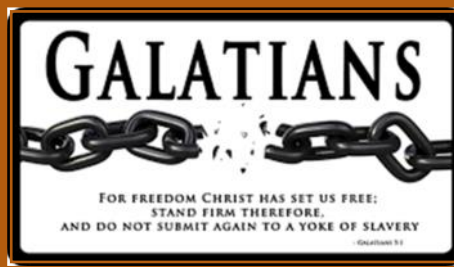


September 8, 2019

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.



TODAY—10:45 Worship in the Sanctuary Resumes



YOUTH FALL

TODAY! TODAY! TODAY!

KICK OFF

All youth grades 6 thru 12 are invited to the Fall Youth Kick-off TODAY 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

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Honor to be Conferred upon Bishop Bashore



Our church has been informed of a wonderful honor that will soon be conferred upon our own Bishop George W. Bashore. George is soon to receive the Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary, one of our 13 United Methodist seminaries, located in Dayton, OH. We are planning for the service of conferral to be held in our sanctuary on Friday, September 20, at 10 a.m. The service will be open to the public. All of these plans are of course contingent upon George's ability to travel on that day.

Please continue to pray for George & Carolyn. Greetings may be sent to their home at 712 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.



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.

Do No Harm

**Meeting Tonight: Sunday, Sept. 8
7:45 - 8:15 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 food support for the upcoming Unity Lunch and discussion of strategic planning and Reconciling Ministries.

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

Church Council Meeting

**Monday, September 9
7 pm Wesley Hall**

Find out what's happening at the church. Discussion will be on the church's emphasis for the 2019-2020 year.

ALL ARE INVITED

Food Pantry Donations

It's back-to-school and a busy time of the year. In the midst of meetings, classes, kid's activities and sports, let's not forget our food pantry families.

This month's request is that you donate pasta and a jar or can of sauce. The cans and packages can be placed on the shelves right inside the food pantry entry door or in a drop-off box near the entry. Help the pantry keep the shelves stocked during these very challenging times for our food pantry members. .

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

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



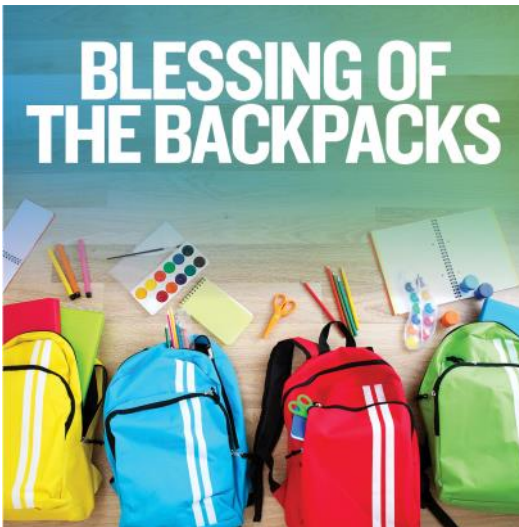
**Non-
perishables
only**

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



Al-so 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



**School
Supply
Drive**

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!



**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.

terrific TUESDAY

Begins September 24

6 pm - Dinner in Asbury Center

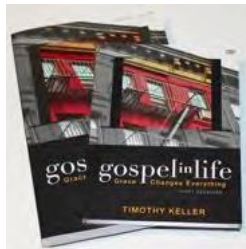
6:30 pm - Activity for all ages:

**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. There will be no Terrific Tuesday on Election Day, November 5th, or November 26th during Thanksgiving week

**Pastor Tom to lead Terrific Tuesday
DVD and book discussion**



**The Gospel in Life:
Grace Changes
Everything**

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.



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!

Zwickau Partners Visit October 13—22

Let's Do What We Do Best: Extend a Welcoming Hand!

Thirteen members of our Zwickau partner church will be here October 13 – 22. Have you met any of our partners yet? Well, our Zwickau committee has planned several events that can involve YOU! Starting next week 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).

Come and get involved as we all “widen our mission eyes!”

Questions? Contact Deanna Baird (fraubaird@aol.com) 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
4. Monetary donations made out to MLUMC. Please write "Zwickau" on the lower left of your check.

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Zwickau Partners Visit continued

Donation boxes marked "North Side" are located in the Education Wing and the Main office. Questions? Contact Lori Barr or Deanna Baird (fraubaird@aol.com). Many thanks from the Zwickau Committee!

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.



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.