

November 5, 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](http://www.mlumc.org) or 412-531-7131.**

## *TODAY - Thank you, Francie*

Please join the Staff Parish Relations Committee today in thanking Francie Robb for her 7+ years as our church secretary. Stop in to the reception in Brookline Parlor after the 10:45 service. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry as your "admission" ticket, as per Francie's request.



**Volunteers Needed**—Until the church hires a replacement for Francie, Juliette Mariani has agreed to serve as our interim church secretary. Juliette will be in the office Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The church office is open until 4:30. SPRC is seeking volunteers to fill the gaps through the end of November. If you can help out, please email Virginia Katinsky at [vkatsinsky@mlumc.org](mailto:vkatsinsky@mlumc.org).

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**

OPEN HEARTS    OPEN MINDS    OPEN DOORS  
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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor [tstrandburg@mlumc.org](mailto:tstrandburg@mlumc.org)



## Charge Conference

A Charge Conference will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 7 in Sanner Chapel. Superintendent Paul Taylor will preside. It will be followed by a Church Council meeting. Church leadership is encouraged to attend; all members are welcome.

## Food Pantry Donation of the Month November

Please donate  
Christmas Meal  
Products  
(non-perishables)



## 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.)*

## Blood Pressure Screenings Cancelled

The blood pressure screenings usually scheduled for the first Sunday of the month are cancelled for November. WHOM, the ministry team nurses will return next month with screenings.

## Please Consider a Spontaneous Gift of Gratitude



THE WORLD THANK OFFERING of the United Methodist Women (UMW) is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. This offering allows people to share a portion of God's blessings with others through the global mission programs of the national UMW.

If you feel moved to make a monetary gift in thanks for God's blessings to you and your family, please place it in the collection plate, mail to the church office or give it to one of the pastors or church administrators. No gift is too small and all gifts are appreciated and will be used to God's glory. Please indicate that the money is for "UMW World Thank Offering."

The advertisement features a background image of a man in a light-colored button-down shirt and dark pants, holding a black Bible with "HOLY BIBLE" written on it. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**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](http://www.adamsquest.org/Events/Reveille)  
or by confirming your attendance with a table host.

**ADAM'S QUEST**  
WORK WITH US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sign-up in church office or contact Matt Baker, [baker9400@yahoo.com](mailto:baker9400@yahoo.com)

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

## **Homebuilders    Wesley Hall**

- 11/5    Martin Luther, Cleon Cornes
- 11/12    Veterans Day Program with Network Class
- 11/19    Rev. Cindy Reichard
- 11/26    Thanksgiving—Social

## **Mixers    Balcony Classroom**

- 11/5    Reconstruction and Reconciliation?, Francie Robb
- 11/12    Reconstruction and Reconciliation? Part 2

## **Kerygma    The Library**

- 11/5    Hell, Rob Bellamy
- 11/12    New Testament Study, Pastor Tom
- 11/19    The Bible in the 21st Century, Rev. Kimberly Greway
- 11/26    The Gnostic Gospel of Mary, Deanna Baird

## **Network    Room 105**

- 11/5    Faith & Finance, Richarch Nulph
- 11/12    Veterans Day Program

## **Youth Group**

- 11/5    12—2 pm Church scavenger hunt, meet in Asbury for lunch
- 11/12    5—7 pm Discussion and games

## **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.

## Church Council Implementing Consultant's Recommendations

Our church growth consultant, Dr. Scott McKenzie, has offered 20 recommendations to enhance the church's ministries. The Church Council, along with various committees and staff members, is implementing as many of the recommendations as possible.

To increase the engagement of current and new members, Church Council approved a new emphasis on small study groups, even though they have been a vital part of our ministry for many years. Beginning in November, new groups will be forming, and more will be added throughout the year. Matt Baker has agreed to lead a men's group, Kim Rhoton a new study group, Jane and Rob Spicher a home Bible study, Clark Remington a new 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 soon be available.

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](mailto:jesaias@comcast.net). If you have a special request for a study group or you are interested in being a leader, contact John via email.

A new committee on congregational care is being chaired by Jane Spicher and Laura Shoff. One important function of the committee will be to ensure that our new members feel welcomed and advised as to how they can become actively engaged in the life of our church. Updates will be listed in future bulletins and issues of The Window.

### Next Sunday—Honoring Our Vets



**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.



## Wrapping Nativity Gifts

Koinonia Circle, under the umbrella of UMW, will be meeting, **Wednesday, November 15** at 7 pm, in the Welcome Center. We will be wrapping the nativity figures to be distributed to the congregation's children in December. Come join us, have some fun, learn about the long tradition of gifting the figures to children of the church. Paulette Colonna will be guiding us so we won't make any mistakes. Email Betsy Harkins, [bbh555@aol.com](mailto:bbh555@aol.com), with questions.

### MLUMC Staff

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor  
Kim Rhoton, Director of Christian Education  
Bethany Lockie, Youth Ministry Director  
Dr. Gretchen Franz, Director of Music  
Mettelise Ziegler, Weekday Ministries Director  
Virginia Katinsky, Business Administrator  
Monica Kao, Communications Coordinator  
Juliette Mariani, Administrative Support  
John Cato, Maintenance Supervisor  
Michael Staab, Custodian

### MLUMC Volunteer Staff

Bishop George Bashore, Bishop-in-Residence  
Dr. David H. Watson, Pastor Emeritus  
Nancy R. Lutz, Director of Handbells  
Joanne Dempe, Financial Secretary  
Kevin DeLuca, Kirk Lowe; Multimedia  
Kirk Lowe, Steve Stockton; Sound/Lighting  
Michael Dempe, Financial Consultant

## Hands & Hearts Schedule

Hands & Hearts will not be meeting in the month of November. Our last meeting of 2017 will be December 7th at 9:30 in Epworth Chapel. We have a new project for our home-sewers, the kit is located in the basket outside of Wesley Hall. Due to new instructions from UMCOR, our school bag kits will be available early 2018. Thanks for your support! For further information contact Caryl Drabick at 412-344-5312 or at [drabicks@verizon.net](mailto:drabicks@verizon.net).



## Light a Candle

Advent begins in a month, Sunday, December 3. Volunteers are needed to help with lighting candles each Sunday during the season.

For more info, contact Kim Rhoton, [krhoton@mlumc.org](mailto:krhoton@mlumc.org).

# 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.)

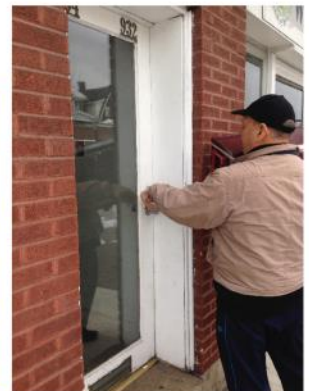
The dine-in portion of the meal will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty (just down the road from our church). The meal runs from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 23.

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](mailto:bonnielawson58@comcast.net).

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



## CALENDAR – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

### SUNDAY 11/5

8:30 am	Worship	Sanner Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School /Coffee Café	Various/Brookline Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Kids Praise	Welcome Center
12 pm	Thank You Francie Reception	Bookline Parlor
12 pm	Youth Choir	Room 202
12 pm	Youth Group	Asbury Center
2 pm	Korean Worship	Sanner Chapel
12 pm	Youth Group	Asbury Center

### MONDAY 11/6

6:30 pm	Tiger Cub Scouts	Epworth Chapel
7 pm	Chapel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room

### TUESDAY 11/7

#### ELECTION DAY POLLING IN ASBURY CENTER

7 pm	Boy Scout Troop #23	Wesley Hall
7 pm	Boy Scout Parents	Epworth
7 pm	Charge Conference/Church Council	Sanner Chapel

### WEDNESDAY 11/8

6:30 pm	Wolf Cub Scouts	Epworth
7 pm	Wolf Den	Room 105
7:30 pm	Finance	Wesley

### THURSDAY 11/9

9:30 am	UMW Executive Board	Room 105
11 am	UMW Meeting	Wesley Hall
6:30 pm	Promise Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:30 pm	Webelo I	Wesley Hall
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### FRIDAY 11/10

9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Room 102
1:30 pm	Memoirs Group	Wesley Hall
6:30 pm	Bear Den Cub Scouts	Epworth

### SATURDAY 11/11

7:30 am	Cub Scout Training	Wesley Hall
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