

June 9, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*When
the day of
Pentecost
had come,
they were
all together
in one place.*



Acts 2:1

Detail from MLUMC's sanctuary chancel window

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.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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Confirmation Class Creed: 2018—2019

For centuries, Christians have used creeds to express beliefs, truths and core doctrines. The beliefs we declare in creeds give us a foundation on which to build faith and practice. The Confirmands have written a Class Creed, a corporate proclamation of their Christian faith and belief. It is the culmination of their growth and learning this year.

We believe in God, who created the world and who loves us. God is with us all the time. God gave us intelligence. With the help of the Holy Spirit, God worked with us to write the scriptures. God gives us life after death.

We believe in Jesus, who is the Son of Man. Jesus was born of Mary. During his life, Jesus called the Disciples and helped people by healing. He took time to pray. Jesus came to save us. Jesus died under Pontius Pilate. He died to save us from our sins and then rose from the dead and is with God. Jesus loves us and watches over us. He will come again. We believe that Jesus's resurrection offers us the chance that we will be resurrected to live with God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is a part of the Trinity of God, Jesus, and Spirit. The Holy Spirit was sent to be a helper for us after Jesus left. The Holy Spirit is everywhere—seen and unseen, within and outside of us. Some people do not believe. But for those that believe, the Holy Spirit leads them and makes them stronger.

We believe in GRACE—God's LOVE for us. We believe God will always love us. We believe that before we know God that God sends prevenient GRACE—LOVE that is there even if we do not know it is there. When we accept and know that God loves us, then we believe we are justified through God's LOVE. We believe in GRACE that sanctifies us, as we work to share God's love within our world. GRACE is beauty and serenity. Heaven is full of GRACE.

We believe that all of us have sinned. Sin goes against God and is selfish. We believe that through God's grace, we are able to repent and be able to be forgiven of our sin. When we turn our lives around, we are forgiven. Just as all of us have sinned, we all can be forgiven.

We believe the Church is the house of God. Jesus established His Church through Peter, saying Peter would be the rock that would start the church. Church is a place for worship. Worship helps us become close to God and inspires us. In Church, we learn the Word of God. We pray as a group and work as a family. We are comforted in Church.

We believe in the Sacrament of Baptism. Anyone can be baptized, from the very young baby to adults. We believe through Baptism; the church commits to the person being baptized to help them grow in faith. Baptism brings people to a holy life and is a form of rebirth through the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Sacrament of Communion. Communion is a reminder of the Last Supper and of Jesus' death for us. We drink to remember Jesus shed his blood for us and eat to remember Jesus gave his body for us. Communion is a special time to be with God. It is a time for prayer and confession, as well as a time for commitment. We know that we are forgiven when we participate in Communion.

We believe in Discipleship—devoting our lives by following in the footsteps of Jesus. When we are Disciples, we are kind to others. We are giving and friendly. When we are Disciples, we are devoted to God and want to learn more about God. We learn through spending time reading the Bible, which is the Word and Truth of God. We, also, take time to pray and talk to God. When we are Disciples, we take time to worship God and participate with others. When we are Disciples, we want Justice for others. We want to learn and share about those things that are fair and right. We fight for others who need help.

We believe that through our Faith in God, our Belief in God, that we are to serve God through our prayers. We, also, serve God through our presence in church. We serve God with gifts that God has given us to use. We serve God with helping in the community and volunteering to help others. And, we serve God by our witness to be there for people and that by being there for others, we are spreading God's Word and Love.

We believe in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is in Heaven; but it is also where ever God is. God created all things and is in all things within our world. We are called to spread the Love of God and to share the Love in our hearts so we help to grow the Kingdom of God here on earth.



Faith for Today
Summer Speaker Series
9:30 -10:30 am Sundays
Asbury Ctr. June 9 -Aug. 25

TODAY Barrels to Beethoven



Family Friendly
 This experience is part performance, part informational presentation,

and includes plenty of time for all ages to try playing the steel drum. Come learn about the unique culture, history, and people in Pittsburgh's steel drum community.

June 16 Rev. Jim Gilchrist

Why Pray? A native of the area, Jim has a



BA in philosophy and a Master of Divinity from Yale, a Master of Public and International Affairs from Pitt, and a PhD in history and policy from CMU. He has served as pastor in local churches,

including Christ UMC and Westminster Presbyterian. Jim was the exec. director of The Wesley Institute and director of operations for national educational projects in the 1980s and 90s. He teaches part-time at CMU and Pittsburgh Seminary.

June 23 Sara Mercer, Dick DiBella & Jenna Keeling

The Gift of Organ Transplants

June 30 Spencer Radnich

"Be Smart," a Gun Safety Program to Protect Children

**June UMW Meeting
 Operation Safety Net**



On **Tuesday, June 11** at 6 p.m., you're invited to join UMW members for their annual salad supper.

The speaker will be the director of Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net, the innovative, award-winning medical and social service outreach program for persons who are experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County.

Bring a salad to share; we'll provide drinks and dessert. Please also consider bringing a donation for Operation Safety Net's clients, including new socks, for men and women; bottled water and/or sample/travel-size bottles of sunscreen.

Women of all ages are welcome — and encouraged — to attend.

ATTENTION! Next Sunday, **June 16, the 10:45** **Worship Service will move to air-conditioned Asbury Center for the summer.**



Youth Mission Prayer Partners Needed

The youth mission team is in need of individuals willing to lift team members up in prayer as we prepare for and participate in the mission trip this year. The dates of the mission trip are July 7th - 13th. To sign up as a prayer partner, please contact Stephanie Lowe at youth@mlumc.org or 412-584-5446.

MLUMC Youth Group June Schedule

June 9 4-6:30 pm – Tool Training at
Lowe’s House

June 16 5-7pm – Bring your father to SHIM
for Gardening – Location TBD

Tool Training Info

Address: 2360 Hidden Timber Dr,
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

**MANDATORY FOR ALL MISSION
TRIP PARTICIPANTS**



Prayer For the Graduate

As your classes and grading are now complete, may you strive toward excellence in all you do.

As the speeches conclude, may your voices rise up to pronounce justice and peace in the world.

As the fanfares cease, may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places.

As the applause quiets, may you celebrate and lift up those around you.

As you graduate, may your achievements grow and cause growth in your communities.

And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things.

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The congregation has received a death announcement /thank you note from Rev. Lutz Brückner and his family, beloved members of our German Zwickau church partners:



Ich aber, HERR, hoffe auf dich und spreche: Du bist mein Gott! Meine Zeit steht in deinen Händen.

Martina Brückner
geb. Schneider

geboren 17.07.1967 verstorben 07.04.2019

D a n k e
sagen wir all denen, die Martina in ihrem Leben Liebe, Zuneigung und Freundschaft schenkten, die mit ihr gelacht und geweint haben, die ihr und uns als Familie beistanden in den Zeiten der Krankheit, die für und mit uns gebetet haben, die mit uns Abschied nahmen, die sich in unserer Trauer mit uns verbunden fühlen und die ihre liebevolle Anteilnahme auf so vielfältige Weise zum Ausdruck brachten. Es tut gut, so viele mitfühlende Menschen an seiner Seite zu wissen.

Im Namen aller Angehörigen Lutz Brückner

Zwickau, im Mai 2019

*I, however, LORD, place my hope in you and say:
You are my God! My time is in your hands.*

*Martina Brückner,
maiden name Schneider
Born July 17, 1967 Died April 7, 2019*

*Thank you
we say to all those, who gave Martina love, affection, and friendship in her life, who have laughed and cried with her, who stood as a family by her and us in her times of sickness, who have prayed for and with us, who bade farewell with us, who feel connected with us in our sorrow, and who expressed their loving condolences in a wide variety of ways. It feels good to know there are so many sympathetic people at one's side.*

*In the Name of all the Family
Zwickau, May 2019*

Lutz Brückner

Do No Harm

**Meeting Tonight: Sunday, June 9, 7-8:30 pm
The Welcome Center**

Attend a group meeting for those who have concerns regarding the General Conference's recent decision on marriage and ordination for LGLBTQ people in the UM Church.

If you have questions, would like to contribute to the conversation, or just desire to listen, consider attending a meeting. Your opinion and presence are important. The door is open. Come with your open heart and open mind.

For more information, contact Monica Kao mkao@mlumc.org 412-531-7131

Church Email List

Sign up to receive church communications by email. You can receive announcements and special emailings such as advisories of deaths in the congregation and closures due to inclement weather. You can also opt in to receive a PDF of our quarterly newsletter, *The Window*. Just drop the form below into the collection basket or contact the office: 412-531-7131 or churchsecretary@mlumc.org.

Opt In or Out of Electronic Mailings:

Name _____ Email Address _____

I would like to receive by email (check all that apply)

- The Window* as a PDF once a quarter
- Special emailings (deaths, closures, major church events)
- Announcements

I would NO LONGER like to receive the mailed paper version of *The Window*



COMMUNITY BBQ BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, June 29
4-7 pm Asbury Center

Free & Open to the Community

It's time to celebrate summer with church members, friends & neighbors at MLUMC's community BBQ block party. Join in outdoor games in the parking lot, then have dinner - fried chicken, hot dogs, fries, cole slaw, desserts & much more.

**FREE & FREE WILL OFFERING
DONATIONS BENEFIT THE FOOD PANTRY**

Food Pantry Donation Program for June

**Please
donate
children's
snack items
(non-perishables)**



**Drop-off box near
entrance to Food Pantry**

Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry has 68 families, that's over 165 people receiving 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 children's healthy snack items which can be placed on the shelves inside the food pantry entry door or in a drop-off box near the entry.

Do you have spare time to help the Food Pantry? The Pantry needs volunteers to distribute and deliver food to the families. Contact Liz DiPietro for more information: 412-279-4592.