



**Food Pantry Donation
of the Month Program
March
Give Pasta & Sauce**

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



**Non-
perishables
only**



**Interested in Church
Membership?**

**Questions about
*The Gathering?***

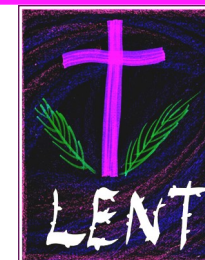
The church is organizing its next new members' orientation class. If interested, please send an email to Pastor Strandburg at tstrandburg@mlumc.org.

Questions about our new service, *The Gathering*? Contact Pastor Scott Miller at smiller@mlumc.org

March 1, 2020

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 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.

Charge Conference & Council Meeting, Tomorrow March 2

All church leaders are reminded that a special session of the Charge Conference will be held tomorrow, Monday March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The purpose of this very brief meeting will be to approve revised clergy salary levels for inclusion in our recently-approved church budget. The Church Council will begin its regular meeting at the conclusion of the charge conference.

All are invited to the Church Council meeting, which will include discussion of the current plans scheduled to come before General Conference in May. Important information will be shared and discussed. We encourage interested church members to attend and join the conversation.

MLUMC Staff

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**Youth Mission Trip
Information Meeting TODAY
Sun., March 1 11:45 am Wesley Hall**

All youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to attend an informational meeting about the youth mission trip to Project Crossroads in Marion, Virginia from July 5 - 11.

Learn more about the mission of Project Crossroads, the work we will do, the minimal costs involved for each family, and the life-changing experiences we will have together.

This is a good opportunity for parents to learn more as well. Adult chaperones attending the trip will be there to answer your questions.

Youth Group Schedule

- 3/1 Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting, 11:45 am, Wesley Hall
- 3/1 Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm Wesley Hall
- 3/8 Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm Wesley Hall

Blood Pressure Screenings Today

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.

Small Groups - Gifts of the Spirit



During Lent, the congregation will have two opportunities to join small groups that will learn more about Gifts of the Spirit, our church's theme for 2020.

One group, led by John Esaias, will meet on Wednesdays from 2 - 3:30 in Brookline Parlor on March 4, March 11 and April 1.

The other group, led by Clark Remington, will meet on Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 in Brookline Parlor on March 4, March 11 and March 18.

There is no required reading, and it is fine if you are not able to commit to all four dates. Come when you can. All those who are interested are asked to sign up at the desk in the narthex.



2020 Easter Memorials

Purchase flowers or make a donation to the Food Pantry in honor or memory of friends or loved ones. The flowers will be on display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12. They may be picked up after the 10:45 service or any time after Easter.

Brighten someone's day - deliver your flowers to a shut-in or ask the church to deliver.

The Food Pantry feeds hungry people in our community. Food Pantry volunteers distribute food twice a month. Your donation will help a family in need.



2020 EASTER MEMORIALS ORDER DEADLINE - March 15
Make check payable to MLUMC. Mark the memo line "Easter Flowers" or "Food Pantry."
MLUMC Food Pantry \$ _____

Flower Selection (color cannot be guaranteed)

- _____ Lilies (1 stem) @ \$9.50 = _____
- _____ Tulips (5 plants) @ \$7.50 = _____
- _____ Hyacinths (3 plants) @ \$7.50 = _____
- _____ Pansy Basket @ \$10.50 = _____
- _____ Mums @ \$9.50 = _____

Total Flower Amount \$ _____

Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of (please print): _____

Donor Name (Please Print)

Phone _____

- I will pick up flowers
- I will deliver to a shut-in
- Deliver to a shut-in

Resources from The Unity Lunch

On Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Unity Lunch, Pastor Tom and church members talked about the denomination's current and proposed legislation on human sexuality to be discussed at the General Conference in May. Sunday's conversation also included interpretation of scripture often referenced in this legislation discussion. If you missed the conversation or would like to hear it again, you can listen to a podcast linked to our website. Handouts from the conversation are also available. For these resources, go to the MLUMC website: <https://www.mlumc.org/2020/unity-lunch-conversation>

Informational Session on the Proposed Protocol for Denomination Separation

We are invited to an informational session on the proposal to split the United Methodist Church which will be discussed at the 2020 General Conference. The session is sponsored by our WPA United Methodist Conference. Participants in the session will include Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, the Rev. John R. Wilson, Conference Secretary; Donna Vizza, chair of the WPAUMC Connectional Leadership Table, and Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn, Director of Connectional Ministries.

While there are five sessions scheduled, the session most convenient from our church takes place:

Wednesday, March 25 @ Crossroads UMC in Oakdale from 6:30 pm – 9 pm

MLUMC will provide a carpool for this session, leaving from our parking lot on March 25 at 5:45 pm. To sign up for the carpool to the briefing, call Michelle at the church office, 412-531-7131. Also one must register with the WPA Conference online at

<https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/PreGeneralConference2020>

Discussion at the informational meeting will focus on the "Protocol of Separation Through Grace and Reconciliation" because those who signed it represent advocacy groups who proposed other plans, but now unanimously support the protocol. They have agreed to work together for passage of the Protocol at the May 5-15, 2020 General Conference.

There will be an opportunity for questions to provide clarification about the Protocol and how our Conference will respond if it is passed. Our Conference is creating a process for discernment regarding our future together in Christ. The WPA Delegation has been invited to attend to listen and prepare for their participation in the upcoming General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

March UMW Meeting

Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Thursday, March 12

11 am Wesley Hall



United
Methodist
Women

Join the UMW on
Thurs., March 12 at 11am.
in Wesley Hall for our
monthly meeting and
annual call to Prayer

and Self-Denial.

At this meeting, we'll learn more about the many individuals who are served by our in-house food pantry under the leadership of **Liz DiPietro**. Please consider bringing a paper product or two to the meeting as a donation. Liz notes that paper products are popular with food pantry clients as that's something we don't supply (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

After the program, plan to stay for a light lunch. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 412.531.7131. Drop-ins are welcome, too.

Asbury Bake Sale

Asbury Heights Friday, March 13



It's time for the annual Asbury Bake Sale and we need your delicious contributions. Asbury's residents look forward to these sweet treats, so please consider donating homemade cake slices, cookies,

cupcakes, sweet rolls, tarts, fudge and other baked goods.

Donations should be packaged in small amounts (for 1 or 2 people) and labeled, paying special attention to ingredients causing allergies, such as eggs, nuts, peanut butter and chocolate, or specially made, such as "gluten-free" or "diabetic-friendly."

Baked goods can be dropped off in our church's Asbury kitchen on Thursday, March 12 or on Friday morning, March 13, directly at Asbury Heights .

Kerygma Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am The Library

- 3/1 Monica Kao, Book Review, "The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It"
- 3/8 Monica Kao, Book Review, "Beauty Will Save the World"
- 3/15 Dave Seitz, Book Review, "The Universal Christ," by Richard Rohr

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS @ 2 CHURCHES

Free and open to all. Donations gratefully accepted
Menus at both churches include baked and fried fish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, fries and an assortment of desserts

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FREE (or Free Will Offering)
FRIDAY FISH FRY
February 28
Good Friday
April 10
4-7 pm Church Asbury Ctr.
Dine in or Take out

Baked Fish
Fried Fish
Mac & Cheese
Cole Slaw *Dessert*

Donations Benefit Church Food Pantry



Please join us for our 28th Annual
FISH FRY
DINNERS

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fridays: March 13, 20 & 27
4pm to 7pm
(Dine in or Take out is available)
3104 West Liberty Ave, Dormont 15216
FREE (although donations are accepted)
Call 412-531-9363 for information

Serving Fried or Baked Fish, Mac and Cheese, Apple Sauce, Rolls, Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Pierogies, and homemade desserts

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT 4-7 pm

Albright-Deering Lecture: Honoring Dr. H. Pat Albright

In 1978, Dr. H. Pat Albright became pastor of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church. Over the next thirty-some years, as pastor, friend and member of our church, Pat, with Betty Lou at his side, accomplished much good and blessed MLUMC, the community and the world.

In 1999, through individual contributions and a gift from Joseph and Gail Deering of Dayton, Ohio, the Albright-Deering Lecture Series in Methodist Studies was established at The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The lectureship celebrates the Deerings' career accomplishments and honors Dr. Albright by bringing outstanding scholars in the Wesleyan tradition to the seminary campus.

2020 Albright-Deering Lecture in Methodist Studies

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Thursday, March 12 10 am

with the Rev. Dr. Amy R. Valdez Barker, Executive Director

Global Missions Connections,

UMC General Board of Global Missions

Free and open to the public



The Rev. Dr. Valdez Barker

JUST LIKE ME: LEARNING TO TRUST

How do we trust one another when we have so many differences? During this lecture, "Just Like Me: The Era of 'Likeness' in a Global World Full of Difference," we will explore the differences in the Methodist global connection that threaten to divide the church. Exploring global differences, we will encounter how our differences emerge in our own communities and threaten to disrupt the church's mission to be "united in Christ." Using trust as the centering value that grounds our faith, we will uncover the "divine likeness" that moves us toward one another for the sake of God's mission in the world.

10:00 a.m. Public Lecture

11:30 a.m. Chapel - "The Divine Likeness" Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-14

12:30 p.m. Lunch by Reservation (pre-registration required)

Register: www.pts.edu/AD-2020