## October 15, 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.

Boy Scout POPCORN SALE TODAY



Troop 23 is selling Boy Scout Popcorn before and after both services today. The Popcorn Fundraiser not only supports the boys in Troop 23 and their summer camp trip but proceeds support Boy Scouts of America as well.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS 3319 W. Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15216 412-531-7131 mlumc.org Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org



## COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL Bounce House Free Food

Kid and Adult Activities

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Saturday, October 21 4-7 pm Asbury Center & Parking Lot

The bounce house may be for the kids, but the food, fun and fellowship is for everyone-family, friends, members of our church and community neighbors.





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. This Terrific Tuesday session continues through December 12. There will be no Terrific Tuesday on Halloween (October 31), Election Day (November 7), or during Thanksgiving week (November 21).



#### Tuesday, October 24 **Terrific Tuesday Speaker:**

#### **Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi**

Western PA Conference The United Methodist Church

Please RSVP to the church office if you are planning on attending the Bishop's session. RSVP 412-531-7131

## Staff Change in the Works

It is with great regret that MLUMC announces that Church Receptionist Francie Robb is resigning from her position, effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Francie has had a long and faithful time of service with the church and she will be sorely missed. Although her status as an employee will change, her membership in the congregation will not. She will continue to be with us as a member and friend, and as an incredible teacher and resource for all of us. Let's pray that God's blessing will be upon her, as she enjoys the next chapter in her life.

Francie has been very kind to remain at her post through the end of the month of October. During this time, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will work on the matter of transition, and of filling this position. We are invited to uphold the committee in prayer in the midst of its work.



## Honoring Our Vets – Sunday, November 12

Attention: All Military Veterans On Sunday, November 12, at the 10:45 worship service, our church will recognize and honor our veterans.

If you are a vet, consider attending the 10:45 that morning and wearing a hat, jacket or part of a uniform that identifies you as a vet. So that you can be recognized and for more information, please call the church: 412-531-7131.

## **Food Pantry Donations**

It's a busy time of the year with life in full swing. In the midst of meetings, classes, kid's activities and sports, let's not forget our food pantry families.

Donate a non-perishable Thanksgiving meal item such as stuffing mix or canned cranberry. The cans and packages 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

October Please donate Thanksgiving meal products

(non-perishables)

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE





Michelangelo at a good price & Alan Volek pricing the goods.

contributions in opaque bags or boxes; sadly, we experience theft if people wandering our halls see attractive items. Bagging or boxing deters that theft.

Remember: we have drivers who will come by your home to pick up larger items. Just call the church office; Francie will contact Mike Drabick

At MLUMC, October is time to prepare for our November Rummage Sale. It begins with you delivering items to the Asbury Center alcove. We have guidelines to help you select items for the sale.

- All types of Christmas items are welcome
- Furniture
- Jewelry
- Collectables
- Housewares
- All types of Children's items
- Electronics in working order (no computers or older TVs)
- Clothing
- Books, Tapes and CDs

Please do not bring dirty or damaged items, our sale is popular because we sell only nice, clean items. Buyers know they'll be purchasing quality. Bring your who coordinates the pickups. The driver will then contact you to determine the best time for the pickup.

The Rummage Sale is the single largest source of funding for the mission efforts of MLUMC. Historically, we've supported partners in Eastern Europe, Africa, Haiti, the Appalachians and even here in southwestern PA. This year, the mission commission has voted that every dollar we raise above our regular budget will be sent to aid the hurricane victims in the Caribbean.

This year the sorting and distribution will be more challenging than usual. For the past few years, the Boy Scout troop that meets in our church has helped distribute items on Tuesday evening before the sale. This year, Tuesday is Halloween, so they aren't available although some scouts will come to help on Wednesday.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9 AM-2 PM

Without their full support, we'll need more help from the congregation to distribute and display the sale items.

If you have any time available starting Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 9:30 a.m., we need you! If you can fold clothing, you can help. If you can plug in an electric appliance, you can help. If you can sort books, you can help. And if you don't like the job we suggest, we'll find something else. you'll enjoy more. Our goal is not just to get organized, but also to make the experience so enjoyable that you'll want to come back and do it again and again.



Lori Barr and Sandy Waters, feeding rummage volunteers.

We try to make it easier by feeding you well. We provide lunch and dinner Wednesday through Friday, and lunch again on Saturday, making it easy for those of you who work to come directly after your workday, have dinner, then help organize. If you're unable to help in any other way, please consider preparing food; just contact Lori Barr who coordinates all the meal planning.

This year, we're especially appealing for folks to come at 2 on Saturday to help with cleanup Recently the workers who have been here all day are stuck working yet more hours to pack up all the unsold items. Cleanup is a truly mindless task -- so if you're intimidated by prepping for the sale, please consider helping with cleanup.



Dr. Watson to the rescue.

## Adult Sunday School Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

### Homebuilders Wesley Hall

- 10/15 Reconstruction and Reconciliation?, Franci Robb
- 10/22 Reconstruction and Reconciliation?, Part 2
- 10/29 Bible Study, Bishop Bashore

#### Kerygma The Library

- 10/15 The Gnostic Gospel of Mary, Deanna Baird
- 10/22 The Gnostic Gospel of Mary, Part 2
- 10/29 Hell, Rob Bellamy

## Mixers

#### **Balcony Classroom**

- 10/15 Study, Betsy Harkins
- 10/22 North Side Feeding Program, Bishop Bashore
- 10/29 Psalms, Rev. Kimberly Greway

## Youth Group Events

10/15 Cooking With Caryl, 5-7 pm



#### Help Wanted: The Memorial Flower Ministry

Volunteer work from home with this important job with the Memorial Flower Ministry. Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar and chancel, donated in memory or honor of a loved one or group. The church needs a volunteer to facilitate this process. The volunteer will contact donors, send thank you cards and invoices. For more information on this opportunity, call the church office: 412-531-7131.

## Thanksgiving Day Meal Prep & Delivery Ministry

Turkeys, drivers and clean-team volunteers are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Day meal to homeless, lonely and homebound community members.

We need people to:

- Donate turkeys, dressing, pies or cans of sweet potaotes.
- Help deliver Thanksgiving meals.
- Serve as clean-team volunteers (youth can earn community service hours.)

The dine-in portion of the meal will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty (just down the road from our church). The meal runs from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 23.

The delivery portion of the meal will be held at our church in Asbury Center. So if you're signing up to deliver a meal, you'll report to our church and NOT Bethany Lutheran.

Clean-team volunteers should report to either MLUMC or Bethany Lutheran for a 2-hour shift. Cleanup begins at 10 a.m. with the last shift reporting at 5 p.m.

For more information, or to sign up, see the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board on the first floor of the education wing, or contact Bonnie Lawson at 412.343.3498 or bonnielawson58@comcast.net.









#### Last year, we fed over 500 people, so your help is greatly appreciated.







## **Celebrate Reformation Sunday**

Mark your calendar for Reformation Sunday – October 29th! The Downtown Pittsburgh Ministerium is commemorating the 500<sup>a</sup> anniversary of the Reformation with two events on October 29. At 2 pm, join Rev. Kimberly Greway, President of the Ministerium, on a pilgrimage walk (just over one mile) to visit the artwork of *Always Made New*. As we see the photography from the storytelling project, we will pray for a wide variety of struggles that we, our neighbors, and our city face. At 4 pm, First Lutheran Church will host a Ministerium Vespers liturgy, featuring a sermon from Bishop Kurt Kusserow and the music of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir. Reservations requested for the pilgrimage walk at <u>www.alwaysmadenew.org/events</u>. You can view the installations of posters at a variety of locations around Downtown Pittsburgh including:

- Allegheny County Jail, Visitor Entrance, 950 Second Avenue
- First Lutheran Church, 615 Grant Street
- Catholic Charities, 212 9th Street
- Carnegie Library Downtown Branch, 612 Smithfield Street
- Point Park University, 322 and 312 Blvd of the Allies
- Strong's II Dry Cleaners, 3rd & Grant Street
- Zorba's, 400 Smithfield Street
- Fernando's Café, 963 Liberty Avenue
- Sammy's Roast Beef, 901 Liberty Avenue
- Weiner World, 626 Smithfield Street
- Salonika, 133 6th Street
- Café Milano, 134 6th Street



mother and her mental health issues, and the last couple years have been difficult. I want to do as much as I can possibly do to make sure that inmates living in our facility with mental health issues have a better quality of life."

- Orlando Harper





An example of a poster created for the "Always Made New" public artwork project, featuring the warden of the Allegheny County Jail, Orlando Harper.