

November 26, 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.**



HANDEL'S MESSIAH ADVENT STUDY

with Bishop George W. Bashore

Four Wednesdays
Beginning November 29
9:30 am Wesley Hall

Together listen to the oratorio
and explore the biblical texts.

All are invited!

FOR A
CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN
FOR US,



A
SON
GIVEN
TO US...
ISAIAH 9:6

Advent Lessons & Carols Services at the Allegheny County Jail

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.

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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.



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.

THANK YOU from the United Methodist Women

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

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 on Teddy Bear Sunday, the UMW Faith Circle gathers new teddy bears and other small- to medium-sized new stuffed animals for 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, Family Promise, 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 recollect 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





Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Food Pantry of our church is a very active ministry serving over 160 individuals within 67 families. The need is great in our community and requires an abundance of dedicated volunteers to shop, pack, distribute and deliver food to our growing number of clients. Additional volunteers are needed, especially to shop, deliver and distribute food. Please consider becoming part of our volunteer group to help those who depend on our services to feed their families. The time commitment is minimal but the joy of helping others is a blessing! Please call Liz DiPietro at 412-279-4592 for information on how you can become involved. Thank you!

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 _____