

June 4, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are a visitor or new to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church—we're glad you're here. Please sign the attendance sheet in the pew. Worship at our church is a joyful, prayerful, music-filled, traditional experience. We worship to glorify God and build up the community of believers to live in this world as followers of Jesus Christ. The **8:30 am** service meets in Sanner Chapel, immediately inside the front entrance of the church, and the **10:45 am** service is in our beautiful sanctuary. Kidz Praise, a special worship service for ages 3 through 3rd grade, takes place during our 10:45 Sunday service. **For more information: www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131.**



Next Sunday in Asbury Center: Faith for Today at 9:30 am, followed by the 10:45 service



Faith for Today 2017 Summer Speaker Series
9:30 am Sundays June 11—Aug. 27 Asbury Center



June 11 Leo Wisniewski *Playbook for Deepening One's Christian Faith* Leo Wisniewski is a former NFL player and assistant football coach at Geneva College, as well as a one time co-captain of the Nittany Lions' football team. He leads a men's ministry, *Locking Arms Men*, with the mission of building authentic men who love God, love one another, and love their neighbor.

June 18 Tim Hartman *Family Friendly Storyteller*

June 25 Dr. Francie Robb *Two Cents a Week and a Prayer: The Alphabet History of the United Methodist Women*

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**UMW June Meeting:
Join the national movement
to prevent family homelessness**

On **Tuesday evening, June 13 at 6 pm in Asbury Center**, please join the UMW and Holly Schultz for a salad supper and presentation on the Family Promise organization. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this important church ministry.

Founded as a nationwide organization in 1988, Family Promise provides shelter, meals, housing and job-seeking support to families, as well as childcare and homelessness prevention. Annually, Family Promise touches the lives of more than 50,000 people in need and engages more than 180,000 volunteers, including members of our congregation. It represents a national movement that believes we can address family homelessness — right here in our own communities.

Call the church office at 412.531.7131 and make your reservation. (Drop-ins are also welcome, too.) Please bring a salad to share. We'll provide drinks, rolls and dessert.

Family Promise is also accepting donations of new or gently used bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths, which will stock the linen closet for families in transition at the Family Promise house in Crafton



MLUMC will be hosting temporarily homeless Family Promise guests on Sunday, June 18th to the 25th. Consider volunteering to welcome the guests, stay overnight, drive the van, prepare meals or prepare rooms on Sunday mornings before and after the visits.

For more information contact Hazel Cope, 412-343-7998.



Saturday, June 10th

Volunteer Work Day at the church.

On June 10 from 8 to noon, Trustees will be having a workday to help clean up outside. Tasks will be some painting, pruning, and general picking up around the church.

Please let Kirk Lowe know if you can help out (klowe1@gmail.com).



Community
Barbecue

Sat. June 24
5-8 pm

Free and Open to the Community

It's time to celebrate summer with our neighbors, community and church members at MLUMC's community barbecue. The menu includes barbecued chicken, ribs, pulled pork, mac & cheese and summer dessert delights.

**Sat. June 24 5-8 pm Asbury Ctr.
Free & Open to the Community
Donations Gratefully Accepted**

All proceeds benefit the church food pantry.



**Registration
for VBS**

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4

9:30—11:30 a.m. \$5 per child,
ages 4 -5th grade.

Register on-line at www.mlumc.org,
or pick up a registration form. Contact
Kim Rhoton, krhoton@mlumc.org
for more info or to volunteer.

Confirmation Class Creed: 2017

For centuries, Christians have used creeds to express beliefs, truths and core doctrines. The beliefs we declare in creeds give us a foundation on which to build faith and practice. The Confirmands have written a Class Creed, a corporate proclamation of their Christian faith and belief. It is the culmination of their growth and learning this year .

I believe in God. God is an entity of LOVE that knows no gender. God created the Earth and made us in the image of LOVE. God put Jesus on Earth. LOVE answers prayer and is with us from our birth to our death. God loves each of us dearly.

I believe in Jesus, who is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary through the Holy Spirit. He was raised as a Jew. Jesus performed miracles, including healing people. He helped the needy. He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. Jesus will come again. He is with us now and will be with us for eternity when he returns.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came as a Flame on Pentecost and continues to shine light. The Spirit is a Comforter that gives us a sense of hope. The Holy Spirit works through us, so we can do miracles. The Holy Spirit watches over the Earth and us.

I believe God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the Trinity. They are together, and yet separate—a great mystery.

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I believe in the Church, a group of people that work together to help others. Church does not need to be a building or to be big and fancy. It can be any group of people that come together to worship God and to work together. Church provides opportunities for worship in the form of singing, praise, prayer, and listening. Worship brings people together with God within a place of holiness and grace. We participate in the Church through the United Methodist call that started with John Wesley. All are welcomed to be part of the Church, and those who participate within the Church are equal.

I believe in the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism. Communion is a remembrance of the body and blood of Christ. The bread signifies the Body, and the juice signifies the Blood. Communion is open to all people. It gives people opportunities to talk with God and to pray. Communion makes us feel like we are disciples of Jesus. Baptism is a time of cleansing with water. The water is the Holy Spirit of God washing over you to wash away sin. For some of us, Baptism happens when we are young. I believe that when parents bring their children for Baptism before the Church that parents are accepting the responsibility of teaching their child about God and that the Congregation will help support the family. I believe the Congregation promises to watch out for children and will teach children about God and LOVE.

I believe in God's Creation. God created the Earth and us, because God loves us. God loves everything that is created. God worked tirelessly to create the entire world and then rested. Creation was a great work requiring a lot of effort. Creation started with the Garden of Eden and with Adam and Eve.

I believe we all sin, and sin can be seen in many different ways. We are human. God still loves us even though we sin. Jesus dies to save us from sin, so we can repent of our sin.

I believe in the Grace of God. God's LOVE is always with us. Grace gives us the opportunity to live happily and freely in the LOVE of God. We are loved before we even know God and know LOVE (Prevenient Grace). God's Grace is a door for us to walk through and to accept the LOVE (Justifying Grace). We choose to accept Grace and then act with Grace to show God's LOVE to others (Sanctifying Grace).

I believe that Death is not the end. Jesus was resurrected for the dead and rose to heaven. We, too, will be resurrected and will be accepted into God's Kingdom in Heaven. I believe in the Kingdom of God, not only in Heaven, but on Earth, as well. We, who have accepted God and the Grace of God, are called to spread the Word of Christ. We are filled with the compassion of God and are called to be the Helping Hands of God, to show others the Kingdom of God and the hope of LOVE. We are called to be Disciples to follow Jesus and to live according to God's will. This we show by helping others and sharing the Grace of LOVE of Jesus. We do not have to mention Jesus to show others that we are Disciples. We believe anyone can be a disciple, just as we are disciples.