

December 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, 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 traditional** service meets in Sanner Chapel, immediately inside the front entrance of the church. In Asbury Center, **The Gathering**, a modern service with contemporary music also meets at 8:30. The **10:45 am traditional** 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.**

The Gathering: A Fresh Expression in Worship

A new modern worship service for Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church is launching today. *The Gathering*, is a fresh expression and experience in worship, taking place on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 am in Asbury Center. Rev. Scott Miller is the primary preacher for the service. He is a long time church member and part-time local pastor, serving as an associate pastor here at MLUMC.



The music for *The Gathering* is 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 are leading the music, with Eric Palmer on guitar and vocalist Michelle Duralia providing support.

Worshippers are invited to gather at 8:15 in Asbury Center for pre-worship coffee, tea and refreshments.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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Today:

Blood Pressure Screenings

Stop in Brookline Parlor after the 10:45 service for a blood pressure check from the MLUMC Health Ministry (WHOM). The ministry team nurses offer screenings the first Sunday of every month.

Monday:

Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 2, 7 pm, Wesley Hall
All are invited.

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.



Your Generosity is Appreciated

Throughout the year, generous members and groups within our congregation make donations to the Family Promise Fund which supports our ministry with homeless families. A favorable balance has been created so that our church can assist with emergency and urgent needs. This year, Family Promise needed \$330 to buy winter coats for five teenagers and two children. Because of the congregation's faithful giving, our church covered the cost of all the winter coats. Thank you for your dedication to the outreach ministries of our church.

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 –

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

Youth Group Events

Sun, Dec. 1 No Youth Group

**Sun, Dec. 8 Parents' Afternoon Out,
12-4 pm**

**Sun, Dec. 15 5-8 pm Church Wide
Community Christmas Caroling**
Welcome Center dinner at 5 pm,
caroling at 6 pm, then cookies &
cocoa 8 pm in the church

Kerygma Adult Sunday School

9:30 - 10:30 am The Library

12/1 Pastor Don Cook, "Unfinished
Business" Part 1

12/8 Pastor Don Cook, "Unfinished
Business" Part 2

*Parents,
consider using the youth group
babysitting fundraiser so you can see the
exhibit . .*

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.

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.



*Historical Society
794 Washington Rd.*



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.

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.

**Food Pantry
Donation Program for
December**

Please donate
Christmas meal items
(non-perishables)
Drop-off box near
entrance to
Food Pantry

*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. This list includes 16 new donor families and 6 anonymous donors added since last week's published list.

Amant, Kathleen

Baily, Louanne

Baker, John & Shirley

Barber, Russell & Gloria

Barr, Daniel & Lori

Bashore, George & Carolyn

Biery, Cynthia

Birks, Mary

Bishop, Sherry

Boyer, Jean

Casey, Jane

Catalano, Joe

Chesleigh, Alan & Donna

Clark, Stanley

Clarke, Martha & Ed

Colley, Lois

Cornes, Cleon & Vera Jane

D'Este, Joseph & Joeta

DeLuca, Kevin & Cori

Drabick, Michael & Caryl

Ehni, Marjorie

Esaias, John

Fairgrieve, Carol

Festor, Robert & Beverly

Garber, Mary

George, Chuck & Jean

Giegel, Tommilea & Dave

Grabowski, Barb

Graham, Frances

Greer, Donald & Donna

Gullborg, Bill

Hay, Kathy

Heberling, Kay

Hoffman, Anne

Hutchinson, Chuck

Hutchinson, Edee

James, Bob & Chris

Jelic, Cynthia

Jones, Karen
Kaminski, JoAnn
Kao, Monica
Karns, Kathy
Knabb, John & Bunny
Krayner, William
Magill, Joyce
Manning, William & Karen
Mazzoco, James
McAninch, Kay
McAninch, Lori
Michael, Thomas & Kathy
Miller, Scott & Natalie
Minnotte, Rick & Linda
Moellner, Judith
Paine, Michael & Mary
Radnich, Spencer & Gayle
Remington, Clark & Mary
Reisnol, Marsha
Rutter, Jon & Jan
Schmidt, Eric & Courtney
Seitz, David
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
Ward, Nate & Laura
Watson, David & Barbara
Young, Jim & Lynne
Yuan, Lily

14 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 .

Community Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 15 5 - 8 pm

Join church members, friends and the Community Events and Outreach Committee on Sunday, December 15 for Christmas caroling at the homes in the church neighborhood. This is a fun event that requires no special singing talent, just the willingness to spread good cheer to those who live near MLUMC! The evening begins with dinner at 5 pm in The Welcome Center, then caroling at 6 pm, and back to the church by 8 pm to warm up with cookies and hot cocoa. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Register with Kim Rhoton, krhoton@mlumc.org.



DEADLINE TODAY!

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 _____