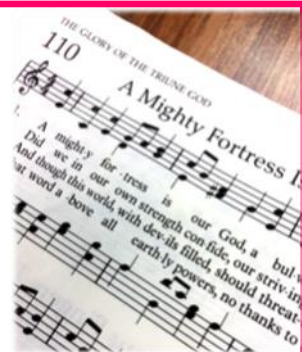


July 30, 2017

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 chair row. 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. During the summer, the 10:45 service is in our air conditioned Asbury Center. Kids Praise, a special worship service for ages 3-3rd grade, takes place during our 10:45 service.

For more information: www.mlumc.org 412-531-7131



STARTS TODAY



*Summer Sermon Series on
some great hymns of our faith:*

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God," July 30

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus," August 6

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," August 13

"How Great Thou Art," August 27

"Holy, Holy, Holy," September 3

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School Kit Bags for UMCOR

The **Hands and Hearts in Mission** sewing group is making bags for UMCOR school kits and plans to pack them in September. Please help by donating school supplies and placing them in the dropoff container outside the church's main office. Here are the items needed for each bag:

- **1 pair blunt scissors**—Rounded tip only; No plastic scissors, please.
- **3 pads of paper**—Spiral or top-bound pads; 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad; Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable; No composition books
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**—at least 1 inch long; Remove from packaging.
- **1 30-centimeter ruler**—Hard or flexible; Cartoon characters are acceptable; - No advertisements.
- **6 unsharpened pencils**—No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please; Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser** No ads, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Cartoon characters are acceptable.
- **1 24-count box of crayons**

August—Cookies & Crackers Month

Help keep the shelves of the church's food pantry stocked. August is cookies and crackers month, so bring in Oreos, Keeblers and Pepperidge Farm Milanos –and don't forget the Ritz and Saltine crackers. The cookies and crackers can be placed on the shelves right inside the food pantry entry door or in a drop-off box near the entry. Help the pantry keep the shelves stocked during these very challenging times for our food pantry members. .

Food Pantry

Donation of the Month Program

August

cookies
& crackers



drop-off box
near entrance to food pantry

September 10 & 17: New Member Orientation

Our next round of new member orientation sessions will be held over two Sundays, September 10th & 17th, 2017 during the Sunday School hour (9:30 – 10:30 am). Each session will begin with a time of refreshment and fellowship at Coffee Café in Brookline Parlor. We will then move to the Schultz Conference Room for the remainder of our time.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church community, call the office to register: 412-531-7131 or email churchsecretary@mlumc.org.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

The Nyadire Connection “Friend” Raising Event Thursday, September 21 4-8 pm

The Nyadire Connection (TNC) is the all volunteer non-profit, faith based organization that supports the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in Zimbabwe. Come to TNC’s “friend”-raising event on Thursday Sept. 21 from 4 to 8 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church and Brother’s Brother Foundation (BBF).



Brother’s Brother (<http://www.brothersbrother.org>) has been recognized by Forbes as one of the Top 100 U.S. Charities, one of ten charities with 100% fundraising efficiency. BBF operates warehouses on the North Side to collect, sort, and ship scavenged medical and educational supplies to impoverished countries throughout the world. TNC is proud to partner with BBF to send ocean container shipments to Nyadire.

Calvary is a beautiful, historic church known for its Tiffany stained glass windows. Appetizers and desserts will be at both locations and guests will move from one location to the other mid-evening.

Plan to attend to learn more about TNC’s programs and how you can get involved with international ministry. Tickets are \$25 on TNC’s website www.nyadire.org. Questions? Contact Debbie Little at deborah.little@bipc.com.



VBS Starts Tomorrow – Not Too Late to Register

Vacation Bible School 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. To
volunteer or for more info, contact: **Kim Rhoton: krhoton@mlumc.org**.



The Food Lift™ - Working to Change Deserts into Oases

Photos taken with shelter personnel on July 4th



L to R: Bob & Ed of the Food Lift, Johnathon from Wellspring and Abby of Bethlehem Haven



L to R: Jeff of Womanspace East and Ed & Bob

This 4th of July, MLUMC friends could expect picnic fare of sweet corn-on-the-cob and fresh salads topped with tasty tomatoes shipped in from Arkansas to local grocery stores. But cross a Pittsburgh river and you would find something different. Residents and those who eat their meals at shelters were consuming canned fruit and vegetables. In part, because the Hill District, Uptown, lower Oakland and Homewood are among the city's "food deserts," areas lacking grocery stores and farmers' markets. Enter the Food Lift™.

Seven days a week, MLUMC's Food Lift™ is collecting donated produce from Giant Eagle's Market District and Simmon's Farm and delivering it to shelters in Pittsburgh's food deserts: Operation Safety Net - Wellspring, Bethlehem Haven, Shepherd's Heart, Womanspace East, Jubilee Kitchen and the Southside and Homestead Salvation Armies

Donated fruits and vegetables are a special challenge for the Food Lift™. Produce needs a quick distribution in order to prevent spoilage. You can help. Volunteer your sturdy arms and vehicles for collecting the produce and your willing heart for distributing it. Contact Don Langston, 412-894-5559