

March 17, 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. Opportunities to give are offered on the next page.

General Conference Debriefing Sessions

Are you interested in more information concerning the UMC's decision to uphold the ban on ordaining LGBTQ clergy and the ban on officiating at or hosting same-sex marriage? Our W PA conference is conducting debriefing sessions on these recent decisions of the special General Conference. All laity and clergy are invited to attend, to engage and ask questions of Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, district superintendents, and delegates to the General Conference. A debriefing session is planned for our Pittsburgh district, as well as nearby districts which may be more convenient in location or time. Here are the sessions:

Sat., March 23, 2 pm

Washington District

First UMC

29 North College Street

Washington, PA 15301

Sun., March 24, 2 pm

Pittsburgh District

Salem UMC

350 Manor Road

Wexford, PA 15090

Mon., March 25, 6:30 pm

Connellsville District

Christ UMC

201 Market Street

Scottsdale, PA 15683

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org



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 at the bottom of this 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 at the bottom of this page and send it to the office.

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 _____



A big thanks to everyone who came to the Terrific Tuesday fundraiser meal. We hope that everyone enjoyed listening to the youth share about what mission trips mean to them and playing Name That Tool. Due to everyone's generosity, we raised over half of what we need for the building supplies. It is wonderful to have such a supportive congregation.

The Youth of Mt. Lebanon UMC

Youth Group Schedule

- 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

New Youth Ministry Director

Our new part-time youth ministry director is a familiar face—Stephanie Lowe. She and her husband Kirk have been key leaders of our church in various capacities for nearly 10 years. 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



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/>.



Zwickau Visit Update

WHEN: October 13 – 22
WHERE: Here at MLUMC
WHO: Pastor Christian Posdich, 4 other adults, 9 youth (ages 26 and under)

MLUMC has been part of an exchange with the Friedenskirche in Zwickau, Germany, since the mid-90's. MLUMC members visited Zwickau two years ago and will do so again in 2021, but this year **we are hosting them**. The Zwickau Committee has been working on various events for the visit with **goals** to expand our view of mission work, develop more ties amongst our members, explore our common faith, and share our American way of life. **Activities** will include a church-wide picnic, mission work in the city and in our church family, a 2-day trip to D.C. October 16 - 17, and typical fall activities. Hopefully, everyone can meet some of these partner church members!

Opportunities to Meet Zwickauers
We will need hosts for the Germans when they are here. In the past this has been a very rewarding experience. Don't worry, just about all of them speak a little or a lot of English.

You can choose to host the whole time (10 days minus 2 days in D.C.) or half of the time (before or after D.C.).

Please let Deanna Baird know if you would like one or two German guests—we will be starting the matching process in April so that plans are completed before the end of the school year. Contact Deanna at fraubaird@aol.com (412-606-4719) with questions or ---host requests.

Also the Zwickau committee is currently determining transportation/hotel needs for the **D.C. trip on October 16 -17**. The trip will include a tour of the National Cathedral and free time at the Smithsonian museums and national monuments. To keep costs low, we will be walking a lot and using Ubers. For more information, contact Deanna Baird before April at: fraubaird@aol.com (412-606-4719)

The Nyadire Connection

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program

Help us collect new or used
hearing aids

to support our
AudioMax audiologists
in Zimbabwe!



for more information contact
Molly Michael at
mollyalice.michael@gmail.com



**Contact Bonnie Lawson for more
information and/or to donate:
bonnielawson58@comcast.net**



FISH FRY FEAST!

Community Events & Outreach, Last Friday

Over 400 fed with fish & fellowship. Did you miss it?
Not to worry. Work up an appetite for the next one,
Good Friday, April 19.



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

Please join us for our 2019

**FISH FRY
DINNERS**



Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fridays – March 15, 22 & 29

4pm to 7 pm (Dine in or Take out is available)

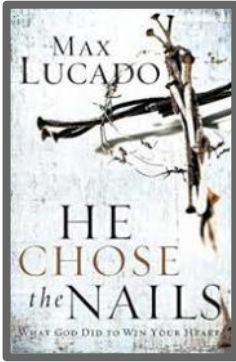
3104 West Liberty Ave, Dormont 15216

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



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!



Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program March

Give Pasta & Sauce

Drop-off box
near entrance
to Food Pantry



Non-
perishables
only



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



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.

2019 Albright-Deering Lecture & Workshop

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Thursday, March 21 10 am

With Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary

Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church

Free and open to the public

Engaging Your Community

On March 21, Rev. Junius Dotson will present on the theme of "Engaging Your Community." Engagement involves initiating and building relationships. It seeks to ensure that outreach and evangelism efforts become a vital part of an intentional system of discipleship. Following the morning lecture, Rev. Dotson will lead the day's chapel service and join with all attending for a free lunch.



Rev. Dotson will also lead a workshop on Wednesday, March 20 at the Franklin Christ UMC. Details are on the WPA United Methodist Church Conference website.



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 helps the hungry in our community. Food Pantry volunteers distribute food twice a month to over 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