

September 29, 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.

Happy 90th Birthday Dr. Watson!



Wish Dr. Watson a Happy Birthday & have a piece of cake -

reception in Asbury Center following the 10:45 service

**This
Saturday**

Blessing of the Animals Service
October 5, 2019 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.*

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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October 10 UMW meeting: Learn more about the good work of the Ruth M. Smith Center



Ruth M. Smith Center in Sheffield, PA

Join the United Methodist Women on **Thursday morning, Oct. 10 at 11 am in Wesley Hall** as we learn about the Ruth M. Smith Center in Sheffield, Pa.

A National Mission Institute of the UMW National Organization, the center ministers to the social, educational, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of dependent children, youth, adults and families regardless of race, religion or national origin.

The center's good works include a personal care home, a licensed daycare and preschool, a food pantry and other outreach programs.

Our speaker will be Ed Kennedy, a retired banker and Ruth M. Smith's finance committee chairperson.

Lunch will be served after Ed finishes his presentation.

Consider donating an item for the center's wish list:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene products
- Mouthwash
- Crayons (large, toddler size)
- Play-doh or modeling clay
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Ziploc bags (all sizes)
- Deodorant (men's and women's)

Mixers Adult Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 am Balcony Classroom

- 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

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.

Kerygma Adult Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 am the Library

- 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"

Shop 'n Save S.E.E.D. Program: Bringing Educational Assemblies To Weekday Ministries

Do you have a Shop 'n Save Perks card? If you link it to the store's Students Extra Educational Development (S.E.E.D.) program, you help bring a free in-school assembly program to Weekday Ministries. The programs are from Carnegie Science Center and Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.

Even if you signed up before, you must sign up again to earn points. Visit shopnsavefood.com and log into your Perks card account. Search for Weekday Ministries (ID#129) and sign up.

Thank you for your participation.

Youth Group Events

- 9/29 5-6:30 pm
Church Service
Project
10/6 5-6:30 pm
Study of
Disciples
10/13 5-6:30 pm Outreach Prep
10/19 4-7 pm Community Fall Festival
2 shifts: 4-5:30 pm, 5:30-7 pm
10/20 2:30-6 pm Church wide picnic
and tour of Oliver Miller
Homestead
10/27 12-6 pm, hiking at Raccoon State
Park



Calling All Teen Girls!

All girls in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend the first *DIA, Dames in Action*, meeting of the school year on October 6 in the Welcome Center after the 10:45 service. Parents are also encouraged to attend. We will be discussing fall events such as an Election Day bake sale on November 5 and the UMW Vendor Fair on December 14. We will provide a light lunch, so please RSVP to Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org) or Deb Herbster (debherbster@gmail.com).

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 – krhoton@mlumc.org.

Volunteer for Family Promise

MLUMC will be hosting Family Promise from October 20 through October 27. Family Promise, our church's ministry to help temporarily homeless families is dependent on volunteer help. Providing dinner for our guests, evening hosts (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm), and overnight hosts are among the ways to help with this important ministry. Please consider joining us in any way you can. It is such an important mission to those in need in our community, and the rewards are great for all those involved. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mike Naragon at 412-563-1499 or Kathy Tremblay, 412-302-2812.

*"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

info@familypromiseswpa.org

to reserve your tickets & for more
info on the Family Promise event

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.



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

**ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, MANY PARTS:
UNITY CONVERSATION**
FOR MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, October 13
Noon-2 pm Asbury Center



Lunch and facilitated discussion led by District Supt. Dawn Hand.
Celebrate what we share, acknowledge our differences. RSVP the church office.



All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Mark your calendar to attend MLUMC's first Unity Lunch. It will be on Sunday October 13th, immediately following the 10:45 service. A free-will basket will be provided.

As you may know, our denomination faces challenges and we as a congregation may be called to participate in MLUMC's path within our Conference. This luncheon is intended to strengthen trust in each other and enhance the Christian love we experience through facilitated conversation, led by UMC Pittsburgh District Superintendent Dawn Hand.

1 Corinthians 12, One Body, One Spirit, Many Parts will inspire us. A brief review of the UMC General Conference decision from February 2019 will be made, with "Tables of 8" discussions of this and what your hopes and concerns are for MLUMC to follow.

Call Michelle at the church office (412/531-7131) to reserve your lunch and to let her know of any food allergies you may have. Child care is being provided, just let us know how many kids will be staying. Our intent is to wrap up between 1:30 and 2pm. ALL are invited and hoped to attend.

The Community Events and Outreach Committee's

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 4 -7 pm

Asbury Center, Wesley Hall & the Upper Parking Lot
Bounce House Free Food Kid & Adult Games & Activities

You're invited to a festival—with bratwurst & sauerkraut prepared by visitors from our Zwickau, Germany partner church; also fried chicken, hamburgers, sides, beverages & desserts – ALL FREE– DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED. Food Lift Free Market available for those in need.

Enjoy a photo booth, pumpkin painting, games, bounce house, music & more. Come celebrate with your neighbors, community, church members and our brothers and sisters from Germany.

Saturday, October 19 4-7 pm Free & open to the community.
Donations Benefit the Church Food Pantry

*For more information on the Fall Festival or the
Community Events and Outreach Committee,
contact Rob Spicher at Robert.spicher@pnc.com
or 412-720-4589.*



FALL RUMMAGE SALE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2



IT'S TIME! Late September and October is when MLUMC prepares for our November Rummage Sale. It begins with you— bring your items to the alcove of Asbury Center. We have some guidelines to help you select items for the sale.

- All types of Christmas items are welcome
- Furniture
- Jewelry
- Collectables
- Housewares
- All types of Children's items
- Electronics in working order (no computers or older TVs)
- Clothing
- Books, Tapes and CDs

Please do not bring dirty or damaged item; our sale is popular because we sell only nice, clean items. Buyers know they'll be purchasing quality items.

Remember we have drivers who will come by your home to pick up larger items. Just call the church office; Michelle will make contacts to arrange for pickups. A driver will then contact you to determine the best time for the pickup.

The Rummage Sale is the single largest source of funding for the mission efforts of MLUMC. Historically, we've supported partners in Eastern Europe, Africa, Haiti, the Appalachians and here in southwestern PA.

