

November 24, 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.**

Thanksgiving Day Meal Prep & Delivery Ministry

**37 years of delivering meals
to homeless, lonely and
homebound community members**

Turkeys, kitchen workers, drivers and clean-team volunteers are needed for the annual Thanksgiving Day meal. We need:

- **Donated turkeys**—cooked turkeys and cooked turkey breasts, stuffing, pies and cans of sweet potatoes
- **Kitchen workers**—volunteers to work with and assemble meals

- **Drivers**—to deliver Thanksgiving meals
- **Clean-team volunteers**—to work in 2-hour shifts

The **dine in** portion of the meal is held at Bethany Lutheran Church on West Liberty Ave., from 1 to 5 pm on Thursday, November 28. The **delivery** portion of the meal is prepared at our church at Asbury Center.

Contact Rob Spicher to volunteer:

412-720-4589

robert.spicher@pnc.com

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org





The Gathering: A Fresh Expression in Worship

A new modern worship service is coming to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Next Sunday is December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, and the launching date of The Gathering. All are invited to this fresh expression and experience in worship taking place on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 am in Asbury Center.

The primary preacher for the service will be current Assistant to the Pastor Scott Miller. By the time The Gathering begins, Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi will have appointed him as a part-time local pastor, serving as an associate pastor at MLUMC. He and Pastor Tom will coordinate the service's message with Pastor Tom's sermons. In this way Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church will have a unified voice glorifying God during three services each Sunday.



*Scott Miller
Assistant to
the Pastor*

The music for The Gathering will be arranged and performed in a modern style, different from the church's more traditional music. Singer and keyboardist B.J. Collins and church member Keith Moorhouse on drums will lead the music. Eric Palmer on guitar, vocalist Michelle Duralia and other musicians are providing support.

Those attending can begin this fresh expression of worship with a fresh cup of coffee or tea. Worshippers are invited to gather at 8:15 in Asbury Center for pre-worship refreshments.



Ward Home Angel Tree

The Angel Tree in the Narthex is now decorated with Angel Christmas Wishes for our kids at Ward Home.

The wishes may be filled with \$25 gift cards from many stores in the South Hills area. Most grocery stores have a rack with an offering of gift cards. Please put the gift card in an envelope or a small gift bag and bring it to the church by Dec. 15.

Advent Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with lighting Advent candles each Sunday during Advent and during Christmas Eve services. No special skills are required! Candle lighters can be families (including children), couples, or friends. If you are interested, please contact Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org) with a date and service preference.



Wanted: Tableaux Help

Volunteers are also needed to assist behind the scenes and to participate in the annual **Christmas Tableaux**, scheduled for December 22 at the 10:45 service. Children and teens are needed to play the parts of angels, shepherds, and kings. Adults are needed to help the participants get into costumes and enter the sanctuary on cue. Participants and adult helpers must be available for a rehearsal on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Kim Rhoton to volunteer or with questions – krhoton@mlumc.org



We Are Growing!

Last week our church was fairly bursting with children! Sunday school classes were full, Kids Praise served more than 20 children, and another nearly 20 children were in the preschool and baby nursery rooms. We need your help! Volunteer as a substitute teacher 9:30-10:30, or as a nursery, preschool, 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.

Do No Harm

**Meeting Tonight: Sunday, November 24
7 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 a discussion on the Reconciling Ministries Network.

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



Teddy Bear Sunday, December 8

Teddy Bear Sunday will be on Sunday, December 8, when the congregation is invited to bring in a new small to medium size teddy bear for our church outreach. Faith Circle will be collecting and distributing the teddy bears to local community services such as Mt. Lebanon Hospice, our church's food pantry, local police and ambulance services, Power Organization for Women, Asbury Place, Asbury Heights and more. Thank you for your support in this special outreach.

Parents' Afternoon Out MLUMC Youth Group

Babysitting Fundraiser Babysitting with lunch provided for children

Sunday, December 8 12 pm to 4 pm

Parents, take time out for brunch or for Christmas shopping while your children hangout here with our youth at MLUMC. (There will also be adult supervision!)

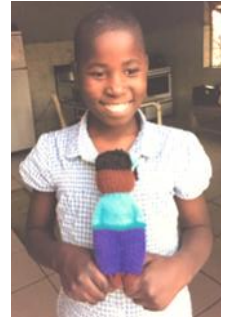
Lunch, Games, Crafts and a Movie!

RSVP to Jim Lombardi at
jlombardi@mlumc.org

Donations will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the Youth Ministries at MLUMC

Sunday School Mission Sale— December 8

The Sunday school children work together throughout the year to support an orphan in Zimbabwe named Tanaka who lives in Home of Hope Orphanage. Tanaka is ten years old and loves to sing, dance, play games, and go to school. Our sponsorship helps to provide for all the necessities of life, including food, medical care, and education expenses.



On December 8 the children will offer for sale a variety of small treats and crafts they have made. Please plan to stop in the Narthex after services to help support this mission. All proceeds will go to help support Tanaka and the Home of Hope Orphanage in Zimbabwe.



A Service of Lessons & Carols

*with MLUMC's Chancel Choir,
St. Bernard's & Our Lady of
Grace's Choirs*

*The birth of Christ
told through readings and music*

***Sunday, December 8, 4 pm
St. Bernard's RC Church***



Christmas Cookie Tea & Gift Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 14
9 am – 2 pm

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church
3319 W. Liberty Ave. 15216

Homemade cookies
One-of-a-kind gifts
British tea room

Proceeds benefit women, children & youth

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women



Calling All Cookie Bakers

To make the United Methodist Women's annual *Christmas Cookie, Gift Bazaar & British Tea Room* a success, we need help with homemade cookie donations.

Please consider:

- Baking a batch or multiple batches of your favorite Christmas cookies
- Bring the cookies to the church kitchen on Thursday, Dec. 12 between 9 am and 8 pm or on Friday, Dec. 13 before 10 am.
- Attend the *Christmas Cookie & Gift Bazaar*, **9 am to 2 pm** at the church, **December 14th** and find the perfect gifts for friends and family





FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

Our congregation would like to thank the following persons for making a financial pledge in support of our church's ministry in 2020:

Amant, Kathleen

Baily, Louanne

Baker, John & Shirley

Barber, Russell & Gloria

Barr, Daniel & Lori

Bashore, George & Carolyn

Biery, Cynthia

Birks, Mary

Bishop, Sherry

Boyer, Jean

Chesleigh, Alan & Donna

Clarke, Martha & Ed

Colley, Lois

DeLuca, Kevin & Cori

Drabick, Michael & Caryl

Ehni, Marjorie

Esaias, John

Festor, Robert & Beverly

George, Chuck & Jean

Giegel, Tommilea & Dave

Grabowski, Barb

Graham, Frances

Gullborg, Bill

Hay, Kathy

Heberling, Kay

Hoffman, Anne

Hutchinson, Chuck

Hutchison, Edee

James, Bob & Chris

Jelic, Cynthia

Jones, Karen

Kaminski, JoAnn

Kao, Monica

Karns, Kathy

Krayer, William
Magill, Joyce
Manning, William & Karen
Mazzoco, James
McAninch, Kay
McAninch, Lori
Michael, Thomas & Kathy
Miller, Scott & Natalie
Minnotte, Rick & Linda
Moellner, Judith
Remington, Clark & Mary
Rutter, Jon & Jan
Shaffer, Donald & Karen
Sheppard, William
Shoff, Bradley & Laura
Slater, Noel & Sharon
Spicher, Rob & Jane
Strandburg, Thomas & Kathy

Tremblay, Rich & Kathy
Troy, Leslie
Ullman, Scott & Karen
Vogel, Chuck & Brenda
Wagner, Thomas
Young, Jim & Lynne
Yuan, Lily

8 congregation members made a financial pledge and asked to be listed as "anonymous."

Pledges can still be made via commitment card (available on the literature tables in the narthex), telephone, e-mail, or through the pledge page on the church's website, www.mlumc.org/giving/pledge .

Questions and email pledges should be addressed to financial secretary Joanne Dempe, jdempe@mlumc.org .

Houses of Worship in Mt. Lebanon

Take a trip to The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon on Washington Rd. to see our church's role in The Society's new exhibit, "Houses of Worship in Mt. Lebanon." MLUMC and our volunteer historians, led by Francie Robb, are among 15 Mt. Lebanon congregations that have lent artifacts, documents and photographs to The History Center in order to tell our stories.



794 Washington Rd.

The History Center has designated Sunday, December 8 as a special welcome day for MLUMC and three other congregations. Can't make it that Sunday? Regular hours are: Wednesday 1 - 4 pm, Saturday 9 am - 3 pm, and Sunday 1 - 4 pm. Special tours can be arranged by contacting The Society at 412-329-8595 or by email hsmtlebo@gmail.com. There is no charge for the exhibit and it runs through January.

**DEADLINE
NEXT SUNDAY**

Poinsettia and Food Pantry Fund Christmas Memorials

Make a donation to the Food Pantry or purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of friends or loved ones. The red poinsettias cost \$8.50 and will be on display Sunday, December 22 and during the Christmas Eve candlelight services. You may pick up your plant after the 10 pm Christmas Eve service or after Christmas Day. Spread the cheer by volunteering to deliver the poinsettias to shut-ins, or ask the church to deliver. The deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, December 1.



Christmas Memorials 2019 Order Deadline Sunday, Dec. 1

Make check payable to MLUMC. Mark the memo line *Poinsettia* or *Food Pantry*.

Donation to MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____ Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of :

Purchase poinsettias (number) _____ @ \$8.50 each = _____ Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of :

I will pick up I will deliver to a shut-in Church to deliver to a shut-in

Donor Name _____ Phone _____