

September 17, 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.**



TODAY

Sunday School Resumes

9:30—10:30 am

Blessing of the

backpacks

at both services.



Youth Group Kick Off

Youth Group starts the season today at 5 pm with a Kick Off event. There will be food, games and information about the new 2017/2018 calendar. Come with family and invite your friends.

THIS TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

TERRIFIC TUESDAY

6 pm - Dinner in Asbury Center

6:30 pm - Activity for all ages:

Children's Choir, Youth Discussion Groups, Adult Study and Discussion

Church family and community members of all ages are invited to Terrific Tuesday, from 6 to 7:30 pm on Tuesdays in Asbury Center.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS
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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org





Confirmation Class Forming

All youth entering eighth grade or older are eligible to join this year's confirmation

class. The class will meet Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 from September through May, as well as participate in several field trips and retreats. The purpose of this class is faith formation culminating in a decision on joining the UM church as a full member. Please contact Kim Rhoton to join or with questions – krhoton@mlumc.org.

Kerygma Adult Sunday School Class Meets in the Library Sun. 9:40-10:40 am

- 9/17 The Acts of the Apostles
- 9/24 Combined class with Mixers and Homebuilders
- 10/1 Thessalonians with Bishop Bashore

Rebecca Circle

The Rebecca Circle of the UMW will be meeting Thursday, September 21 at noon at Bette Lou Reichard's house.



Acolytes Needed We'd love to have you!

Acolytes provide a wonderful ministry to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church by being worship leaders and helping the pastors. Acolyting involves lighting the altar candles, pew candles at Christmas, cross bearing at Easter, helping with baptisms and generally assisting with church services as needed.

Any fifth through 12th grade students interested in joining the Acolyte team will be provided training and supplied with an Acolyte manual for reference.

Please contact Lynne Young at lynne.young@proforma.com or 412/854-1954 if you'd like to join the group or have any questions. New Acolytes will be added to the schedule starting in February 2018 for the remainder of the school year.

TNC Friend Raising Event

All are invited to The Nyadire Connection (TNC) Friend Raiser, 4-8 pm on Thursday September 21 on the north side at Calvary UMC and the Brother's Brother Foundation. We will support and learn not only about this 10+ year Zimbabwe mission, but also about the nationally renowned charity, Brother's Brother. Tickets are \$25, with scholarships and carpooling available for those interested. Call Bonnie Lawson at 412-343-3498.

Chicken BBQ Benefitting TNC

The annual Rotary Chicken BBQ dinner is on October 7, 11 am - 7 pm, hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The dinner gives all proceeds to non-profit organizations, including The Nyadire Connection (TNC). TNC is Pittsburgh-based, supporting the Methodist mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe, including a school, teacher's college, hospital, farm, and orphanage. The BBQ dinner money that TNC raises will be used for "O-Level" exams, the graduation exams high school students must pass before receiving a diploma or going on to higher education. .

For the last 2 years, TNC has sold the most tickets of all the benefitting organizations, earning them about \$4,000 each year. Help reach this goal again, contact Kim Rhoton, krhoton@mlumc.org for tickets.

Advance tickets must be purchased for TNC to be credited. The \$10 ticket includes ½ of a BBQ chicken, sides, dessert, and a drink. Eat your meal at Westminster, or take advantage of the convenient drive-through! You can also donate the cost of a ticket to be given to a family served by the South Hills Interfaith Movement food pantry.



**Food Pantry
Donation of the
Month Program
September**

**Please
donate
breakfast
products**

(non-perishables)

**Drop-off box near entrance
to Food Pantry**

**Thank
YOU!**

UMCOR School Kits

Hands and Hearts in Mission would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies to fill the UMCOR school bags. Due to your generosity we have completed 50 bags and they are on their way to the Eastbrook Mission Barn for distribution. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts and hands

The Aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma: How Can We Help?



5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Irma. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.

Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.

Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, **Advance #901670** at umcor.org/donate.

Donate only those items requested. (To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources **Advance #901440** at umcor.org/donate.)

Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.



The United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

Cleaning Bucket Supplies

Our church is collecting cleaning buckets and supplies to donate to UMCOR's W PA Conference Eastbrook Mission Barn. You can see an example of a cleaning bucket in the church narthex. Supplies needed for the buckets are listed on the next few pages, on a list available in the office or online (see above.) Drop off your donated supplies in the box outside of the church office. For more information on how you can help with the buckets, contact Barbara Watson: barbaraw1933@gmail.com .



Cleaning Bucket

Value: \$65.00

1 5-Gallon "Round" bucket with resealable lid

- Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
- Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
- Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
- No square buckets (Only round buckets are used to ensure proper stacking during transport)

Liquid laundry detergent

two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
no spray cleaners

Dish soap

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

1 can air freshener

aerosol or pump

1 insect-repellent spray

6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

1 scrub brush

plastic or wooden handle

18 cleaning wipes

handi-wipes or reusable wipes
no terry cleaning towels
remove from packaging

7 sponges

no cellulose sponges due to mold issues
remove from wrapper

5 scouring pads

remove from wrapper
no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

50 clothespins

Clothesline

two 50-ft. or one 100-ft.
cotton or plastic

24-roll heavy-duty trash bags

33-45 gallon sizes
remove from the box

5 dust masks

2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves

should be durable enough for multiple uses
remove from packaging

1 pair work gloves

cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembling directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions

- **Box weight:** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.
- **Complete 2 packing lists:** One for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
- Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
- **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Kit you send. This donation enables Cleaning Kits to be sent to areas in need.



**PEACE LIKE A RIVER:
A THREE RIVERS CELEBRATION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF PEACE**

***Thursday, September 21st
St. Mary of the Mount
Roman Catholic Church
403 Grandview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15211
7:00pm***

*Symbolically located above
the Golden Triangle, a public space
formed by Pittsburgh's three rivers, the peace event invites a gathering
together of the wonderfully diverse members of our regional, international,
secular, and interfaith communities.*

The celebration will begin with a Peace Parade on Grandview Ave. with expressions of peace as well as a ritual co-mingling of the waters of peace. The event will include a candlelight memorial to remember and honor those from the region who have lost their lives to violence in the past year.

**Seraphic Singers
September 24 4 pm
Westminster
Presbyterian Church**



Seraphic Singers are performing at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, across from South Hills Village, on Sunday, September 24th at 4 pm. The ensemble of 12 professional female vocalists, founded and conducted by our Director of Music, Gretchen Franz, sings a wide variety of music. You will hear Gershwin's "Embraceable you," Sondheim's humorous "The ladies who lunch," and jazz standard "Chili con carne," among others. Admission is by a freewill offering. Come and enjoy this premier Pittsburgh vocal ensemble. A treat not to be missed.

Blessing of the Animals Service

October 7, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Church Place Park*



St Francis of Assisi was a lover of all God's creatures, and in remembrance of him churches often have a special service called The Blessing of the Animals near his feast day in early October. Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church invites you to participate in such a service with your leashed or crated pet. Those from all faith traditions are welcome. Please bring a blanket or folding chair for seating on the grass.

*Church Place Park is located on Church Place behind Laughlin's Funeral Home. Please park in MLUMC's lot (3319 West Liberty Ave.) across from the funeral home. Cross West Liberty and access the park from Laughlin's parking lot.

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