September 22, 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. 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.



BEGINS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6 pm - Dinner in Asbury Center 6:30 pm - Activity for all ages: Children's Choir, Youth Discussion Groups, Adult Study and Discussion

Church family and community members of all ages are invited to Terrific Tuesday, from 6 to 7:30 pm on Tuesdays in Asbury Center. Participants share dinner, then children and youth depart for activities while adults engage in discussion. There's no cost, though freewill donations are accepted.

This Terrific Tuesday session continues through December 10, with no Terrific Tuesday on Election Day Nov. 6, or Nov. 26 during Thanksgiving week.

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Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS 3319 W. Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15216 412-531-7131 mlumc.org Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org

(Terrific Tues continued)

Pastor Tom to lead Terrific Tuesday DVD and book discussion



The Gospel in Life: Grace Changes

Join Pastor Tom in this Terrific Tuesday eight-week video based study of the gospel. Author and pastor Tim Keller discusses on video how to live out the gospel in everyday life.

Network Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 am Room 105

Network has a new facilitator, Brad Shoff. The class is studying the book, "Effective Parenting in a Defective World," by Chip Ingram, on how to raise children who stand out from the crowd.

Mixers Adult Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 am Balcony Classroom

- 9/22 Sue Wesmiller, "Geonomics for the Community"
- 9/29 Sue Wesmiller, "The Ethics of Gene Editing"
- 10/6 Francie Robb, "When We Have Disagreed," Pt. 1
- 10/13 Francie Robb, "When We Have Disagreed," Pt. 2
- 10/20 Combined Sunday school class "The Roots of Faith," A storefront Methodist church in Sharpsburg

Kerygma Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30 am the Library

- 9/22 Clark Remington, "Paul & the Crises in his Churches"
- 9/29 Kerygma retreat at Oglebay
- 10/6 Pastor Tom, "The Least of These, Jesus' Teaching on Social Justice ," Pt. 1
- 10/13 Pastor Tom, "The Least of These, Jesus' Teaching on Social Justice ," Pt. 2
- 10/20 Combined class with Mixers , Rev. Phipps, "The Roots of Faith"

TODAY! Coffee Café is now open for business.

The Café meets in the Brookline Parlor, adjacent to the Narthex and the Scott Road entrance at 9:30 am every Sunday. Stop in for tasty treats, friendly conversation and great hospitality.



Youth Group Events

- 9/22 5-6:30 pm Parents' Meeting, Welcome Center; Youth Fun Night, Wesley
- 9/29 5-6:30 pm Service Project

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. For more info, contact Kim Rhoton <u>krhoton@mlumc.org</u>.



TODAY—Scout Popcorn !

Troop 23 is selling popcorn after both services today. 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.

Popcorn is the biggest fundraiser for the Scouts and helps send our Scouts to Summer Camp.

Blessing of the Animals Service October 5, 2020 10 am Church Place Park*

St Francis of Assisi was a lover of all God's creatures, and in remembrance of him churches often have a special service called The Blessing of the Animals near his feast day in early October. Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church invites you to participate in such a service with your leashed or crated pet. Those from all faith traditions are welcome. Please bring a blanket or folding chair for seating on the grass.



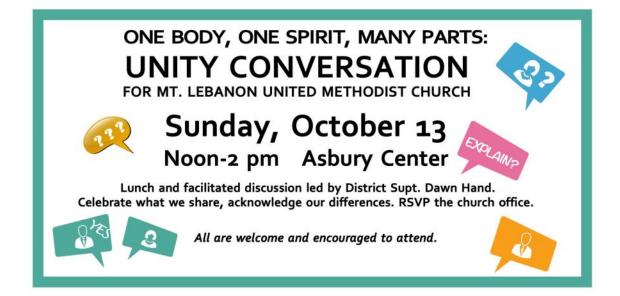
*Church Place Park is located on Church Place behind Laughlin's Funeral Home. Please park in MLUMC's lot (3319 West Liberty Ave.) across from the funeral home. Cross West Liberty and access the park from Laughlin's parking lot.

Coming Soon New Format for 8:30 Sunday Worship

For many years, our church has offered two Sunday morning worship celebrations, each in a traditional format, comprised of liturgy, hymns, and choral music with piano and organ accompaniment. Our Church Council has often wondered how we might reach out to persons whose musical tastes and preferences vary from that norm. After years of discussion, and after hearing the responses of our own people through a survey last month, our Church Council has approved the launch of a new-format worship service, to be held at 8:30 a.m. in Sanner Chapel. This new service will be less liturgical and more musical. It will seek to proclaim the Gospel in new ways, involving multimedia, drama and music led by a team of musicians and vocalists. Although the precise launch date has not yet been set, it will be announced soon.



Please pray for our launch team, as plans are finalized for this service.





Caregivers Needed!

Do you like to rock babies, read stories to preschoolers, or make crafts with school age children? If so, you are needed on Sunday mornings! Volunteer as a substitute teacher 9:30-10:30, or as a nursery, pre-school, or Kids Praise helper during the 10:45

service. Your commitment is once per month or less, and no special skills are required. Please contact Kim Rhoton to volunteer or with questions – <u>krhoton@mlumc.org</u>.

Become An Acolyte

Acolytes provide a wonderful ministry to MLUMC by lighting candles, helping with baptisms and Holy Communion , and generally assisting the pastors as needed during the service. Any 5th through 12th grader interested in training to become an acolyte, please leave your name at the office or contact Kim Rhoton, <u>krhoton@mlumc.org</u>.



Zwickau Partners Visit October 13-22

Extend a Welcoming Hand!

Thirteen members of our Zwickau partner church will be here October 13 – 22. The Zwickau committee has planned several events that can involve YOU! Sign-up tables in the narthex will have the following activities:

Tour of Heinz Field (\$10 adults, \$7 seniors) Tuesday, October 15, 2:00

Pittsburgh tour with Hop-On Hop-Off bus (\$35.) Friday, October 18, 9:00

K.O. football game Fri., Oct. 18, 6:45 at stadium

Tour of Oliver Miller Homestead at South Park (\$2) Sunday, October 20, 2:30

All-church picnic at South Park Sunday, October 20, 3:00

Work visits and social calls to MLUMC members Monday, October 21, 1:00

Other non-sign-up events to get to know the Germans include Terrific Tuesdays (Oct. 15) and the community Harvest festival/ Oktoberfest (Oct.19).

Questions? Contact Deanna Baird (<u>fraubaird@aol.com</u>) or committee

members Kathleen Amant, Lori Barr, Berni Bowes, Mary Garber, Stephanie Lowe, Mike and Mary Paine, Kim and Eric Palmer, and Tom and Kathy Strandburg.

Care Packages for Partnership Experience

During the Zwickau partnership visit we will be visiting the New Hope church on the North Side with the Germans to prepare and serve lunch. During the visit we will also be delivering 100 care packages that we and the Germans will have prepared here for the homeless population. Please consider donating the following items for our care packages:

1. Nail clippers, small

2. Socks, preferably thermal, men's size 9 - 11

3. Lip balm

 Monetary donations made out to MLUMC. Please write
"Zwickau" on the lower left of your check.

Donation boxes marked "North Side" are located in the Education Wing and the Main office. Questions? Contact Lori Barr or Deanna Baird (<u>fraubaird@aol.com</u>). Many thanks from the Zwickau Committee! Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program September Give Pasta & Sauce

Drop-off box near entrance to Food Pantry



Nonperishables only



Plastic Bags Needed The food pantry is in need of plastic bags, like those from Giant Eagle or Walmart. The Pantry places groceries for families into brown

paper bags, then into plastic bags for easy carrying.

"A TASTE TO SERVE" Third Street Gallery, Carnegie PA 220 Third Street, Carnegie, PA

Thursday, October 17 6-9 p.m.

An evening of fun, food, drinks, jazz music and gallery tour \$50 per person to benefit:

Family Promise of Southwestern Pennsylvania RSVP via email to <u>info@familypromiseswpa.org</u> to reserve your tickets & for more info on the Family Promise event



A Program to Better Understand and Help our Veterans

Tonight, Sunday September 22nd, the Community Events and Outreach Committee will host 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 in Asbury Center, and will begin at 7 pm, preceded by social time with beverages and light desserts.

Our speaker for the program is 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.

We hope to see you TONIGHT at 7 pm in Asbury Center for this very important program, *A Discussion on Suicide Among Military Veterans*.



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.