

March 25, 2018

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. Kids Praise, a special worship service for ages 3 - 3rd grade, takes place during our 10:45 Sunday service.

For more information: www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131

**TODAY; Network
Sunday School Class'
French Toast Brunch**

Featuring
Homemade French Toast
Sausage Links
And Fresh Fruit

Network's
HOMEMADE! **French Toast Brunch**
Palm Sunday, March 25
Asbury Center

*After both services &
after Sunday school hour*

Adults \$6 Kids \$4
Family \$20

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS
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GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY FREE (and free will offering)

Friday, March 30

4-7 pm Asbury Center

Dine-in or take-out baked or fried fish, fish sandwich. Side dishes are fries, mac & cheese, soup, green beans and cole slaw – and many fantastic desserts. Have the time and heart? Volunteer for this exciting event - contact **Karen Manning** ciscomanning1@gmail.com
DONATIONS BENEFIT THE FOOD PANTRY.

Food Pantry: Donation of the Month

You might not be able to make it to the Good Friday Fish Fry benefitting the Food Pantry, but you can still help keep the pantry shelves stocked. Each month the Pantry staff asks you to pick up an extra item at the grocery store and bring it into the church for the food pantry. March is pasta and sauce month. You can place your items on the shelves right inside the pantry entry door or in the box outside of the pantry.

Spaghetti, linguini, marinara, alfredo— wish a *buon appetite* to our neighbors in need.

**Food Pantry Donation
of the Month Program
March
Give Pasta & Sauce**

**Drop-off box
near entrance
to Food Pantry**



**Non-
perishables
only**

Epworth Youth UMC Choir Concert Tonight

Join our Southminster Presbyterian friends and pocket-change partners at a musical event tonight. Southminster welcomes the **Epworth Youth Choir** from **Cuyahoga Falls United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, March 25**, for a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Southminster's Sanctuary. This is an opportunity to hear an amazing high school choir that has been touring annually since 1966. Their director, Dean Wagner, is well known as a choral and handbell director and as a composer .



Holy Week Schedule at Mt. Lebanon UMC

Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion, Thursday, March 29, 7:30 pm

Join us Thursday, March 29 for a **Service of Tenebrae with Holy Communion**, at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. In the Tenebrae service, candles will represent Christ and the 12 disciples. Following Holy Communion, the candles will be extinguished as readers and musicians communicate the Gospel accounts of the passion and death of our Lord.

Good Friday Community Worship Service, Friday, March 30, 12 pm

On Good Friday, March 30, a **Community Worship Service** will be observed from noon to 1 pm in our sanctuary. The service will feature meditations upon the passion narrative from the Gospel of Luke, delivered by representatives of area churches as well as Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Choir members from the participating churches will lead the music.

Easter Sunday, April 1

The 8:30 am and 10:45 am Easter services will be celebrated in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir and the congregation will be accompanied by brass quintet and timpani.

Easter Vigil Service, Saturday, March 31, 7 pm, Messiah Lutheran Church

Our congregation has been invited to attend an Easter Vigil service by our friends and neighbors at Bethany Lutheran Church. It will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 7 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Munhall (4300 Main Street, Munhall, PA 15120.) The service will feature a choir of musicians from the 11 churches that make up the Pittsburgh Lutheran United Ministries (PLUM). The choir is directed by Jim Williams, of Bethany. MLUMC members may know Jim Williams as the hard working leader of Bethany's Thanksgiving Day meal ministry.

Coming Soon—A New Service

Would you like to be part of a team planning a new worship service for our church?

Following the recommendation of our consultant, Rev. Scott McKenzie, and at the direction of Church Council, our Worship Advisory Committee is looking at services in the region that successfully offer an alternative style to the traditional service. At the March 5th Church Council meeting, we recommended proceeding with a new service format. The recommendation includes a summer pilot during the August 26th Faith for Today timeslot; for the new service to be located in a more informal area of the church where it looks different and feels different; very active participation by all in attendance; led mostly by laity, expanded use of technology, and well-advertised to attract new visitors. Following the pilot service, the format and components will be evaluated with a goal of it becoming a monthly alternative service.

A worship team of 8 – 15 people will be established to plan and administer the new services. We are seeking additional members for this “worship team.” If interested, please contact Sara Miller in the church office right away.

Bob Mallery, Chairperson, Worship Advisory Committee



Choir Collecting Pocket Change for Haiti

Throughout Lent the Children’s Choir will be collecting change (and bills!) in their yearly drive to benefit the La Croix New Testament Mission in Haiti. The La Croix Mission provides a school system that educates 3500 students from 7 villages from pre-school through 12th grade. Sponsorship for one child is \$240 annually, and includes education, school supplies, breakfast and lunch daily, and a uniform.

You can donate by putting cash or checks in the small bottle each children’s choir member will carry throughout Lent, or in the large collection jar in the Narthex. Money collected by our children’s choir and from the children’s choirs of Westminster and Southminster Presbyterian churches will be combined and sent to La Croix Mission. With your help, this yearly ecumenical mission project helps us learn that even little children can make a big difference in the world! For more information about La Croix please go to <https://www.facebook.com/Lacroix-Haiti-New-Testament-Mission-136243273644/>.

Get to Know Your Acolytes

New to Acolyting this year is Tre Nagle, age 13 and in the 8th grade at Carmalt



Academy of Sciences and Technology in Brookline. His proud parents are John and Michele Nagle. Tre has 2 younger sisters, Abigail (also a new Acolyte) and Racheal. In addition to their

family dog and cat, Tre enjoyed being the owner of a pet hermit crab which unfortunately lasted only one month.

Tre is active in sports. He has played the wing position in deck hockey for the past 4 years and he takes ice skating lessons to hone in on his ice hockey skills. It's no surprise that Tre's ambition is to be an NHL Hockey Player when he gets older. He's also a member of his school's soccer team. At home, he takes pleasure in teaming up with his friends and playing video games on his Xbox 1. Listed as his favorite vacation, Tre has great memories of a deck hockey trip taken by the team to Niagara Falls.

Tre's all-time favorite food is homemade chicken nuggets. For high school next year, he's hoping to attend Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy in Oakland. When asked what he likes most about our church he stated, "I love the choir and find their music relaxing to listen to."

Homebuilders Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:30 am Wesley Hall

- 3/25 Liz DiPietro
- 4/1 Easter, no class
- 4/8 Cindy Reichard
- 4/15 Noel Slater, Don Langston, "Food Lift Update"

Kerygma Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:30 am Library

- 3/25 Traditional Methodist Hymns
Mike & Mary Paine
- 4/1 Easter, no class
- 4/8 Social Justice Issues # 1, Monica Kao
- 4/15 Social Justice Issues #2 Monica Kao

Mixers Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:30 am Balcony Classroom

- 3/25 "A Walk with Jesus to the Cross: Holy Week," Pastor Tom Strandburg
- 4/1 Easter, no class

Youth Group Activities

5-7 pm Youth Room

- 3/25 5 pm, Discussion and video game night
- 4/1 Easter, no class



Caregivers Needed

Do you like to rock babies, read stories to preschoolers, or make crafts with school age children? If so, you are needed on Sunday mornings! Volunteer as a substitute teacher 9:30-10:30, or as a nursery, preschool, or Kids Praise helper during the 10:45 service. Your commitment is once per month or less, and no special skills are required. Please contact Kim Rhoton to volunteer or with questions – krhoton@mlumc.org.

Work with the Children of Weekday Ministries

Weekday Ministries needs two staff persons. A lead teacher to work with one-year-olds from 7am to 3 pm every day and a 3 pm to 6 pm person to work with two-year-olds. Please contact Mettelise at 412-531-5790 or email mziegler@mlumc.org today for more information!

Camp AIM Counselors Needed

Camp AIM, a YMCA sponsored camp for special needs children, is in need of counselors to work with the kids and have fun this summer! The counselor job is a paid position. The camp welcomes college students and older high school students as well as others who have experience or a strong desire to work with special needs children. Camp Aim is in session for 6 weeks, from June 11, through July 20 , 5 days a week from 8:30 am –2 pm. It is located on the campus of Carlynton High School in Carnegie. Share your talents and love of children (and add to your references!) Join us this summer!

Contact Paulette Colonna for more information, 412-628-1121.

Volunteer for the Lay Readers Ministry

Volunteers are needed to serve as readers of the Scripture at either the 8:30 or 10:45 services. The early service folks read fairly often and the 10:45 folks read about twice each year.

Please contact either Rev. Strandburg - tstrandburg@mlumc.org or Sally Munro - sa.munro@verizon.net Thanks!





UMW April Meeting Thursday, April 12 11 am Asbury Center

Join us for the UMW April meeting for a hands-on activity that benefits the Girl Empowerment Pad project. Leader Bonnie Lawson and UMW members will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 11 am in Asbury Center for a hands-on project making hygiene kits that will benefit young women in Zimbabwe as part of the Girl Empowerment Pad project.

If you'd like to make a donation, Bonnie will happily accept the following items:

- Bar soap (any size and brand)
- New washcloths (any color and quantity)
- Packages of new underwear (girls' sizes 10-16) and women's sizes (5-7)
- Empty pill bottles

Please bring a brown-bag lunch and we'll dine together after we finish making the kits. Women of all ages are welcome — and encouraged — to attend this informal and fun

WANTED: Cake stands to borrow

The UMW would like to borrow two- or three-tier cake stands for the Spring Tea Fundraiser on Saturday, April 28. If you have one you are willing to loan, please contact Bonnie Lawson at 412-343-3498 or Bonnielawson58@comcast.net.

We also ask that you label it with your name so that it can be returned to you after the event. Thank you for your help!



Albright-Deering Lecture: Honoring Dr. H. Pat Albright

In 1978, Dr. H. Pat Albright became pastor of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Over the next thirty-some years, as pastor, friend and member of our church, Pat, with Betty Lou at his side, accomplished much good and blessed MLUMC, the community and the world.

In 1999, through individual contributions and a gift from Joseph and Gail Deering of Dayton, Ohio, the Albright-Deering Lecture Series in Methodist Studies was established at The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The lectureship celebrates the Deerings' career accomplishments and honors Dr. Albright by bringing outstanding scholars in the Wesleyan tradition to the seminary campus.

Albright-Deering Workshop and Lecture 2018

Douglas Powe

James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism and
Professor of Urban Ministry, Wesley Theological Seminary

April 12, 2018

Knox Room, Long Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



Join us for a morning workshop, chapel, and an afternoon lecture all led by Dr. Powe! If you wish to stay for the full day, lunch is available for purchase in Kadel Dining Hall on the Seminary's campus. *Co-sponsored with the Western PA United Methodist Conference.*

- 9:00 a.m. Workshop: **"Missional Engagement,"** a workshop for faith leaders to help congregations imagine a missional vision for being outwardly focused.
- 11:30 a.m. Chapel Service: **"Troublemakers"** (Acts 16:16-20)
- 4:00 p.m. Lecture: **"Re-Examining the Importance of Wesleyan Anthropology for Racial Conversations"** A discussion of race through a Wesleyan lens with the goal of a more fruitful dialogue. *Lecture is free and open to the public.*

Online Registration: www.pts.edu/AD-2018
Lecture: Free **Workshop:** \$20 **CEUs:** 0.4
Questions: ConEd@pts.edu or 412-924-1345

