

November 19, 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.



Thanksgiving Day Meal Prep & Delivery Ministry

Our 35th year of delivering meals to homeless, lonely & homebound community members



pies and cans of sweet potatoes

Turkeys, kitchen workers, drivers and clean-team volunteers are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Day meal. We need:

- **Donated turkeys** - cooked turkeys and cooked turkey breasts, dressing,

- **Kitchen workers** - day workers to work with and assemble meals
- **Drivers** - to deliver Thanksgiving meals
- **Clean-team volunteers** - 2-hour shifts, beginning at 10 am, with the last shift reporting at 5 pm. (youth can earn community service hours)

The **dine-in** portion of the meal is held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty, from 1 to 5 pm on Thursday, November 23. The **delivery** portion of the meal is held at our church in Asbury Center.

Contact Bonnie Lawson to volunteer:

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Dames in Action Meeting Today

Calling all girls grades 6-12! Join us for pizza after church today to talk about ways to donate the money the DIAs (Dames in Action) raised last year, and to plan for helping out at the UMW Vendor Fair and Tea Room in December. It's a lot of fun helping out in the Tea Room and making and delivering lunches for the vendors! Come to Wesley Hall right after church today; we'll meet from 12:00-1:00.



Family Promise Guests Coming Next Sunday

Our congregation's next week for housing temporarily homeless guests will begin next Sunday November 26, and end on Sunday December 3rd.

Three or four families will stay at MLUMC. A Sunday School room per family will serve as a temporary evening and overnight home. Wesley Hall will be the dining and social room, and volunteers will bring in a meal each evening to be served there. Volunteers are needed to make our guests welcome and serve as hosts, meal providers, and drivers.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Hazel Cope at hazelcope0515@gmail.com.

Over \$9,000 earned: Rummage Sale Success

The Fall 2017 Rummage Sale proved to be outstanding. The net proceeds of \$9,898 is the largest amount we've ever earned for a single sale. As a result, the Mission Commission can fund its long-term commitments as well as send extra monies to support the hurricane victims in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico where 100 Methodist churches need our help.

Our sale's success is due entirely to the approximately 120 individuals who volunteered throughout the week.

I want to thank every volunteer and donor. I truly appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,
Nancy Marshall



LUNCH for the workers & a well-deserved break.



Volunteer Opportunities at the Allegheny County Jail

Advent Lessons & Carols Services

Wed. Nov. 29 and/or Tues. Dec. 5 , 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Restrictions: All volunteers must be 21 or older

RSVP: Call Marci at 412-350-2057 or email marci.burkhart@alleghenycounty.us

The services will consist of readings, prayers, and carols sung by volunteers. Volunteers from multiple churches will sing together from caroling sheets provided by the Chaplain's Office. No rehearsal is necessary, just come and sing.

Packaging & Delivering Christmas Gifts

Thurs. Dec. 14, 8 am - 12:30 pm (packaging) 5:30 - 9 pm (delivering)

Restrictions: All volunteers must be 21 or older

RSVP: Call Marci at 412-350-2057 or email marci.burkhart@alleghenycounty.us

The jail needs volunteers to help pack and deliver inmate Christmas Care packages. Christmas is an especially rough time for inmates who are separated from their families and traditional holiday activities. Being remembered by caring volunteers can make a huge difference.

Donating Needed Items

Restrictions: Donor must sign up on the Approved Donor List

More info: Call Marci at 412-350-2057 or email marci.burkhart@alleghenycounty.us

The Chaplain's Office provides paperback books, toiletries, calendars, and religious literature to inmates and sweatsuits to inmates being released. We are always in need of these items. Call the Chaplain's Office to become an Approved Donor.

**To learn more about volunteering inside the jail,
contact: foundationofhope.org**





Handel's *Messiah* Advent Study:

The church is beginning to form new small study groups that will meet at various times during the church year. The first new group, an Advent Study, will be based on Handel's *Messiah*. Handel's *Messiah* is one the best known and loved pieces of Christian music.

In brilliant artistic form we are given a poignant theological statement of the core Christian truths. Together we will listen to the oratorio and explore the background of the biblical texts.

This musical masterpiece will help us to understand the promise of Messiah, the coming of Messiah, the ministry of Messiah and the eternal reign of Messiah as God's gift to biblical times and to today's culture and our lives.

All are invited for four Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning November 29th in Wesley Hall. Bishop George W. Bashore will be the teacher.

Advent and Tableaux Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with lighting candles each Sunday during Advent and to assist behind the scenes for our Christmas Tableaux. The Tableaux is scheduled for the 10:45 service on Sunday, Dec 17th. Children and adult volunteers must be available for a rehearsal on Wed. Dec. 13th at 6:30 pm



Adult Sunday School

Homebuilders Wesley Hall

11/19 Rev. Cindy Reichard

11/26 Thanksgiving—Social

Youth Group

11/19 5-7 pm Activity and games

11/26 No youth group

Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

Kerygma The Library

11/19 Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible, Rev. Kimberly Greway

11/26 The Gnostic Gospel of Mary, Deanna Baird

Ward Home Angel Tree



The Angel Tree in the Narthex is now decorated with Angel Christmas Wishes for our kids at Ward Home.

The wishes may be filled with \$25 gift cards from many stores in the South Hills area.

Most grocery stores have a rack with an offering of gift cards. Please put the gift card in an envelope or a small gift bag and bring it to the church by Dec. 12. We will take the cards to Ward Home by Dec. 14th.

Reformation Day is Come and Gone, but the

German Luncheon is on the Horizon!

Mark your calendar now for January 14 when the Zwickau Committee will again sponsor a Schnitzel lunch after church.

Schnitzel, made-from-scratch Spaetzli noodles, Bratwurst, and dessert will be menu highlights. So...when the lean days of January begin, remember, there is always Schnitzel to come!

More info in January!

Poinsettia and Food Pantry Fund Christmas Memorials

Make a donation to the Food Pantry or purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of friends or loved ones. The red poinsettias cost \$12.50 and will be on display during the Christmas Eve morning and candlelight services. You may pick up your plant after 11 pm Christmas Eve service or after Christmas Day. Then, spread the cheer by volunteering to deliver the poinsettia to a shut-in, or ask the church to deliver. The deadline for ordering flowers is Sun., December 10.



Christmas Memorials 2017 Order Deadline Sunday, Dec. 10.

Make check payable to MLUMC. Mark the memo line *Poinsettia* or *Food Pantry*.

Donation to MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____ Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of :

Purchase poinsettias (number) _____ @ \$12.50 each = _____ Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of :

I will pick up I will deliver to a shut-in Church to deliver to a shut-in

Donor Name _____ Phone _____



Join Us December 9: Holiday Cookie & Gift Bazaar

Iced cutout sugar cookies, buttery shortbread, spicy gingerbread men (and women), chewy peanut butter cookies, old-fashioned chocolate chip cookies, nutty almond crescents, melt-in your mouth ginger crinkles.

These are just a few of the types of homemade cookies the UMW will be selling by the pound as part of this year's **Holiday Cookie & Gift Bazaar**. Mark your calendars now:

**Saturday, December 9
9 am – 2 pm at the church**

In addition to delicious cookies, vendors will be selling popular gift items, including jewelry, handmade cards, soap, handcrafted wood gifts and other beautiful merchandise.

After you've shopped, drop into our British tearoom and enjoy a hot cup of tea and buttery scones, as well as soup and bread served by our own British tea maven Barbara Watson and the Dames In Action.

All proceeds from cookies, tearoom and soup sales (plus vendor space rental) will be donated to UMW projects and missions.

We're Looking for A Few Good Cookie Bakers

Get your ingredients ready for this year's Holiday Cookie & Gift Bazaar sponsored by members of the United Methodist Women. Here's how the process works:

1. You bake six dozen of your favorite cookies.
2. You bring the cookies to the church kitchen on Thursday, Dec. 7 between 9 am and 8 pm or on Friday, Dec. 8 before noon.
3. UMW members sell the cookies by the pound on Saturday, December 9. All proceeds from the cookie sale support UMW projects and missions.
4. You attend the Holiday Cookie & Gift Bazaar (9 am to 2 pm at the church) and find the perfect gifts for friends, family, coworkers, teachers, etc.

**Your support of UMW
events continues to
make a positive impact**



Thanks to your generous support of our events, the United Methodist Women (UMW) made the following additional year-end donations:

Foundation of H.O.P.E. (Pittsburgh) \$500

**South Hills Interfaith Movement
(Pittsburgh) \$500**

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Girl Empowerment Pad project (Pittsburgh and Zimbabwe) \$200
(to help defray printing costs of GEP brochure)

Scott's Run Settlement House (West Virginia) \$500 (children's backpack food program)

Doctors Without Borders (Global outreach) \$600

UMCOR (Puerto Rico Aid) \$600

We are also establishing an emergency disaster fund of \$500, so we can respond immediately when a disaster, such as a hurricane or flood, strikes.

Teddy Bear Sunday - December 10

Each year as part of Teddy Bear Sunday, the UMW Faith Circle gathers new teddy bears and other small- to medium-sized new stuffed animals as part of its outreach program. The new stuffed animals are delivered to local organizations that interact with people in need, including children and the elderly. Some of



the organizations that benefit from your donations include our church's food pantry, the Family Promise organization, Mt. Lebanon Hospice, Angel's Place, Chartiers Valley MHMR, Asbury Heights and more. Please consider donating a new teddy bear/stuffed animal and bring it to the 8:30 or 10:45 am church service on Sunday, Dec. 10. We'll place them on the altar for Pastor Tom's blessing before they're collected and distributed.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

with MLUMC's Chancel Choir & St. Bernard's Choir

The birth of Christ told through readings and music

Sunday, December 10, 4 pm

St. Bernard's RC Church



From Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Custodial/Maintenance

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has decided to make changes to help align expenses within our budget. The following staffing changes are effective January 1:

- eliminate the church custodian position
- change the Maintenance Supervisor position from full time to part time
- create a part time/hourly "Facilities Prep/Event Setup" position

SPRC met with both John Cato and Mike Staab to explain these decisions. Both of the new part time positions will be advertised internally, and both John Cato and Mike Staab are welcome to apply. When the positions are advertised, SPRC will also accept other applications. Job descriptions will be available on our website soon.

Church Secretary

MLUMC is seeking a full time Church Secretary. Candidates must possess a positive personality, excellent verbal and written communication skills and strong technical and organizational skills. Must be able to maintain complete confidentiality.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide general administrative support to staff and volunteers, such as: greeting and directing visitors, answering phones, typing, filing, copying, handling mail distribution and processing e-mails.
- Assist the Pastor and Business Administrator with administrative duties as needed.

Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30 with a one hour lunch break. A more detailed job description will be available on our website soon.

Still seeking volunteers

We are still seeking volunteers to help answer the phones and greet visitors in the church office from 2:30 - 4:30 on weekdays. Please contact Virginia Katinsky (vkatinsky@mlumc.org or 412-531-7131) if you can help out any day in November.