

March 10, 2019

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 on our church: www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131.**



**Each month this year, our church will emphasize one of our membership vows.
In March we are focusing on our vow of giving.**

Vow of Giving

In March, the congregation is encouraged to honor our membership vow of giving through one or more of the following opportunities:

Remembering the Church in Your Will

We have formed an organization called The Albright Society that recognizes any member who has remembered Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church in his/her will. If you would like to inform the church of your decision to do so or you would like more information, please complete the form on the following page and send it to the office.

Establishing an Endowment or Contributing to a Current Endowment

Interest from our endowment funds provides income to support building maintenance, missions, scholarships and other ministries. If you would like information on establishing an endowment or contributing to a current endowment, please complete the form on the following page and send it to the office.

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Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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March UMW Meeting
Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial
Thursday, March 14 11 am Wesley Hall
District Superintendent Dawn Hand, Guest Speaker

Join the UMW on Thursday, March 14 at 11 am in Wesley Hall for our monthly meeting and annual call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

This year, our theme is “Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide,” and our guest speaker is our District Superintendent, Dawn Hand. 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

(Vow of Giving continued)

Special Offering – March 31

On the fifth Sunday of the month, March 31, we are asking members to consider making an extra gift to support a building maintenance project by two scouts or making a gift to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which supports disaster victims around the world. A special envelope for this offering was sent to you in your March envelope packet.

Honoring My Vow of Giving

_____ I am interested/have remembered Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church in my will

_____ I am interested in receiving more information on establishing an endowment or contributing to a current endowment.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Youth Ministry Director Change

Many of you may have read an article in the Lenten edition of *The Window* introducing the church's new youth ministry director, Charles Sledge. An additional full time job has created time conflicts and job difficulties for Charles and for MLUMC, and so he is no longer employed at the church.

We welcome a familiar face as our new part-time youth ministry director, Stephanie Lowe. Stephanie and her husband Kirk have been key leaders of our church in various capacities for the better part of the last decade. Last fall they served as our volunteer youth leaders. Stephanie will serve as a staff youth leader at least through the summer. Let's welcome Stephanie to her new position.

Stephanie Lowe
Youth Ministry Director



Youth Group Schedule

- 3/10 Youth Group, 5 –6:30 pm, prepare for Terrific Tues. fundraising meal
- 3/12 Youth Group, 4-7:30 pm, Terrific Tues. fundraising meal for summer mission trip
- 3/17 5-6:45 pm, trip to Flight Trampoline Park
- 3/24 Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Youth Sunday planning
- 3/31 Youth Group, 4:30-8 pm, chocolate covered pretzel making

March 12th:

A Special Terrific Tuesday

Come to an evening of fun and food in Asbury Center on Tuesday, March 12th at 6 pm. It's a special youth Terrific Tuesday fundraiser! Members of the youth group will prepare the dinner and a program, all to raise money for their summer mission trip to Marian, Virginia. Help the youth meet their fundraising goal of \$1,500, and enjoy dinner and entertainment with your friends.

Children's 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, in the large collection jar in the Narthex or during our "noisy" offering on March 24 when we host the children's choirs from Westminster and Southminster Presbyterian churches. The money collected by all three choirs 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/>.

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

- Mar. 10 Katie Peterson, **Mission Barn**
- Mar. 17 Mary Beth Zollars, **Nyadire Connection**
- Mar. 24 Elsa Zollars, Book Review: **The Book of Joy**
- Mar. 31 Seth Dubin, **SHIM**

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

- Mar. 10 Monica Kao, Book Review: **What is the Bible?**
- Mar. 17 Monica Kao, Book Review: **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi**
- Mar. 24 Rob Bellamy: **The Creation of the Canon**
- Mar. 31 Rob Bellamy: **The Creation of the Canon**

All Are Welcome

Candy Donations Needed

The Easter EGGstravaganza is coming up on April 13, and we are in need of candy donations. Koinonia Circle will use the candy to stuff into plastic eggs, so all candy should be small and individually wrapped. The plastic eggs will be used for the EGGstravaganza egg hunt. If you are able to contribute, please leave a bag of candy outside Kim Rhoton's office or in the marked container in the church office no later than April 7. Thank you!



FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS @ 2 CHURCHES

Free and open to all. Donations gratefully accepted

Menus at both churches include baked and fried fish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, fries and an assortment of desserts

FREE (and Free Will Offering)
FRIDAY FISH FRIES

Good Friday
April 19

4-7 pm Asbury Center
Dine in or Take out

Baked Fish
Fried Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cole Slaw Desserts

Donations Benefit Food Pantry

An illustration of a plate of fish and fries, with a small plant growing from the plate.

Please join us for our 2019

FISH FRY DINNERS

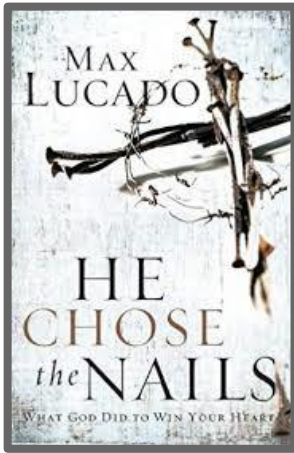
A photograph of a plate of fish and fries, with a small bowl of sauce and a glass of water.

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fridays – March 15, 22 & 29

4pm to 7 pm (Dine in or Take out is available)
3104 West Liberty Ave, Dormont 15216
FREE (although donations are 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



Lenten Study for Terrific Tuesday

He Chose the Nails, What God Did to Win Your Heart

What are the gifts that Christ gave to us at his crucifix? Pastor Tom will lead a study answering this question, based on Max Lucado's book and DVD, *He Chose the Nails, What God Did to Win Your Heart*. In four Terrific Tuesday sessions, the adult discussion will examine not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails and the empty tomb.

Join us for the *He Chose the Nails* Lenten Study on the following Terrific Tuesdays: March 19, & 26 and April 2 & 9.

April 9 will be the final Terrific Tuesday until fall. Terrific Tuesdays include dinner and are from 6-7:30 pm in Asbury Center.

Corner Stories

Lenten Storytellers & Listeners

7 pm The Welcome Center

4 Sunday Evenings in March

March 10, 17, 24 and 31

For info contact:

**Francie Robb
412-343-5456**

**Joanne Dempe
412-980-5046**



East End Cooperative Ministries' Dinner

During a stormy, windy Sunday, last month, 11 friends & members of MLUMC



drove to East End Cooperative Ministries in East Liberty. They carried in a feast of mostly prepared foods to serve dinner for 49 residents in the Ministries' IMPACTS transitional program.

The food was either purchased or donated through The Food Lift and included telapia, pulled pork, tuna melts, hot dogs, baked beans, chicken and mac & cheese, as well as an array of desserts.

Neither the storm nor the intermittent power outage could keep the grateful and hungry residents from enjoying the delicious spread.

The Community Events and Outreach Committee is coordinating the EECM dinners, scheduled for the 4th Sunday of even months. To volunteer, contact Don Langston, 412-894-5559.



The MLUMC serving crew, including three generations of family

68 FAMILIES 165 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.

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

Drop-off box
near entrance
to Food Pantry



Non-
perishables
only

A Big Thank You to the flower crew, Erma Henry, Linda Hoover, Robert Simonton, and Fran Travis from Dawn Lonsinger. Each week they break down the Sunday flower arrangements into small bouquets to take to shut-ins or friends.

To the flower crew,

Feb. 22, 2019

The residents of the Twin Tower apartments thank you for bringing flowers every week. We all feel so special on our birthdays, when we are under the weather or for no reason at all. It takes many caring people to bring this about. We are grateful.

Love and hugs, Dawn Lonsinger



2019 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 21. 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.

The Food Pantry feeds hungry people in our community. Food Pantry volunteers distribute food twice a month to 165 individuals in 68 families. Your donation will help a family in need.

2019 EASTER MEMORIALS ORDER DEADLINE - March 31

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

MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____

Flower Selection (color cannot be guaranteed)

_____ 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