



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.

**Food Pantry
Donation Program for
December**

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




SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DEC. 22
10:45 Worship - Nativity Scene
Tableaux with Lessons & Carols



December 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, 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.**

Today is Teddy Bear Sunday

Thank you for donating teddy bears and stuffed animals to outreach charities and services. The UMW Faith Circle will be 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 and more.



Thank you for your support in this special outreach.



This afternoon, 4 pm at St. Bernard's RC Church

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

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



Today: Mission Sale



The Sunday School children have been working hard to create

crafts and treats to sell. Stop in to the Narthex after services today and have a look at the small gifts and stocking stuffers available! All proceeds are used to sponsor a child at the Home of Hope Orphanage in Nyadire, Zimbabwe. Thank you!

Parents' Afternoon Out

MLUMC Youth Group Babysitting Fundraiser Babysitting with lunch provided for children

Today, 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

Parents, drop off your young kids at the youth group babysitting fundraiser today so you can see the exhibit . .

Today is MLUMC Day at the Mt. Lebanon Historical Society:

Take a trip to The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon on Washington Rd. today to see our church's role in The Society's new exhibit, "Houses of Worship in Mt. Lebanon." The History Center has designated today as a special welcome day for MLUMC and three other congregations.



Historical Society

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.

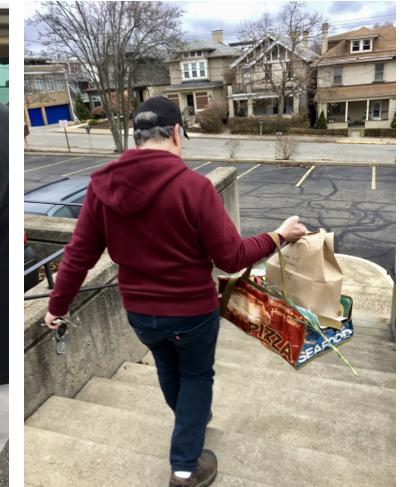
Can't make it today? Regular hours are: Wednesday, 1 - 4 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm; and Sunday, 1 - 4 pm. Special tours can be arranged by contacting The Society at 412-329-8595 or by email hsmtlebo@gmail.com.

There is no charge for the exhibit and it runs through January.

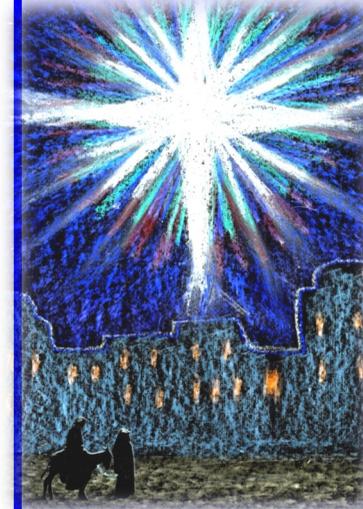
(Thanksgiving continued)

The stories reported to me from those who received our meals, as well as those who prepared, packed, and delivered them, confirm my belief in the importance of this ministry. It truly fed both body and spirit for many on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks again to all for your individual contributions to this collective effort.

Rob Spicher
Community Events and Outreach Committee Chair



Christmas Season Worship Services



**Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

Service for Children & Families, 5 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve Services with Chancel Choir, harp and oboe, 8 and 10 pm
Wiggle room for children provided at 5 and 8 pm services

Sunday, December 29
10:45 service only, in Sanctuary

2019 Thanksgiving Day Meal Feeds Both Body and Spirit

On behalf of the Community Events and Outreach Committee, I would like to thank you for your support of the 2019 Thanksgiving Day meal deliveries.

As you may know, this meal is a joint activity between Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church and MLUMC.



Eat-in meals are served at Bethany, while home delivery meals originate from MLUMC.

On Thanksgiving Day, 555 meals were delivered from MLUMC to individuals, families, and groups – the number of meal deliveries exceeded the prior high (set in 2018) by more than 50. Not only were many mouths fed, but many lives also were touched by the hospitality and fellowship that accompanied each and every meal delivery.



I am most appreciative of the tremendous outpouring of volunteer help. Our volunteers collectively donated the following: 1) money, which was used to purchase needed food and supplies; 2) food, in particular turkeys and pies (we ended up using approximately 60 of each); and 3) time, both prior to and on Thanksgiving Day to prepare, pack, and deliver meals throughout the South Hills area. What I found most gratifying were the comments from some who had never given up personal and/or family time on Thanksgiving Day previously to volunteer – they told me that they looked forward to doing it again next Thanksgiving.

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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:

*Bowes, Scott & Bernie
Dempe, Mike & Joanne
DiPietro, Tom & Liz
Diller-Florian, Derick & Lizzie
Jara, Nate
Mercer, Sara
1 anonymous*

Pledges can still be made via commitment card (available on the literature tables in the narthex), telephone, e-mail, or through the church's website. Questions and email pledges should be addressed to financial secretary Joanne Dempe, jdempe@mlumc.org



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.



Packaging & Delivering Christmas Gifts at the Allegheny Co. Jail

Thurs. Dec. 12, 8 am - 12:30 pm (packaging)
5:30 - 9 pm (delivering)

Restrictions: All volunteers must be 21 or older

RSVP:

email marci.burkhart@alleghenycounty.us with your name as it appears on your photo ID

Volunteer to help pack and deliver Christmas Care packages to inmates separated from their families and holiday activities.

From the United Methodist Women: Join us for the Annual Christmas Cookie Sale, Gift Bazaar & British Tea Room

Saturday, December 14
9 am – 2 pm at the church

Avoid the stress and busy-ness of the season and do your holiday shopping in one convenient and festive location. Come for all types of homemade cookies that the UMW will be selling by the pound. Shop early as the cookies sell out quickly.



In addition to delicious cookies, vendors will be selling popular gift items, including Christmas crafts, jewelry, woodworking items, handmade soap, scarves, purses and other unique merchandise.

After you've shopped, drop into our British tearoom and enjoy a hot cuppa and buttery scones, as well as soup and bread served by our own British tea maven Barbara Watson and the Dames In Action. Soup and bread are available after 11 am.

All proceeds from cookies, tearoom, and vendor space rental benefit UMW projects and missions supporting women, children and youth.

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

