

March 4, 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. More information: www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131



This Morning's Guest Musicians **Will Todd's Jazz Missa Brevis, 10:45 Service**

We welcome several instrumentalists this morning. **Drummer Subha Das** - many of us recognize from the percussion department at Mt. Lebanon High School. He is an active jazz drummer in the area. **Trumpeters Stephen McGough and Jeff Nicodemus** are members of the River City Brass. **Bassist Brian Stahurski** has toured with Maynard Ferguson and made recordings with Ferguson and Diane Schuur, among others. **Saxophonist Milt Barney** teaches at Peters Township High School and Washington and Jefferson University, plays in the worship band at Peters Creek Baptist Church, has played with the Pittsburgh Symphony and regularly plays with the Four Townsmen Show Band. **Pianist Joy Crummie** accompanied the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh and is the accompanist of Gretchen's Seraphic Singers (next performance May 6th at 4 in our sanctuary). Contributors to the Friends of Music Fund make the presence of these fine musicians possible.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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March UMW Meeting Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Thursday, March 8 11 am Wesley Hall

Join the UMW on Thurs., March 8 at 11 am. in Wesley Hall for our monthly meeting and annual call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

This year, our theme is "Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders." At the meeting, we'll reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together and make an offering to mission with women, children and youth in response to God's love and grace.

After the program, plan to stay for a light lunch. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 412.531.7131. Drop-ins are welcome, too!



Asbury Bake Sale Asbury Heights Friday, March 9

It's time for the annual Asbury Bake Sale and we need your delicious contributions. Asbury's residents look forward to these sweet treats, so please consider donating homemade cake slices, cookies, cupcakes, sweet rolls, tarts, fudge and other baked goods.

Donations should be packaged in small amounts (for 1 or 2 people) and labeled, paying special attention to ingredients causing allergies, such as eggs, nuts, peanut butter and chocolate, or specially made, such as "gluten-free" or "diabetic-friendly."

Baked goods can be dropped off in our church's Asbury kitchen on Thursday, March 8 or on Friday morning, March 9, directly at Asbury Heights on Bower Hill Road.

It's a Guy Thing Men's Group Sat, March 10 8am Asbury Ctr.

Upcoming It's a Guy Thing Gatherings:

3/10/18

4/14/18

6/9/18

7/14/18

8/11/18

9/8/18

10/13/18

12/8/18



Be a Handbell Ringer

Handbell ringer positions are open in the Promise and Chapel Bells Groups. Contact Nancy Lutz at Lutzbelz@aol.com or 412-334-7987 if you are interested in joining in the fun of being a handbell ringer!



Sunday Greeter Coordinator

Help MLUMC from Home The church is in need of a new Sunday Greeter Coordinator. This person would call members to arrange the schedule for greeters for the 8:30 and the 10:45 services. Greeters are asked to be at the church approximately 15 minutes before service starts and, as the name suggests, greet worshipers as they come to services. If you are interested or want more information on this significant volunteer position, call the office at 412-531-7131.

Become a Greeter: Extend a Welcome Hand

The Sunday morning greeter is often the first person a visitor or member contacts on entering the church. A greeter's smile, handshake and cheerful words may set the tone for not only a church goer's worship experience, but also an entire day. MLUMC is in need of Sunday morning greeters. Consider serving at one of the two worship services. You'll become a vital part of the church's ministry of hospitality and make new friends. If you can offer this service once or twice a year, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the office.

Greeter Volunteer Name _____

Worship service choice _____ 8:30 _____ 10:45

Phone # _____ **email** _____

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 preschool 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/>.

Blood Pressure Screenings Today

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

MLUMC Staff

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor
Kim Rhoton, Director of Christian Education
Bethany Lockie, Youth Ministry Director
Dr. Gretchen Franz, Director of Music
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Virginia Katinsky, Business Administrator
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Michael Drabick, Maintenance Manager
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MLUMC Volunteer Staff

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Nancy R. Lutz, Director of Handbells
Joanne Dempe, Financial Secretary
Kevin DeLuca, Multimedia
Kirk Lowe, Steve Stockton; Sound/Multimedia
Michael Dempe, Financial Consultant

A Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

March 18 4 PM MLUMC Sanctuary

Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power (Exodus 15:6)

Join us in our sanctuary for a special Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, March 18th at 4 pm. We are once again grateful for the support of our cosponsors for this event – St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Parish. Music for the service will be a cooperative effort between our two music departments. You won’t want to miss it!

The theme for the service will be “*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power.*” (Exodus 15:6) This song of Moses and Miriam is the motif of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018. It is a song of triumph over oppression.



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FREE (or Free Will Offering)
FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 2

Good Friday
March 30

4-7 pm Church Asbury Ctr.
Dine in or Take out

Baked Fish
Fried Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cole Slaw Dessert

Donations Benefit Church Food Pantry

Bethany
Evangelical Lutheran

March 9

March 16 >

March 23

Mt. Lebanon
United Methodist

< March 30

OUR 25TH ANNUAL
**FISH FRY
DINNERS**
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fridays – March 9, 16 & 23
4 pm to 7 pm (Dine in or Take out is available)
3104 West Liberty Ave, Domont 15216
NO COST (Donations accepted)
Call 412-531-9363 for information

Serving Fried or Baked Fish, Mac and Cheese, Apple Sauce, Rolls,
Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Pierogies, and homemade desserts

**Friday Fish Fries
@ Two Churches**

Free!

**Donations
Accepted**

**Dine in or
Take out
4-7 pm**

Homebuilders Adult Sunday School
9:30-10:30 am Wesley Hall

- 3/4 John Esaias with Mixers Class
- 3/11 Spencer and Gayle Radnich
- 3/18 Bob Marivelli
- 3/25 Liz DiPietro

Kerygma Adult Sunday School
9:30-10:30 am Library

- 3/4 "Joy in the Bible," Joyce Gorman
- 3/11 "The Beatitudes," Clark Remington
- 3/18 open
- 3/25 "Hymn History," Mike & Mary Paine

Youth Group Activities

- 3/4 5 pm, Church Clue! game night
- 3/11 5 pm, Chocolate covered pretzel night
- 3/18 5 pm, Discussion and video game night
- 3/25 12 pm, Service time at the church



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

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



**Non-
perishables
only**

75 FAMILIES 180 PEOPLE

That's how many people receive nourishment for their bodies, and at times, nurturing for their spirits from MLUMC's Food Pantry and Food Lift Free Market each month. This month we're asking for donations of pasta and sauce. The items can be placed on the shelves right inside the pantry entry door or in a drop-off box near the pantry entrance.

These times can be challenging for our families. Let's keep the pantry shelves stocked and demonstrate God's love for our Food Pantry families.





2018 Easter Memorials

Purchase flowers or make a donation to the Food Pantry in honor or memory of friends or loved ones. The flowers will be on display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1. They may be picked up after the 10:45 service or any time after Easter. Brighten someone's day - deliver your flowers to a shut-in or ask the church to deliver.

If you are ordering lilies, please submit your order as soon as possible. Lilies may be in short supply this year. All orders are due by March 11.

The Food Pantry helps the hungry in our community. Food Pantry volunteers distribute food twice a month to over 180 individuals in 75 families. Your donation will help a family in need.

2018 EASTER MEMORIALS ORDER DEADLINE - March 11

Make check payable to MLUMC. Mark the memo line "Easter Flowers" or "Food Pantry."

MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____

Flower Selection (color cannot be guaranteed)

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| _____ Lilies (1 stem) @ \$8.50 = _____ | _____ Hyacinths (3 plants) @ \$7.50 = _____ |
| _____ Tulips (5 plants) @ \$7.50 = _____ | _____ Begonias (6" pot) @ \$10.50 = _____ |
| _____ Mums @ \$9.50 = _____ | _____ Pansy Basket @ \$10.50 = _____ |

Total Flower Amount \$ _____

Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of (please print): _____

Donor Name (Please Print)

Phone _____

- I will pick up flowers
 I will deliver to a shut-in
 Deliver to a shut-in

CALENDAR – SUNDAY, MARCH 4 THRU SATURDAY, MARCH 10

SUNDAY 3/4

8:30 am	Worship	Sanner Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School All Ages/Coffee Café	Various/Brookline Parlor
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Kids Praise	Welcome Center
11:45 am	Youth Choir	Choir Room
12 pm	Blood Pressure Screening	Brookline Parlor
5 pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

MONDAY 3/5

7 pm	Chapel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
7 pm	Church Council	Wesley Hall
7:15 pm	Missions Committee	Welcome Center

TUESDAY 3/6

6 pm	Terrific Tuesday	Asbury Center
7 pm	Boy Scout Troop #23	Wesley Hall

WEDNESDAY 3/7

9:30 am	Bishop's Lenten Study	Wesley Hall
6 pm	Homebuilders' Potluck	Wesley Hall

THURSDAY 3/8

9:30 am	UMW Board	Room 105
6:30 pm	Promise Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
7 pm	Education Committee	Brookline Parlor
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

FRIDAY 3/9

9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Room 102
1:30 pm	Memoirs Group	Wesley Hall
7 pm	Arrow of Light Cub Scouts	Epworth

SATURDAY 3/10

8 am	It's a Guy Thing Men's Group	Asbury Center
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