

**May 28, 2017 8:30 & 10:45**

***We welcome one of our candidates for ministry, Amy Jun, as preacher for this day.*** *Amy has been a member of our church since 2012, and a certified candidate for ministry since 2016. Her husband, Rev. Jong Man Lee, is the pastor of our Korean congregation, where Amy serves as the regular worship leader. She has been approved for commissioning as a provisional member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her commissioning will occur during the upcoming session of the Annual Conference at Grove City College. We rejoice with Amy and her entire family on this wonderful achievement!*

**Ascension Sunday**

The Apostle Paul warned the early Christian church in Corinth – *“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)”*  We celebrate that God’s hands are always available to us, to keep us from falling. However, sometimes we still fall because we miss God’s hands. So, be careful when you think you are standing!

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

**Gathering Music**

**Worship & Song 3119 Take, O take me as I am** *Take, O take*

**Hymn 632 Draw us in the Spirit’s tether** *Union Seminary*

**Greeting**

Leader: No one has ever seen God;

**People: if we love one another, God lives in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.** *1 John 4:12*

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: When the world divides us:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

Pastor: When the world calls us orphaned:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

Pastor: When the world leads us astray:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come and fill this place!**

*Worship & Song*

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymn 568 Christ for the world we sing** (standing) *Italian Hymn*

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** *Benedict of Nurnia, 6th Century*

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

**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

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

All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. 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 …**

**Hymn 128**  **He leadeth me** (seated) *He leadeth me*

Scripture Reading 8:30 Marcy Picardi

10:45 Stacey Rosleck

A Lesson from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 10:1-12 Warnings from Israel’s history

**Worship & Song 3137** **Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines** *Jésus le Christ*

**Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.**

**Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.**

**Let my heart always welcome your love.**

**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.**

**Celtic Alleluia** *O’Carroll and Walker*

Cantor: Alleluia (4 times)

**Congregation: Alleluia (sing 4 times)**

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the Gospels

John 17:1-11 The ascension of Jesus

**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 My Jesus, I love thee *setting by Dale Wood*

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 *Everett Titcomb*

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Allelluia.

**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** “Be careful, when you think you are standing”

Amy Jun, Certified Candidate for Ministry

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Hymn 529 How firm a foundation** (standing) *Foundation*

**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Leslie Troy in honor and memory of loved ones.

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given in memory of all men and women who have died in military service for the United States.

**Special music at 10:**45 is provided by the Chancel Choir.

**Greeters 8:30** Paulette Colonna **10:45** Kay McAninch

**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. A month’s sermons are at <http://mlumc.buzzsprout.com> or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org). Sermons older than a month will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

**Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation.** To donate an arrangement for the altar, Chancel or Columbarium, contact Sharon Slater, 412-343-1137.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

**John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Betty Trout, Providence Point Health Center

Tim Watters, Baptist Home

**Convalescing at Home**

Mary Caldwell, Cleon Cornes, David Lewis, May Frederick, Earl Killian, Susan Lichtenfels

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Capt. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz   
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PFC Brendan Lamport   
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Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

**Condolences**

The congregation offers prayers and sympathy to the family of church member Sam Vance who died on Thursday, May 11, 2017 and Ruth Bloss who died Wednesday, May 17, 2017. Condolences may be sent to their families:

Mrs. Christine James

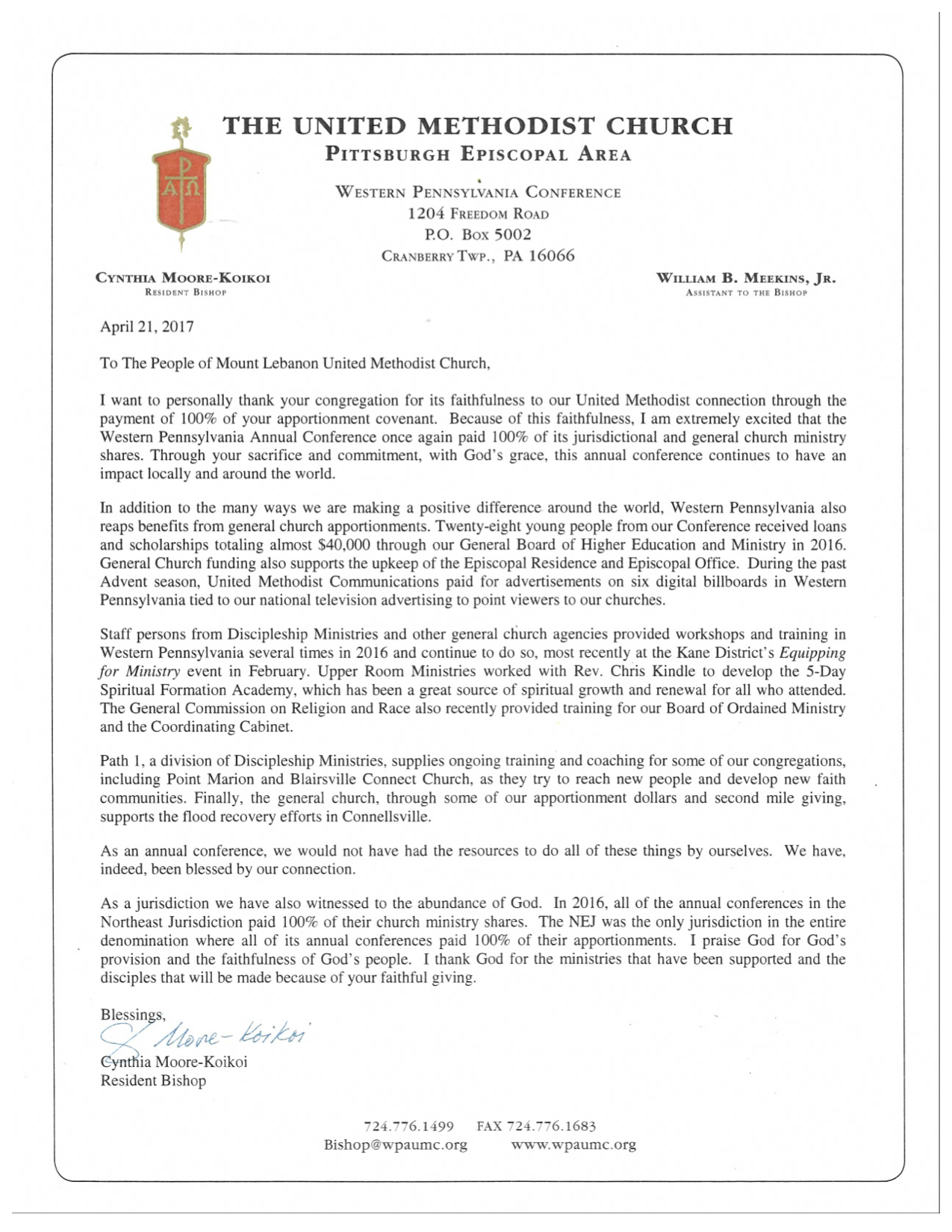
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**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, MAY 28 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

**SUNDAY 5/28**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

Kids Praise Welcome Center

7 pm BSA Patrol Leaders Room 105

**MONDAY 5/29 MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY 5/30**

7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 / Rummage Sale Set-up Various

**WEDNESDAY 5/31**

6:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Kitchen

2 pm Rummage Sale Set-up Asbury Center

**THURSDAY 6/1**

8:30 am Northside Lunch Program Prep Kitchen

10 am Rummage Sale Set-up Asbury Center

12 pm TNT Asbury Heights

**FRIDAY 6/2**

9:30 am Women’s Bible Study Room 102

10 am Rummage Sale Set-up Asbury Center

**SATURDAY 6/3**

9 am Rummage Sale Asbury Center