

December 3, 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.



Today: Mission Sale

The Sunday School children have been working hard to create crafts and treats to sell. Please come to the Narthex after services today and next Sunday, December 10 and have a look at the small gifts and stocking stuffers available! All proceeds are used to sponsor a child at the Home of Hope Orphanage in Nyadire, Zimbabwe. Thank you!

Ward Home Angel Tree

Thank you all so much for fulfilling the wishes of our kids at the Ward Home. Your gift cards will spread good cheer to the kids for a Merry Christmas. Please bring your angels to the church office by December 12 so they can be delivered to the Ward Home.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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Thanksgiving Meal Ministry 2017



Thank you to all who helped make the 2017 Community South Hills Thanksgiving Meal a success. Without your help such an outreach to our community would not be possible. Our partner Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, served 470 meals while 430 meals were delivered from MLUMC. We had 37 teams of drivers who made this possible.

This year, the remaining turkeys and trimmings, were delivered by the Food Lift to St Paul's AME, where 50 additional families were served.

Information on the Christmas Meal coordinated by First Presbyterian Church in Castle Shannon will be forthcoming.

Again, thank you so much to all who participated.

*Blessings,
Bonnie Lawson*

Thank You Cards

The church has received numerous thank you cards from the folks who received the dinners. They are grateful for the food and those who donated it, the work involved by those who prepared it, and the fellowship of those who delivered. As one neighbor wrote, "God is good!"



St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Beltzhoover Neighborhood of the City

On Saturday morning, two days after Thanksgiving, The Foodlift delivered the remaining turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy and pumpkin pie to St. Paul's. Fifty families were fed and the food left over from Saturday was served Sunday at a memorial reception.

This was not The Foodlift's first visit to the Beltzhoover Church. — the church is a Foodlift regular. St. Paul's has received produce and baked goods from the MLUMC ministry every Saturday for the past few months.



If you would like to help feed hungry people, consider volunteering for our church's outreach ministries. Contacts:

The Foodlift — Don Langston, 412-894-5559

The Food Pantry — Liz DiPietro, 412-279-4592

The Community Events and Outreach Committee — Rob Spicher, 412-720-4589

As you consider, pray and reflect on how God has called you to serve others, you may have questions or need more information about the ministries of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Email your questions and concerns to ministries@mlumc.org. Your queries will be answered or forwarded to a contact ministry person.

Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on Monday, December 4 at 7 pm in Wesley Hall. On the agenda will be a discussions of the church's apportionment payment and our consultant's recommendations.

Council members are strongly urged to attend. All are invited.

Blood Pressure Screenings Today

Stop in Brookline Parlor after the 10:45 service for a blood pressure check by the MLUMC Health Ministry (WHOM). The ministry team nurses offer screenings the first Sunday of the month.

**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

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

Mixers

Balcony Classroom

- 12/3 Christmas Jeopardy – Mixers vs Homebuilders, Franci Robb
- 12/10 Advent Study, Rev. Deborah Ackley Killian
- 12/17 Advent Study Pt. 2, Rev. Deborah Ackley Killian

Kerygma

The Library

- 12/3 The Gnostic Gospel of Mary Pt. 2, Deanna Baird
- 12/10 Christmas Carols, Kathleen Amant
- 12/17 Planning for next term

Youth Group Events

- 12/3 5-7 pm, Games & Discussion, Asbury Center
- 12/10 4 pm, Lessons & Carols, St. Bernard's Church
- 12/17 5 pm, Dinner & Christmas Caroling Asbury Ctr. and the community



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!

Volunteer Opportunities at the Allegheny County Jail

Advent Lessons & Carols Services

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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 Gifts

Thurs. Dec. 14, 8 am - 12:30 pm

(packaging)

5:30 - 9 pm (delivering)

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.

Restrictions: All volunteers must be 21 or older

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

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 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



Sunday, December 17:

Nativity Scene Tableaux with Lessons & Carols, 10:45 Worship

A Lessons and Carols service will feature a live nativity scene on Sunday, Dec. 17. The Chancel Choir will be accompanied by harp and oboe.

Community Christmas Caroling and Dinner

Gather to sing Christmas carols at homes in the church neighborhood and nearby apartments on **Sun. Dec. 17th**. It starts with dinner at 5 pm in Asbury Center, then caroling at 6, and back to Asbury Center at 8 for hot chocolate and cookies. Don't forget to dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Register with Kim Rhoton, krhoton@mlumc.org.



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 _____