

November 18, 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. 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.**

Thanksgiving Day Meal Prep & Delivery Ministry

36 years of delivering meals to homeless, lonely and homebound community members

Turkeys, kitchen workers, drivers and clean-team volunteers are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Day meal. We need:

- **Donated turkeys**—cooked turkeys and cooked turkey breasts, stuffing, pies and cans of sweet potatoes
- **Kitchen workers**—volunteers to work with and assemble meals

- **Drivers**—to deliver Thanksgiving meals
- **Clean-team volunteers**—to work in 2-hour shifts

The **dine in** portion of the meal is held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty Ave., from 1 to 5 pm on Thursday, November 22. The **delivery** portion of the meal is prepared at our church at Asbury Center.

Contact Rob Spicher to volunteer:

412-720-4589

robert.spicher@pnc.com

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

An orientation session for prospective new members is being held today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The group is meeting at the Coffee Café in Brookline Parlor at 9:30 a.m., and then departing for their meeting room from there. All interested in the church are invited to join the group.



DIA girls working the bake sale

Thank you!

The DIA Girls (the teen UMW circle) wish to thank everyone who donated baked goods to their Election Day bake sale. We raised over \$900 to go towards our mission projects for this year, and we couldn't have done it without you!

The next DIA project will be helping to run the Tea Room on December 8 at the UMW Cookie and Vendor Fair. All teen girls (grades 6-12) are encouraged to participate. A planning meeting will take place in the Welcome Center after church today. Lunch will be served, so please let Sharon Slater or Kim Rhoton know if you are planning to attend. Parents of girls are also welcome.

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 the pastor or church administrator. 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."





Volunteer Opportunities at the Allegheny County Jail

Advent Lessons & Carols Services

Thurs. Nov. 29 and Fri. Dec. 7 , 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.

Packaging & Delivering Christmas Gifts

Thurs. Dec. 13, 8 am - 12:30 pm (packaging) 5:30 - 9 pm (delivering)

Restrictions: All volunteers must be 21 or older

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

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.

Donating Needed Items

Restrictions: Donor must sign up on the Approved Donor List

More info: Call Marci at 412-350-2057 or email marci.burkhart@alleghenycounty.us

The Chaplain's Office provides paperback books, toiletries, calendars, and religious literature to inmates and sweatsuits to inmates being released. We are always in need of these items. Call the Chaplain's Office to become an Approved Donor.

To learn more about volunteering inside the jail,

contact: foundationofhope.org



Christmas Cookie and Gift Bazaar

Saturday • December 8 • 9 am to 2 pm

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church
3319 West Liberty Avenue**



- **Delicious homemade cookies**
- **Unique gifts**
- **Pick-a-prize raffle**
- **Authentic British tea room**

*Proceeds to benefit women, children and youth
Sponsored by the UMW*

Calling All Cookie Bakers



To make the United Methodist Women's annual *Christmas Cookie & Gift Bazaar* a success, we need help with homemade cookie donations. In the weeks leading up to the December 8th event, please consider:

- Baking a batch or multiple batches of your favorite cookies and freeze the cookies in sealed bags.
- Bring the cookies to the church kitchen on Thursday, Dec. 6 between 9 am and 8 pm or on Friday, Dec. 7 before noon.
- Attend the *Christmas Cookie & Gift Bazaar*, **9 am to 2 pm** at the church, **December 8th** and find the perfect gifts for friends and family

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. 14.

Advent Help Needed



Volunteers are needed to help with lighting Advent candles each Sunday during Advent and during Christmas Eve services. No special skills are required! Candle lighters can be families (including children), couples, or friends. If you are interested, please contact Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org) with a date and service preference.

Wanted: Tableaux Help

Volunteers are also needed to assist behind the scenes and to participate in the annual **Christmas Tableaux**, scheduled for December 16 at the 10:45 service. Children and teens are needed to play the parts of angels, shepherds, and kings. Adults are needed to help the participants get into costumes and enter the sanctuary on cue. Participants and adult helpers must be available for a rehearsal on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Kim Rhoton to volunteer or with questions – krhoton@mlumc.org



OPEN HEARTS

Our congregation would like to thank the following persons for making a financial pledge in support of our church's ministry in 2019:

Albright, Betty Lou

Amant, Kathleen

Baily, Louanne

Baird, Deanna

Baker, John & Shirley

Barber, Russell & Gloria

Barr, Daniel & Lori

Biery, Cynthia

Birks, Mary

Boyd, Marianne

Boyer, Jean

Casey, Jane

Chesleigh, Alan & Donna

Clarke, Martha & Ed

Colley, Lois

Cornes, Cleon & Vera Jane

DeLuca, Kevin & Cori

Dempe, Joanne & Mike

D'Este, Joseph & Joeta

Drabick, Michael & Caryl

Ehni, Marjorie

Esaias, John

Festor, Robert & Beverly

Franz, Gretchen

Garber, Mary

George, Chuck & Jean

Graham, Frances

Greer, Donald & Donna

Gullborg, Bill

Harkins, Scott & Betsy

Heberling, Kay

Henry, Erma

Hutchinson, Chuck

Hutchison, Edee

James, Bob & Chris

Jara, Nathan

Kaminski, JoAnn

Kao, Monica

Karns, Kathy

Knabb, John & Bunny

Krayer, William
Lowe, Kirk & Stephanie
Lutz, Jim & Nancy
Magill, Joyce
McAninch, Kay
McAninch, Lori
Michael, Thomas & Kathy
Miller, Scott & Natalie
Minnick, Bill & Luanne
Paine, Michael & Mary
Reichard, Ed & Bette Lou
Reisnol, Marsha
Rutter, Jon & Jan
Santore, Pete & Beth
Schultz, Lillian
Seitz, David
Sheppard, William
Shoff, Bradley & Laura
Slater, Noel & Sharon
Spicher, Rob & Jane
Strandburg, Thomas & Kathy

Touscany, Mike & Sally
Troy, Leslie
Ullman, Scott & Karen
Vogel, Chuck & Brenda
Wagner, Thomas
Ward, Laura
Ward, Lavisa
Watson, David & Barbara
Weber, Beverly & Jim
Will, Keith
Young, Jim & Lynne
Yuan, Lily

13 congregation members made a financial pledge and asked to be listed as "anonymous."

Pledges can still be made via commitment card (available on the literature tables in the narthex), telephone, e-mail, or through the pledge page on the church's website, www.mlumc.org/giving/pledge .

Questions and email pledges should be addressed to financial secretary Joanne Dempe, jdempe@mlumc.org .

NOVEMBER

Food Pantry
Donation of the
Month Program

Please
donate
Thanksgiving
meal products



SAVE THE DATE

**WUNDERBAR MEAL
German Luncheon
Sunday, January 13
after services**

Guten Appetit!



POINSETTIA & THE 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 \$8.50 and will be on display Sun. Dec. 23 and during the Christmas Eve candlelight services. You may pick up your plant after the 10 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 Sunday, December 2.

Christmas Memorials 2018 Order Deadline Sunday, Dec. 2

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:

Number of poinsettias ____ @ \$8.50 each = ____ Given in (*circle*) memory or honor of:

____ I will pick up ____ I will deliver to a shut-in ____ Church to deliver to shut in

Donor Name _____ Phone _____