar and are working on a letter of the alphabet each week. So far we have focused on letters A, B, and C. We have talked about ourselves and our families, the changes we see in the fall, and apples.

This month we will review fire safety, nocturnal animals, pumpkins, and fiction vs non-fiction stories. In October we are also practicing hand washing, our manners such as saying, “please”, “thank you”, and “excuse me,” and independent self-care skills, including bathroom usage. Some of the skills we have been working on include scissor control, gluing, and how to hold a pencil. The children also enjoy counting, singing, and art.

On October 6th the Fire Fighters will be coming to visit us! At the end of the month we will celebrate fall with our annual Fall Fun Fest. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. We are so excited to see how they grow this year!

Love,

Ms. Dominique, Ms. Carmen, and Ms. Angela



## Who Is In the Blue Room?

**Ms. Dominique:** Ms. Dominique is from Baltimore (more specifically Towson). She grew up in the Towson area and loved every moment of it. While this 2022-2023 school year will be her 2nd year at the WEE Center, this will be her 8th year teaching. She has been with children for as long as she can remember. She started with babysitting and her love for children grew from there. She has worked in multiple school settings from being in a before and after care program for school aged children, a Pre-K teacher, and more recently, 3 year olds. She started her schooling at CCBC pursuing her AA degree in Early Childhood Education and that's when she knew her passion is teaching. When she is not teaching she loves to paint. She looks forward to her career at the WEE Center and hopes to learn from the children as they learn from her.

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Dominique is that she has two dogs named Xena and Aspen.**

**Ms. Carmen:** Hello! My name is Carmen and I am a new Teacher's Assistant in the Blue Room. Outside of the classroom I do a lot of painting, drawing, reading, and going on walks. I also like to go to the thrift stores to do some second-hand shopping. I like to find vintage clothes and decorations that I use for still-life paintings. I am new to the childcare field but I already love my job here. I especially love seeing what our students create during art activities of course! I look forward to seeing what the rest of this school year brings!

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Carmen is that her favorite holiday is Halloween!**

**Ms. Angela:** When not being the director for WEE Ms. Angela is excited to be back in the classroom this year! She taught in the Green Room for 7 years and is enjoying being in the Blue Room with the 3 year olds.

**\*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Angela is that she has two cats named Luna and Clementine that live in her house, and a third cat named Twilight who lived outside with her kittens.**



# Green Room

Hello Parents,

The Green Room friends have done a terrific job during the month of September. We have really enjoyed getting to know each other better, and making new friends, as well as getting reacquainted with friends from last school year. The children have become familiar with the daily routine, schedule, and classroom rules. In Pre-K, it can be exciting to be more independent and have more responsibilities, but it also takes some getting used to and adjusting.

**Social Development:** We have also been working on giving our friends some personal space. We call it "a personal bubble." Sometimes when we respect a friends' personal bubble, it can solve conflicts quickly. We have also been working on listening to the teacher, and following directions right away.

**DoJo App:** Remember that you may follow your child's progress with positive behavior by using the DoJo App. When your child earns ten points for positive behavior, they will get a prize from the prize box. We also send the daily WEE notes on the App, along with many photos.

**Themes:** During September, the children enjoyed All About Me, Families, Alphabet Activities, the 5 Senses, and Apples. The children especially enjoyed the nature walk with our magical binoculars and tasting and charting apples.

We have the following themes coming up in October. We will begin the month with a color theme. We will have activities about primary and secondary colors, and colors and our emotions. Then we will progress into a farm theme and focus on: farm animals, barns, crops, and tractors. The farm theme will lead us into a harvest/autumn theme about leaves, squirrels, and pumpkins.

**Literacy:** We will focus on the following letters (writing the letters correctly and the sounds the letters make): Ff, Ee, Hh, and Vv. The children will also identify initial sounds in words, action words, and rhyming words.

**Math:** The children will be learning more AB patterns on the calendar. We will also continue to work on the Ten Frame, (more information about this concept will be in the daily WEE notes). Another activity pre-k children enjoy is The Number Buddies. These special buddies help the children understand the different ways numbers are used in daily life.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support! We love teaching your children! With God's Blessings,

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Dawn

Happy October Birthdays to Ms. Carol on 10/6, William on 10/9, and Enzo On 10/18!



## Who Is In The Green Room

**Betsy Walker:** Ms. Betsy has been teaching in private or Christian schools for 30 years. She has taught preschool through eighth grade. Ms. Betsy loves teaching pre-k children because they are so joyful and eager to learn. When Ms. Betsy is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her family (her husband, Ben and daughter Lydia, 18), reading, traveling, and swimming. We are thrilled to have Ms. Betsy back for her 3rd year at WEE! \*\*Something you may not know about Ms. Betsy is that she has traveled to most of the 50 states, except Hawaii and Alaska, but she hopes to visit those states too!

**Carol Anstett:** Ms. Carol received her BFA from the Rochester Institute of Technology. For several years she worked as a freelance photographer. Her photos appeared in Baltimore Magazine, Mid Atlantic Magazine and several in house publications for companies like Catholic Charities, Johns Hopkins, Kennedy Krieger, Cornell University, and many more. Today she still shoots but mostly focuses on family portraiture. For the last 12 years she also taught art classes for Abrakadoodle. Through Abrakadoodle she taught art at many local schools including St. Paul's, Calvert, JCC and Bridges Montessori. While teaching art she discovered that she loved teaching Pre-K the most and is very excited to now have the opportunity to teach in a Pre-K classroom full time. Carol has three children of her own, Nic, 29, Will, 26, and Lucy 19. She enjoys spending her free time hiking with her two Labradoodles, Maxx and Finn. We are so excited to have Ms. Carol here for her 3rd year at WEE!! \*\*Something you may not know about Carol is that she has 5 pet chickens!

**Dawn Baker:** This is Ms. Dawn's 24th year at the WEE Center! She retired in 2020 to spend time with her husband Howard (they have been married for 34 years) who retired a few years ago. She just could not leave the children so she has been teaching part-time since then. She has been teaching for over 37 years. Ms. Dawn has been an adjunct professor at CCBC for 10 years and a teacher trainer for over 15 years. Her favorite of all these jobs is teaching Science at WEE! Ms. Dawn is excited to be in the Green Room this year! She enjoys Pre-K and is loving working with Ms. Betsy and Ms. Carol! \*\*Something you might not know about Ms. Dawn is that she loves to try new kinds of art. She is learning how to draw and paint with acrylics. She also loves to draw zentangles!



# Purple Room

Happy October Purple Room Families! September was a very busy month (that zoomed by), as we all got used to being together and becoming friends. The children have been working very hard and have acclimated to becoming Pre-K students, and friends, very well!

We worked on letters “Ll”, “Tt”, and “Ii”, learning the sound each makes, how to write it correctly, coloring pictures that start with the letter sounds, and hearing poems that have lots of words that begin with each sound. We are learning to recognize our first names written on many different things in our room, did lots of creative play during center time, learned new finger plays/songs/prayers, developed our classroom rules, and learned a lot about apples!

During October we will continue to focus on more letters. By emphasizing the beginning sounds of words (for example: lollipop, dog, milk, or flag) you can help your child make the connection. Our October letters are: “Ff”, “Ee”, “Hh”, “Vv”, and “Ww”. We will enjoy studying fall, pumpkins, leaves, fire safety, and maybe community helpers. We will also take our first field trip in a very long time!

We are practicing writing our first names with a capital letter at the beginning, and as lower case. When practicing name writing at home, please have your child write his/her name this way. Also, check for their pincer grip when holding a crayon, marker, or pencil. The shorter the pencil, the easier it is to maintain the proper writing grip.

Thank you for entrusting us each day with your children. They are a precious gift who make us very proud each day, bring many smiles to our faces, and always keep us on our toes.

Love, Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate

Happy October Birthdays to Bennett Mitchell (10/2), Scout (10/21), Nora (10/23), Bennett McNabb (10/23), and Daani (10/27)!



# Who is with your kiddos in the Purple Room?

**Stacie Handley:** This is Ms. Stacie's 2nd year at WEE Center, but she has been in early childhood classrooms for 22 years! Ms. Stacie graduated from University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) with a BA in Psychology and Early Childhood Education. She has always worked with children ages 3-6, and was in Baltimore Archdiocesan schools for 19 years. She will be married 21 years in January, to her husband, Kurt. They have 2 daughters, Emma (a sophomore in college) and Anna (a senior in high school), who are her heart. Ms. Stacie is beyond excited to continue at the WEE Center. Ms. Stacie has a very sweet pup, named Wynn timer, who is an (approximately) 9-year-old rescue Pittie. She is literally the cutest!

Ms. Stacie enjoys the occasional tap class, reading, Netflix, and watching her daughter, Anna, dance. She loves the beach, and most especially loves dogs! Ms. Stacie does not like spiders, heights, or snow!

**Nate Moultrie:** Mr. Nate is 37 years old. This is his 3rd year at WEE Center, after having worked in child care for many years at the Rodgers Forge Early Learning Center, the YMCA, and Little Friends. He truly loves working with children. When he is not at school (which is a lot, as he does Before & After Care too), Mr. Nate is a DJ and music producer. He is a newbie to Ocean City, MD (what?!?), has 4 brothers, thinks cats are weird, loves his mom, and is a great dancer.

Mr. Nate has a lot of energy! His favorite song is "I'm a Survivor" by Destiny's Child. WEE Center is very blessed to have Mr. Nate and the happiness, fun, and creativity he brings each day.

## Art with Ms. Carol

We had a great start in art so far this year! The two's are being introduced to colors, paint, and stamping. Our three's and four's learned about impressionist painter, Claude Monet and made beautiful water lily paintings. They also learned about Vincent VanGogh and created their own sunflower collages.

In October we will explore color mixing and learn about the color wheel. We will do some fun fall projects and celebrate some Hispanic artists for Hispanic heritage month.

## Science with Ms. Dawn

September in science has brought some bright smiles and some curious questions! We are working towards doing our own experiments, even our 2's will be joining in the fun. Right now, we are working on thinking like a scientist. This includes questioning things, looking at what happened and describing it. In our PreK they will have started their science journal. This is where they document what we did through drawing. This is one of the places we talk about thinking like a scientist. I ask them-did I have a dinosaur in the room...no. Did we have a garden in the room...no. But let's talk about what we did see while in science. They are amazing! Our 3's are using verbal documentation and learning vocabulary.

I strive to help the all the children know: It is fun to explore, observe and guess! It is amazing to see change and wonder what made it happen. It is fun to sometimes almost know why it happened. And it is a wonderful thing to have fun learning!!

It is ok to make a mess, but we all have to help clean them up.... with a good attitude. It is ok for something not to work, and we can learn lots from these events. I can work with a partner and we can do it well. We can have conversations that help us as we explore and observe and guess. (3's and 4's). I can document in my journal what we did, what we used and what I saw (4's). I can document what we did by describing it.

We are going to be studying liquids, gas and solids in October and then we will have some fun with magnets.

Play together lots, laugh together, and hug!

# Music with Ms. Claire

The children are having so much fun learning songs about September and the beginning of Fall/ Autumn. We also had fun singing with numbers, the alphabet, and movement. We used scarves to dance, flags to march to Patriotic songs and seasonal props to enrich the songs of Fall. In October, we will continue songs of Fall as well as Halloween. Each month we will focus on a specific patriotic song and celebrating any holiday. Why do we teach Music? There are so many skills that are taught during this time: listening, following directions, and learning vocabulary (language); learning rhythm (sensory); improve coordination (physical); and increase memory (intellectual). Plus--IT'S FUN!

This is Ms. Claire's 39th year teaching and her 32nd year at the WEE Center. She has taught children from infancy to First Grade. Ms. Claire is an avid quilter and scrap booker. She also loves the process of taking photos for scrapbooks. Ms. Claire has 3 children, with one son and daughter-in-law living close by in Anne Arundel County. Her favorite places to visit are Louisiana where her other son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live, and Arizona, where her daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, and grandson live. She comes from a large family and she is one of 6 children. She says that "she enjoys doing art and music and sharing God's love with the children. This is part of making complete experiences for the children". In one word, Ms. Claire would describe herself as creative.

\*\*Something you might not now about Ms. Claire is that she starting cooking dinner, Monday– Friday when she was 9 years old. She also loves snow almost as much as the color purple!

## Who is in the Office?

**Angela Peterson:** This is Ms. Angela's 12th year teaching and she was a director of a Baltimore County childcare center for 5 years. This is her 10th year at the WEE Center and her daughter is a WEE Center graduate. She is now a freshman in High School. Her son is a Sophomore in college. Angela's favorite things to do are read, binge watch shows on Netflix and go to the beach. She was born in North Carolina and lived most of her life in Richmond, Virginia. She describes herself as "caring: She said "I love the family feeling we provide our children and families here at the WEE Center".

**\*\*Something you might not know about Angela,** she went to an all women's college and met her husband at a ballroom dancing class.

**Elise DeFilippis:** This is Ms. Elise's 10th year working at the WEE Center, but she has been at WEE as a parent since 2008. Both of her children are WEE Graduates and are now a freshman and senior in High School. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and her Masters of Science Degree in Human Service Management in Special Education from Western Maryland College. She has taught children from 3-9 years old, was a social worker in a special education setting, a behavior interventionist at Kennedy Krieger/The LEAP School, and was a Service Coordinator for children receiving Autism Waiver Services in Maryland . This year she also began serving on the Board of Directors for TARGET Community & Educational Services in Westminster, MD. Ms. Elise loves to travel, watch movies and read. Her favorite place to vacation is Bethany Beach. She loves to laugh and easily cracks herself up...you can hear her happy laugh all over the building. Elise says that the WEE Center "feels like home". She describes herself with one word "laughter".

**\*\*Something you might not know about Elise is that she volunteered in a Romanian orphanage in 1999 and 2000 and she went skydiving in 1997!**

## a pastoral note

Driving in the Rodgers Forge neighborhood, there are some roads on which if there's a delivery being made or someone parking or even someone just opening their car door into the street, you have to stop and wait. There's just not room to get by.

So the other day I was stopped behind a woman getting out of her silver Honda Fit. An elderly woman who slowly shut her door and moved to the back of her car so I could get by. I was driving our silver Honda Fit so I pulled up next to her, smiled, and said, "Nice car." She didn't get it. Looked at her car confused. Looked back at me puzzled. Then noticed my car. Smiled. "Thank you!"

There are so many fundamental connections easy to make. Relatively meaningless. Doesn't require anything but some basic awareness—and initiative. But how potentially meaningful. How vitally important. Just to acknowledge connections. In a culture so focused on divisions and divisiveness.

And I am often too busy, too self-absorbed, but as a minister (actually just as a somewhat thoughtful human being), I wonder what it would be like for each of us to encourage more intentionality about such noticing and commenting. I suspect it would be part of something big ... something transformational.

What do you think?

~John Ballenger  
Woodbrook Baptist Church, Pastor



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## Dates to Remember

Fire Fighter Visit: Thursday, October 16th

WEE Closed/Staff Professional Day: Friday, October 14th

Fall Class Parties and Activities: Week of October 24th

## Upcoming Dates in November

WEE Closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thursday, November 3rd

Thankful Event: Tuesday, November 22nd (stay tuned for specifics)

WEE Closed for Thanksgiving Break: Wed/Thu/Fri, November 23rd-25th

**Please remember if you ever need to add a day please ask**

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