

March 24, 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](http://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: A Win-Win Donation**

**Giving to the scouts to support Eagle Scout projects is also giving to the church.**

Boy Scout Alex Rodgers is speaking today to explain his Eagle Scout church improvements project. Last Sunday, we heard scout Chris Wolfe speak of his Eagle Scout project completing several repairs in the church. It is estimated that \$3,700 is needed to finish their projects. We are pleased to report that already \$300 has been donated towards this undertaking, in addition to \$501 donated toward the church's conference apportionment.

MLUMC is grateful for these early gifts, and encourages others to honor their vow of giving by donating next Sunday, during the March 31 special offering. At that time you will be asked to donate to the Eagle Scout projects and/or UMCOR.

*(More opportunities to give, continued on next page)*

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor [tstrandburg@mlumc.org](mailto:tstrandburg@mlumc.org)



## Vow of Giving

**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.

**We are pleased to announce that three families, to date, have indicated that they have remembered the church in their wills.**

### **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.

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### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

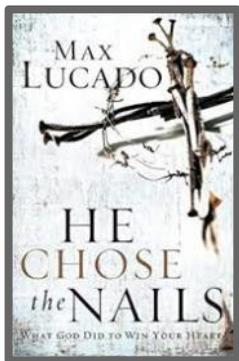
## NOISY OFFERING TODAY

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 today 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->

#### 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





# Come Celebrate! It's the UMW's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

On Sunday, April 7 after the 10:45 service, join the UMW in Asbury Center and help celebrate the UMW's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Enjoy cake, punch and a look back on 150 years of service to women,

## ORDER DEADLINE—NEXT SUNDAY

### 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.

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#### 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)

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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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mollyalice.michael@gmail.com)



**Contact Bonnie Lawson for more  
information and/or to donate:  
[bonnielawson58@comcast.net](mailto:bonnielawson58@comcast.net)**

## Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am

### Homebuilders—Wesley Hall

- 3/24 Elsa Zollars, Book Review: **The Book of Joy**
- 3/31 Seth Dubin, **SHIM**
- 4/7 Rev. Kimberly Greway
- 4/14 Julie Agar

### Network—Room 105

- 3/24 Joe Briley, **Fear God or Afraid of God**
- 3/31 Joe Briley, **Fear God or Afraid of God**
- 4/7 TBA
- 4/14 Network Brunch

### Kerygma—The Library

- 3/24 Rob Bellamy, **The Creation of the Canon**
- 3/31 Rob Bellamy, **The Creation of the Canon**
- 4/7 Rev. Don Cook, **Doing the Faith, the Epistle of James**
- 4/14 Rev. Don Cook, **Doing the Faith, the Epistle of James**

### Youth Group Schedule

- 3/24 Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Youth Sunday planning
- 3/31 Youth Group, 4:30-8 pm, chocolate covered pretzel making

## 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





**Monday, April 1**  
**6:30 pm Asbury Center**

All laity and clergy who feel called to prayer are invited to be part of a special Conference-wide prayer initiative which began in January and will continue until the 2019 Western PA annual conference session in June.

The prayer initiative, put forward by Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, will feature five nights of prayer per month, each night at a different location. The events are focused on gathering people together to pray for renewal and revitalization of the United Methodist Church in W PA.

### **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:

**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  
Scottdale, PA 15683

# HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Please remember to provide your contact information below.

- FOOD** - I would like to donate food (1 dozen egg salad sandwiches or 1 dozen peanut butter and jelly sandwiches – please drop off in marked refrigerator in Asbury Kitchen Friday, April 12).
- ADULT/TEEN VOLUNTEER** - I am interested in helping at the Easter Eggstravaganza (registration and greeting, set-up, clean-up, assisting with the stations). If you have a strong preference of what you want to do, please note that at the bottom of this form.  
**Volunteers please meet in Asbury Kitchen at 9:30 am.**
- DONATIONS OF HARD BOILED EGGS** - Donations of two dozen hard-boiled eggs for dyeing – please drop off in marked refrigerator in Asbury Kitchen Friday, April 12.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



Donations of small candy can be left outside  
Kim Rhoton's office by April 7