

July 7, 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. During the summer, the **10:45 am** service is in our air-conditioned Asbury Center. 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](http://www.mlumc.org) or 412-531-7131.**



## Faith for Today 9:30-10:30 am Sundays Asbury Center

**Today: Karen Williams** *Working*



*with Refugees*

Karen Williams is a local published author and life-long volunteer in places such as Malawi and Haiti. Ms. Williams lived and worked with people who

would later become the inspiration for her books. This family friendly presentation will feature her experiences working with refugees in Pittsburgh and abroad.

**Help for Pittsburgh Area Refugees**

Donate goods for our area refugee population. Items brought to the church will be collected and delivered to SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement) which partners with a local organization to help refugee families. <https://isacpittsburgh.org/>

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**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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**Faith for Today**  
**Summer Speaker Series**  
**9:30 -10:30 am Sundays**  
**Asbury Center**

*(Pittsburgh Area Refugees continued)*

SHIM provides the following list of suggested donations.

- Dried beans (kidney beans, chickpeas, black beans, etc.)
- Lentils
- Rice
- Flour
- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Spices & seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic, ginger, chili powder, turmeric, etc.)
- Diapers

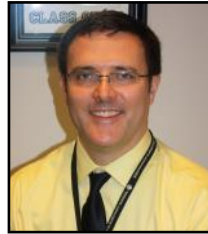
This list can also be found on the SHIM website: : <https://shimcares.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/SHIM-refugee-items-10.8.18.pdf>.

**July 14 Make a Joyful Noise**

*Hymn Sing* Join us for a unique program highlighting the great hymns of the church. Various church members and friends, including harpist Julia Scott, will sing and perform favorite hymns and share hymn histories.



**July 21 Christopher D. George**  
*The 123<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers—Born in the Basement of a Church*



Christopher D. George, teacher, author and avid genealogist, shares how he discovered the unique story of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania

Volunteers while delving into the genealogy of his own family. This Civil War regiment, comprised almost entirely of young men from Allegheny County, was led into battle by a Presbyterian minister during some of the darkest days for the North. Mr. George will bring the story of these “Christian soldiers” to life by sharing the journals they kept.

**Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program**

**JULY**

**Please donate paper products**



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

## Get Ready to ROAR!



Children ages 4 years through fifth grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School this summer from July 29 to August 2, where they will deepen their friendship with a mighty, loving, and good God who empowers them to boldly face life's challenges.

Register by filling out a form available at the church, or online at [MLUMC.org](http://MLUMC.org).

Adult and teen volunteers are vital to the success of VBS! Please contact Kim Rhoton to sign up – [krhoton@mlumc.org](mailto:krhoton@mlumc.org).

## Help Wanted: Volunteer Church Night Monitors

MLUMC is in need of a few volunteers to stay overnight in the church to monitor the smoke/fire alarm system, due to a lightening strike that disabled the fire alarm system a few weeks ago. The system notified the Dormont Fire Department anytime the church had a smoke related alarm. As a temporary solution until the system is replaced, 16 smoke alarms have been placed around the church. However, the smoke alarms do not notify the fire department any time an alarm is triggered, and so the church is required to have someone in the property at night to check on the smoke alarms.

A makeshift bedroom for volunteers has been set up in room 105, the Network classroom. It is equipped with a mattress, reading chair, light, alarm clock and WIFI. A volunteer would need to sleep there overnight and walk around to monitor the smoke alarms once in the evening and once in the morning. The volunteer should arrive at the church between 9-11 pm and stay until 5:30-7:30 am.

To sign up for one or more nights or for more information, contact Michelle in the office, 412-531-7131. The church may need the help until possibly the end of July. Any volunteer time will be greatly appreciated.



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A DISCUSSION ON SUICIDE AMONG LGBTQ YOUTH

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 7 PM ASBURY CENTER

Over 18% of LGBTQ people ages 13 to 24, and 29% of transgender and people who do not identify as masculine or feminine young people attempted suicide in the past 12 months. That's according to a report released June 2019 by The Trevor Project, a suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ youth. You are invited to a discussion on this mental health crisis to be held Sunday evening, July 21 at 7 PM.

The keynote speaker for **A Discussion on Suicide Among LGBTQ Youth** is the president of PFLAG Pittsburgh, Mitchell Hortert. PFLAG is a non-profit organization that provides support, education and advocacy to families, friends, allies and members of the LGBTQ community. Mitchell R. Hortert, MSW, is a community leader, advocate, and educator. He has held trainings and speaking engagements on topics that range from working with families with children who identify as LGBTQ to child welfare, across Pennsylvania and nationwide.

Before the presentation, desserts will be served, donated and/or prepared by members of MLUMC's **Do No Harm**. The suggested price for this event is a donation of \$10, with all proceeds benefiting an LGBTQ youth suicide prevention program. Reservations are recommended - please call the church office at 412-531-7131.

*A Discussion on Suicide Among LGBTQ Youth is the first of a 3-part series on suicide hosted by the Community Events and Outreach Committee.*

## *Do No Harm*

Meeting Tonight: Sunday, July 7 7 - 8:30 pm The Welcome Center

Do No Harm is a group that believes in social justice, in actively applying the Golden Rule to all. Church members are invited to attend this discussion group that grew out of concern and opposition to the denomination's LGBTQ ban.

This Sunday's agenda includes the updating of recent developments within the UM Church. Articles and information on this subject are most welcome. Conversation on social justice will also continue.

For more information, contact Monica Kao: [mkao@mlumc.org](mailto:mkao@mlumc.org) 412-531-7131.