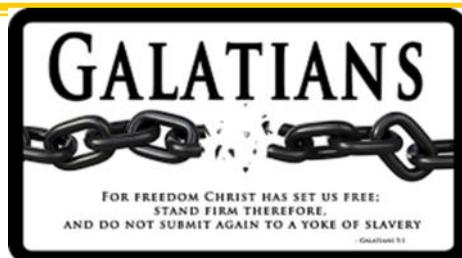


September 1, 2019

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 or 412-531-7131.

**TODAY: Special Combined Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 - 10:30 am in Asbury Center**

Called By God -- Gifted to Serve

Hasn't it been a wonderful 65th anniversary season for Faith for Today? Let's keep the momentum rolling right into the fall! A special combined adult Sunday School class is offered today, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in Asbury Center. The theme will be "Called By God - Gifted to Serve." Pastor Tom will lead the class in a study of the gifts of the Spirit, as described in 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12. We'll consider how each gift is intended by God for the building up of the Church, the Body of Christ. Join us for this challenging and informative hour.

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
10:45 WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY RESUMES**

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Join the UMW for the September 10th Dinner Meeting

On Tuesday, September 10 at 6 pm in Asbury Center, you're invited to join the United Methodist Women as we gather to share a salad supper, kick off our new year and learn more about the UMW Legacy Fund. Our keynote speaker will be Diane Miller.

In 2014, the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign set a goal to raise \$60 million dollars.



The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign

The campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme, *Together, we are building our legacy*, celebrating the **legacy** of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the **legacy** that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their **legacy** to carry the mission of *faith, hope, love in action* forward in the world for years to come.

Please bring a salad to share. We'll provide drinks and dessert.



It's Scout Popcorn Time!

Troop 23 will have Popcorn for sale after both services on September 22. Popcorn is the biggest fundraiser for the Scouts and helps send our Scouts to Summer Camp. Popcorn fans will find the Scouts selling all their favorites, including microwave popcorn in Butter Light, Kettle Corn, and Unbelievable Butter flavors, as well as signature snacks like Classic Caramel Corn and Cheddar Cheese. The Scouts are looking forward to helping us pick out a tasty treat!

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

Drop-off box near entrance to Food Pantry



Non-perishables only



A DISCUSSION ON SUICIDE AMONG MILITARY VETERANS

A Program to Better Understand and Help our Veterans

On Sunday, September 22nd, the Community Events and Outreach Committee will be hosting the 2nd of a 3 program series dealing with suicide awareness and prevention for “At Risk” groups. This program will be *A Discussion on Suicide Among Military Veterans*.

The program will be held in Asbury Center, and will begin at 7 pm. The program will be preceded by social time with beverages and light desserts.

Our speaker for the program will be Colonel Thomas Stokes. Colonel Stokes is a decorated veteran who served in Afghanistan earlier this decade. Colonel Stokes is the founder and CEO of a locally based, non-profit organization called Operation Strong Mind that focuses on the mental health challenges veterans face and how to overcome them. Colonel Stokes’ personal experience as a veteran will provide a unique perspective relative to his efforts to assist other veterans.

The 1st program in the series, held on July 21st, focused on LGBTQA Youth and drew a good crowd. Hopefully, the opportunity to learn about the mental health struggles veterans face and how we as civilians can help will draw a similar crowd. Please mark Sunday, September 22 on your calendars. We hope to see you at 7 pm that evening in Asbury Center for this very important program, *A Discussion on Suicide Among Military Veterans*.

Sunday, September 22 7 PM Asbury Center

*The final program in the series will be **A Discussion of Suicide Among those Dealing with Depression**. It will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 7 pm in Asbury Center.*

YOUTH FALL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 5-6:30

KICK OFF

All youth grades 6 thru 12 are invited to the Fall Youth Kick-off on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 5 until 6:30 pm. There will be food, games and a short devotion. As always, friends are welcome.

Sun., Sept. 15 -Planning meeting 5-6:30 pm

Sun., Sept. 22 -Parents' meeting 5-6:30 pm

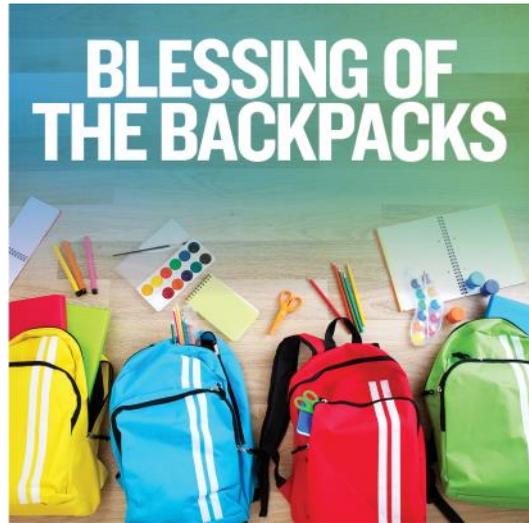
September 15

Sunday School Resumes

9:30—10:30 am Blessing of the backpacks @ both services

Sunday School will officially kick off on September 15. Parents and children may go directly to their classrooms on the 4th floor, and parents are asked to fill out a registration form with contact information.

Don't forget there are lots of adult Sunday School opportunities as well! Please visit one of the adult classes or the Coffee Café located in Brookline Parlor. Contact Kim Rhoton with questions: krhoton@mlumc.org



Also on September 15, we will have a special backpack blessing at both services. Children and adults are invited to bring school or work bags, or backpacks for an orphan you

Confirmation Class Forming

A new confirmation class is forming for the 2019-2020 school year. This class is open to any student in 8th grade or older who has not already participated in confirmation. The class meets Sunday mornings during Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) on the 4th floor of the education building, and participates in several field trips and retreats throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining the confirmation class is asked to contact Kim Rhoton krhoton@mlumc.org.

It's Back to School Time !



Help Hearts & Hands collect school supplies and treats for our church Food Pantry! Any type of school supply – crayons, pencils, scissors, notebooks, pens, etc. or individually wrapped lunchbox items will be accepted. Donation boxes are located across from the church office and the first floor of the Education building and will be available through the month of September for your donations! Thanks for helping children go back to school with supplies and treats!

Back-to-School Blessing

Bless my paper and my pen.
Guide my spirit deep within.
Help me think and help me play,
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
Keep my tongue to speak your words.
Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,
May God's excellence be shown!
Keep me strong to reach the prize,
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,
May I hold God's precepts dear.
To do my best at every task;
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part
As I lift my mind and heart.
As I study, work, and pray,
Be with them throughout the day.



Of whom much is given, much is required.
May learning be your greatest desire!

Blessing by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

Albright Society Meeting Friday, Sept. 6

Recently, our church established the Albright Society to recognize members who have made contributions to our endowments and/or have remembered Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church in their wills. The first meeting of the Albright Society will take place this Friday, September 6 in Wesley Hall. A social hour will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 6:30. A short program outlining ways our endowments have enhanced our church's ministries will follow the dinner. In addition, any questions about legacy giving will be answered by Sara Mercer, who has legal expertise in this area.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Albright Society, you are cordially invited to attend this dinner meeting. Please RSVP the church office.

The Albright Society

The following people have generously remembered the church in their wills and/or have made contributions to the endowment fund. Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church thanks them for their generosity and love for the church.

Pat and Betty Lou Albright

Arthur and Marian Belton

Brookline UM Church

JoAnn Conner

Cleon and Vera Jane Cornes

John and Ruth Ann Esaias

Mary K. Gibson

William and Grace Gullborg

Harold and Micki Heard

Newton and Mary Lou Heston

Ella B. Ion

Oscar and Annie Larson

William and Kathryn Karns

Sara Mercer

Scott and Natalie Miller

Josephine Newman

Spencer and Gayle Radnich

Edward and Bette Lou Reichard

Lee Rumberger

Bradley, Laura, Emily and

Evan Shoff

Elmer and Frances Shumaker

Andrew and Jane Smith

Elizabeth Stevenson

John and Mary Taylor

Chuck and Brenda Vogel

Kay Wasser Family

Irene Wickline

Dwight and Ellen Worthy

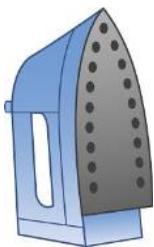
Rotary Chicken BBQ Benefits TNC

Saturday Sept. 21 11 am - 7 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church

The annual Rotary Chicken BBQ dinner is on September 21 from 11 am to 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper Saint Clair. This annual dinner gives all proceeds to non-profit organizations, including TNC. The money that TNC raises through the dinner is used for "O-Level" exams, the graduation exams high school students must pass before receiving a diploma or going on to higher education. Fees for these exams are not included in the school fees paid by orphan sponsors, and total about \$100 per student.

The Rotary gives a bonus to the non-profit that sells the most advance tickets. For the last 4 years, TNC has won the bonus, earning a total of about \$5,000 each year. Help us reach this goal again by contacting Kim Rhoton at krhoton@mlumc.org for advance tickets to be credited to TNC. The \$12 ticket includes a ½ BBQ chicken, sides, dessert, and a drink. Eat your meal at Westminster, or use the drive-thru! You can also donate the cost of a ticket to a family served by the SHIM food pantry.

Irons from the Women of Steel City



The Nyadire Connection (TNC), a faith-based non-profit, is seeking donations of used irons to press clothes, as well as sewing machines, fabric, and notions for a girls' sewing program at the United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe. If you are cleaning closets and have items to spare, or if you would like to make a donation toward the program, please contact Bonnie Lawson at bonnielawson58@comcast.net. Each \$500 raised will start a school program that teaches girls to make their own uniforms, clothing, and reusable sanitary pads so that girls can avoid missing school.

New Worship – A Proposed Worship Service



It was a modern worship. Those attending the 8:30 service in Sanner Chapel on August 18 sang hymns in a contemporary style, different from the church's more traditional music . The hymns were lead by singer and keyboardist B.J. Collins, and included Michelle Duralia on vocals and church member Keith Moorhouse on drums. The service previewed the style of music proposed for a new MLUMC worship service in the planning stages.

The planned new modern service is not meant to be a detraction from the church's traditional service at 10:45, but is proposed to be an alternative experience, a non-traditional worship choice. The launch date and the time slot for the weekly service are not yet selected. You can help with the selection of the time slot by filling out the survey below.

Proposed Worship Service Opinion Survey

The church welcomes the congregation's opinions of a proposed modern service and its time slot. Complete the brief opinion survey and return it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Your opinion is important to the church.

What time do you prefer for the proposed new service?

- 8:30—9:30 am, in Sanner Chapel, in place of the existing 8:30 traditional service
- 9:30—10:30 am, in Asbury Center, running concurrently with children's and adult Sunday school

Do you have other concerns about the proposed new worship service, its time and/or location?
