

October 22, 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.**



THIS TUESDAY:

Welcome the Bishop to Terrific Tuesday

Our Western PA Conference Bishop, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi is the guest speaker at Terrific Tuesday this week, Tuesday October 24th. Join us for dinner at 6 pm. Then as children go off to their activities, we'll talk with the Bishop. Please RSVP the church office if you are planning on attending.

RSVP 412-531-7131

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Butterflies performing for MLUMC



From Mary Garber:

I want to thank you all who helped to make the visit of the Schmetterlinge such a great success. So

many of you just stepped up to help with hosting, cooking, adjusting the hosting sites, making sandwiches, and generally getting things done. It was a great team working together.

The children had a great time. I know they felt very comfortable with us and enjoyed so many meals and conversations. Pastor Lutz and. Butterfly manager Verona were happy as well.

They were at the airport early, so check in and security went very quickly. The kids had time to eat and especially time to find the Starbucks. They arrived safely at home, so all went well.

Thanks again for your help,
Mary Garber

Church Council Approves Small Study Group Emphasis

While our church has always conducted small study groups, recently, Church Council approved a new emphasis on this ministry. Starting next month, new groups will be forming, and more will be added throughout the church year. We are pleased that Matt Baker has agreed to lead a men's group, Kim Rhoton a new study group, Jane and Rob Spicher a home Bible study and Bishop George Bashore will lead an Advent study, a ministry that has not been held for several years. Details on these and other groups will be available in the near future.

We are hoping to conduct an online chat room study group. If you feel technologically capable of leading such a group, please contact John Esaias at jesaias@comcast.net. If you have a special request for a study group or you are interested in being a leader, also contact John via email.

Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program October

Please
donate
Thanksgiving
meal products

(non-perishables)



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

Homebuilders Wesley Hall

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

Mixers Balcony Classroom

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

Kerygma The Library

- 10/22 Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus, Andrea Sherwin
- 10/29 Hell, Rob Bellamy



Men's Breakfast
November 11, 2017
8:00 – 9:30 AM

REVEILLE 
great stories, great friendships, great speakers

REVEILLE a wake-up call to men
Brandon McCall

Mt Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church
255 Washington Rd Pgh, PA 15216

Register at www.adamsquest.org/Events/Reveille
or by confirming your attendance with a table host.



ADAM'S QUEST
MORE MEN. MORE LIKE CHRIST.

Sign-up in church office or contact Matt Baker, baker9400@yahoo.com

FALL RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, Nov. 4 9 am-2 pm

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

(Rummage sale continued)

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.

Peermont Street Fire Response

Our church is planning a comprehensive response to the terrible fire that took place on Peermont Street last weekend. Part of that response will be a monetary gift from our Family Fund. If you would like to support such a gift, please send a contribution to MLUMC, with the words "Fire Response" on the memo line. Thanks for your support of these residents of our own community.

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 1st, 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.

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 honor or memory 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.



November UMW Meeting: HOPE for Pittsburgh inmates and ex-offenders



Please join UMW members on **Thursday, November 9 in Wesley Hall at 11 am** as we learn more about the Foundation of HOPE, which offers Pittsburgh inmates and ex-offenders the opportunity for a new life through chaplaincy, pre-release and aftercare. Our speaker is the Rev. Kimberly Greway.

Lunch, hosted by the Rebecca Circle, will follow the presentation at noon. To make reservations, please call the church office at 412.531.7131 or just drop in. Anyone who is interested in the topic – or in learning more about the UMW organization – is welcome and warmly encouraged – to attend. (*UMW members are reminded to bring their November thank offering to the meeting.*)



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.

Thank you from Barbara Watson:

A group of volunteers put together 9 cleaning buckets on this past Monday. Some kind person had completed 3 buckets which were in the Narthex area of the church so we were able to take 12 buckets plus some extra items and several empty buckets to Baldwin UMC. From there they will be taken to the Mission Barn in New Castle on November 4th.

Thank you so much for your generosity and thank you to those who came out to assemble the buckets. No more items are needed at the present time but we will alert you if there are needs in the future.



Many, many thanks,
Barbara Watson

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 potatoes.
- Help deliver Thanksgiving meals.
- Serve as clean-team volunteers (youth can earn community service hours.)

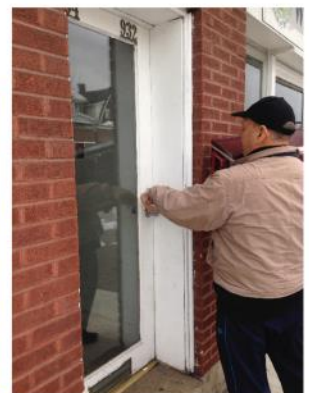
The dine-in portion of the meal will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty (just down the road from our church). The meal runs from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 23.

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 500th 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 www.alwaysmadenew.org/events. 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



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