**October 30, 2016 8:30 & 10:45**

**Reaching Outward, Nurturing Inward, and Growing Together**

1000 members involved in 100 ministries for 1 mission

In the midst of the current election cycle, “tax reform” seems to be on everyone’s agenda. If the tax code of the most powerful nation on the planet can be reformed, then anything - including spiritual reform - is possible! God called Zacchaeus to a radical transformation of heart and life. This new life began by "putting his money where his heart was."

 **WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

 **Hymn 389 Freely, freely**  (seated) *Freely, freely*

 **Hymn 386 Come, O thou Traveler unknown** (stanzas 1-2) *Candler*

**Greeting**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you God’s faithful ones,

**People: and give thanks to God’s holy name.**  *Psalm 30:4*

**Announcements**

**Choral Introit** 10:45 Psalm 103:1 *Richard C. Baker*

 Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and bless the Lord.

**People: We come to seek God’s grace.**

Leader: Christ hears our every cry.

**People: We need God’s healing touch.**

Leader: Take heart; have faith, for Christ has called us here.

**People: We come to bless the Lord!**

*Adapted from Psalm 34 and Mark 10*

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn of Praise 110 A mighty fortress is our God** (standing) *Ein’ feste Burg*

**Opening Prayer** (in unison, standing)

**Our hearts are full of praise, O God, because of your wonderful works. You are almighty, the King of Creation, over which you rule with kindness and justice. You prosper and sustain us so that we can serve you in your Kingdom now and through eternity. You heal the spiritual blindness of your people so that all may truly see. Come, Holy Spirit. Help us worship the Father in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Worship & Song*

**… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**Sacrament of Baptism** 10:45 *Baptismal Covenant II, UM Hymnal #39* Mason Joseph Martin, Son of Jeffrey and Amy Martin

 Godparents, Jason Martin and Melissa Bennardo

 **Pastor:** Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life

 and include *Mason Joseph* now before you in your care?

 **People: With God’s help we will proclaim the good news**

 **and live according to the example of Christ.**

 **We will surround Mason**

 **with a community of love and forgiveness,**

 **that he may grow in his service to others.**

 **We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple**

 **who walks in a way that leads to life.**

**Handbell Anthem** 10:45 Promised Land *arranged by Susan Geschke*

Promise Bells

**The Sign of Peace** *Please pass the peace to your neighbors as a sign of reconciliation and love.*

 Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: And also with you.

Gathering Song All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. *James Ritchie*

 This, this is where children belong,

 welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

 Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:

 This is where children belong.

 WORDS AND MUSIC: James Ritchie ©1999 Abingdon Press

**Message for Young Disciples** Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service.

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

**Handbell Anthem** 10:45 Come, O thou Traveler unknown *arranged by Sandra Eithun*

 Chapel Bells

Scripture Reading Marta Katshir 8:30

 Chris James 10:45

 A Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture

 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 The prophet proclaims God’s new vision

Worship & Song **3135 In God alone** (seated) *In God alone*

 **In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.**

 **Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

 A Lesson from the Gospel (standing)

 Luke 19:1-10 Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, the tax collector

**Response**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory Solo** 8:30 Promised Land *setting by John Carter*

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 He is marvelous! *Rosephanye Powell*

 He is marvelous! Jesus is wonderful! Give Him glory! Shout to the Lord and proclaim:

 He is marvelous, oh, so wonderful! Give Him the glory and praise.

 For He is King of kings! And He is Lord of all creation!

 Yes, He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing!

 Shout to the Lord, Jesus Christ, King of kings!

**Doxology 94**

 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

 Praise God the source of all our gifts!

 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sermon** “Tax Reform – A.D. 30” Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn of Commitment 386 Come, O thou Traveler unknown** (standing) *Candler*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The altar flowers** are given in honor of the marriage of Jean Lusk’s granddaughter, Kendall Lynn Voelker, to Josh Beyl on October 29, 2016.

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given by Jeff and Amy Martin in celebration of the baptism of their son Mason Joseph Martin.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Promise Bells and the Chapel Bells, directed by Nancy R. Lutz; and the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Cori DeLuca, church member and area piano teacher.

**Our hymnal** and the new hymnal supplement are rich resources. As we explore newer texts and tunes we will repeat them during the month so that we are more comfortable singing them.

**Greeters 8:30** Liz DiPietro **10:45** Vera Jane and Cleon Cornes

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons** Would you like to share this morning’s sermon with a friend or did you miss a Sunday? Catch up on the messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons from the past three months are at http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com. You can navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org, through the app, Stitcher or through iTunes.

**Flower Donations** Honor or remember a loved one or friend with a Sunday flower arrangement donation. Contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? 3Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

**Luke 19:1-10**

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Gwen Lammert, Magee Womens

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Jean Bouvy, McMurray Hills Manor

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Andy Smith, Concordia Health Care

Tim Watters, Baptist Homes

**Convalescing at Home**

Earl Killian, Arlene Stewart

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Capt. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick
PFC Brendan Lamport
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda
Lt. Col. Mark Patterson

Lt. Com. Scott Patterson

Lt. Col. Sean Patterson
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes
Capt. Azizi Wesmiller

Capt. Matthew C. Wesmiller
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Looking to send a card? Here are some helpful addresses:**

Magee-Womens Hospital

300 Halket St.

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Asbury Heights

700 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

McMurray Hills Manor

249 W McMurray Road

McMurray, PA 15317

Concordia Health Center

1300 Bower Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15243

 Baptist Homes

 489 Castle Shannon Blvd.

 Pittsburgh, PA 15234

**A thank-you note from the family of**

**Bill Davis:**

 *Thank you very much for providing the lunch for my father, Bill Davis’ memorial service. We truly appreciate every thing you did to help during this difficult time.*

 *Kellie Eltschlager*

 *and family*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES

Sunday, November 13 after 10:45 Worship

What is the impact on our church of over 100 ministries? Come to a celebration of ministries at a potluck lunch on Sunday, November 13th after the 10:45 service. The program will include presentations from active ministry members, information and inspiration. Call the church office if you are planning to attend and let us know whether you are bringing a side dish, salad or dessert.

**German Class to Start November 14**

Starting on **Monday, November 14**, a **beginner's German class** taught by Deanna Baird will start and continue through Monday, January 30.  We will meet from **7-8:15** in the **Welcome Center** This first term will **focus on the basics**  (numbers, family, weather, foods, leisure activities, etc.) and on typical beginning  conversation/questions. We will also focus on sounds so that those going to Zwickau can sing the songs.

Although priority will be given to those going to Zwickau, others may also join this class.  There will be a $35 fee, which will go to the Mission Fund to help fund that trip. **Please sign up with Deanna Baird (****fraubaird@aol.com****), 412-606-4719, by November 7**; there will be a maximum number to the class.  Beginning in March there will be a second term that will go beyond the basics; people with basic knowledge may wish to sign up for that.

**Blood Pressure Screenings Next Sunday**

Stop in to Brookline Parlor next Sunday, November 6, after the 10:45 service for a blood pressure check from the MLUMC Health Ministry (WHOM). The ministry team nurses offer screenings the first Sunday of every month.

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**SUNDAY 10/30**

 8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

 9:30 am Mixer’s Pancake Breakfast Asbury Center

 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

 Kids Praise Welcome Center

 12 noon Youth Group leave for “Forced from Home” Church Entrance

 4:30 pm Youth Choir Choir Room

**MONDAY 10/31**

 7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

**TUESDAY 1/1 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP**

 6 pm Rummage Set up/Terrific Tuesday Asbury Center

 7 pm Rummage Set up/Boy Scout Troop #23 Asbury Center

**WEDNESDAY 11/2 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP**

 6:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Kitchen

**THURSDAY 11/3 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP**

 8:30 am Northside Lunch Program Kitchen

 12 pm TNT Asbury Heights

 6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 11/4 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP**

 3 pm Rummage Pre-Sale Various

**SATURDAY 11/5**

 9 am Rummage Sale Various