

November 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. 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.**



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Did you enjoy the excitement of hunting down great deals on Black Friday? Or maybe you're waiting til tomorrow, Cyber Monday, to tackle your shopping list. If you would like Christmas giving to be more meaningful than shopping for material possessions, then *Giving Tuesday* may be for you. *Giving Tuesday* is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving when people around the world give to help those in need.

At MLUMC our *Giving Tuesday* focus is on the Family Fund, a resource which provides confidential assistance to families of the church in times of financial distress. Whether it is because of an unexpected medical cost, the loss of a job or an ill-timed emergency, there are times when church members must ask for financial help. You can share in assisting those in need by donating to the Family Fund this coming Tuesday. To do so on *Giving Tuesday* or TODAY, go to our website (www.mlumc.org), select "Online Giving" from the top menu, then select "Family Fund" from the drop down recipient list and follow the directions. Through *Giving Tuesday*, we can make a difference in the lives of our MLUMC families in need.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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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. This list includes 14 new donor families and 3 anonymous donors added since last week's published list.

Albright, Betty Lou

Amant, Kathleen

Baily, Louanne

Baird, Deanna

Baker, John & Shirley

Barber, Russell & Gloria

Barr, Daniel & Lori

Bashore, George & Carolyn

Biery, Cynthia

Birks, Mary

Bishop, Sherry

Black, Harry & Sharon

Bowes, Scott & Berni

Boyd, Marianne

Boyer, Jean

Casey, Jane

Chesleigh, Alan & Donna

Clarke, Martha & Ed

Colley, Lois

Cope, Hazel & Alan

Cornes, Cleon & Vera Jane

DeLuca, Kevin & Cori

Dempe, Joanne & Mike

D'Este, Joseph & Joeta

Diller, Lizzy

Drabick, Michael & Caryl

Ehni, Marjorie

Esaias, John

Festor, Robert & Beverly

Franz, Gretchen

Garber, Mary

George, Chuck & Jean

Grabowski, Barb

Graham, Frances

Greer, Donald & Donna

Gullborg, Bill

Harkins, Scott & Betsy

Heberling, Kay

Henry, Erma

Hoffman, Anne

Hoover, James & Linda

Hutchinson, Chuck

Hutchison, Edee

James, Bob & Chris

Jara, Nathan
Kaminski, JoAnn
Kao, Monica
Karns, Kathy
Knabb, John & Bunny
Kramer, William
Lowe, Kirk & Stephanie
Lutz, Jim & Nancy
Magill, Joyce
Manning, William & Karen
McAninch, Kay
McAninch, Lori
Merchant, Bill & Bernice
Michael, Thomas & Kathy
Miller, Scott & Natalie
Minnick, Bill & Luanne
Paine, Michael & Mary
Radnich, Spencer & Gayle
Reichard, Ed & Bette Lou
Reisnol, Marsha
Roche, Marsha
Rutter, Jon & Jan
Santore, Pete & Beth
Schultz, Lillian
Seitz, David
Shaffer, Donald & Karen
Sheppard, William
Shoff, Bradley & Laura
Slater, Noel & Sharon

Spicher, Rob & Jane
Strandburg, Thomas & Kathy
Touscany, Mike & Sally
Tremblay, Rich & Kathy
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

16 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 church's website.

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

Sunday School Mission Sale—Dec. 2 & 9

The Sunday school children work together throughout the year to support an orphan in Zimbabwe named Tanaka. Tanaka is nine years old and loves to sing, dance, play games, and go to school. Our sponsorship helps to provide for all the necessities of life, including food, medical care, and education expenses.

Next Sunday, December 2 and December 9 the children will offer for sale a variety of small treats and crafts they have made. Please plan to stop in the Narthex after services to help support this mission. All proceeds will go to help support Tanaka and the Home of Hope Orphanage in Zimbabwe.



Tanaka



December 9—Teddy Bear Sunday

Teddy Bear Sunday will be on Sunday, December 9, when the congregation is invited to bring in a new small to medium size teddy bear for our church outreach. Faith Circle will be collecting and distributing the teddy bears to local community services such as Mt. Lebanon Hospice, our church's food pantry, local police and ambulance services, Power Organization for Women, Asbury Place and more.

Thank you for your support in this special outreach.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

*with MLUMC's Chancel Choir, St. Bernard's
& Our Lady of Grace's Choirs*

The birth of Christ told through readings and music

Sunday, December 9, 4 pm

St. Bernard's RC Church





Holiday Special Events

Sat. Dec. 8 *Christmas Cookie Sale & Gift Bazaar*

9 am Wesley Hall and Asbury Center

Sun. Dec. 9 *Teddy Bear Sunday*

both services, teddy bear and stuffed animal donations for children's charities.

Sun. Dec. 9 *Lessons & Carols*

MLUMC, St. Bernard's & Our Lady of Grace's Choirs
4 PM, St. Bernard's

Sun. Dec. 16 *Nativity Scene Tableaux with Lessons & Carols*

music by Chancel Choir and oboe, flute, percussion, piano 10:45 service

Sun. Dec. 16 *Dinner & Christmas Caroling*

5 pm, Asbury Center and the neighborhood

Mon. Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*

5 pm *Service for Children & Families*

8 & 10 pm *Traditional Christmas Eve Services*

with Chancel Choir, harp and oboe

Wiggle room for children provided at 5 and 8 pm services

Sun. Dec. 30 - *Morning Worship* - 10:45 am **only** in Sanctuary



MLUMC's Family Fund

The Family Fund provides confidential assistance to families of the church in times of financial distress. Pastor Tom and lay leader Linda Minnotte oversee the fund. Through their work, we as a congregation extend care in a very tangible way to church families in need. You can help the families not only through Giving Tuesday (see cover page,) but also through a donation to the church's Christmas Memorials .



POINSETTIA, THE FOOD PANTRY AND THE FAMILY FUND CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Make a donation to the Food Pantry, the Family Fund 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, Food Pantry or Family Fund

Donation to MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____ Given in (*circle*) memory or honor of:

Donation to MLUMC Family Fund \$ _____ 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 _____