



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 = _____	_____ Hyacinths (3 plants) @ \$7.50 = _____
_____ Tulips (5 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

March 8, 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.

Youth Terrific Tuesday Meal—This Tuesday—March 10th

The meal prepared for you will recreate a meal served to our youth by the family in Marion, Virginia where they worked on last year's mission trip.

Join us for dinner as we celebrate how God's love can be shared for people in need and also for those doing the work. We will share stories and information about past mission trips and our upcoming trip this summer. Regular Terrific Tuesday activities will take place after dinner.

The menu will include a hot dog bar with chili, cheese, onions and relish, plus mac and cheese, cole slaw, baked beans, and salad bar. For dessert, we will have ice cream sandwiches and strawberry punch bowl. Proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip in the summer of 2020.

Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sale The youth chocolate covered pretzels will be on sale beginning Tuesday, March 24 at Terrific Tuesday and on Sundays before and after worship until they are gone. Pretzels are \$5.00/dozen and Pretzel Bark is \$5.00/bag



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MLUMC Recommendations: protecting yourself from the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

1. **Stay at home when you don't feel well.** It is better to miss worship for a week or two, than to put yourselves and others at risk by venturing out when you do not feel well. Listen to the weekly podcast on the church website – www.mlumc.org – to hear the Sunday scripture readings and sermon, and to view the weekly bulletin and announcements.
2. **Observe proper hygiene.** Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Cover all sneezes.
3. **Maintain personal space.** The Centers for Disease Control recommends maintaining a 4-foot distance between yourself and others. Avoid skin-to-skin contact. We discourage shaking hands during the Passing of the Peace.
4. **Be not afraid!** Remember the words of 2 Timothy 1:7 – *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*



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 11 and April 1.

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

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

Children's Choir Collecting Pocket Change for Haiti

During Lent the Children's Choir is collecting change and bills in their yearly drive to benefit the La Croix New Testament Mission in Haiti. The La Croix Mission provides a school system that educates 3500 students from 7 villages, preschool through 12th grade. Sponsorship for one child is \$240 annually, and includes education, school supplies, breakfast and lunch daily, and a uniform.

You can donate by putting cash or checks in the small bottle each children's choir member will carry, in the large collection jar in the Narthex or during our "noisy" offering on March 22 when we host the children's choirs from Westminster and Southminster Presbyterian churches. The money collected by all three choirs will be combined and sent to La Croix Mission. This yearly ecumenical mission project helps us learn that even little children can make a big difference in the world! For more information about La Croix go to <https://www.facebook.com/Lacroix-Haiti-New-Testament-Mission-136243273644/>.



Candy Donations Needed

The Easter EGGstravaganza is coming up on April 4, and we are in need of candy donations. Koinonia Circle will use the candy to stuff into plastic eggs, so all candy should be small and individually wrapped. The plastic eggs will be used for the EGGstravaganza egg hunt. Candy can be dropped off in the church office or in the box outside Kim Rhoton's office no later than March 22. Thank you!

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

- 3/8 Monica Kao, Book Review, "Beauty Will Save the World"
- 3/15 Dave Seitz, Book Review, "The Universal Christ," by Richard Rohr, Pt 1
- 3/22 Dave Seitz, Book Review, "The Universal Christ," by Richard Rohr, Pt 2
- 3/29 Haiti Missionaries, combined Sunday schools in Mixers room

Homebuilders Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am Wesley Hall

- 3/8 Pastor Tom, The Call to Follow, and to Suffer: The Life & Message of Paul
- 3/15 Francie Robb & Louanne Baily, Before Do No Harm
- 3/22 Francie Robb, 100 Years of Prohibition
- 3/29 Rev. Don Cook, How God Put Humpty Dumpty Together, Lenten Study

March UMW Meeting Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial Thursday, March 12 11 am Wesley Hall



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 .

Girl Scout Cookies at MLUMC!



Did you miss your cookie connection this year or decide that you need just one more box of your favorite? MLUMC Girl Scouts will be selling cookies next Sunday, March 15 from before the early services until after second service.

Look for the girls near the Sunday School and main church entrances. \$5 each. Cash and checks accepted. If there are troops that were not identified that would like to participate, please contact Trish Curran at 412-302-4246 or trishkdjc@aol.com.

FISH FRY FEAST!

From the Community Events And Outreach Committee

Last Friday over 450 people were fed with fish & fellowship—eat in, take out, and delivery. Did you miss it? Not to worry, just work up your appetite, because next Friday our friends at Bethany Lutheran begin their three weeks of fish fries, then it's back to MLUMC for Good Friday. The fish fries are free and open to all, with donations gratefully accepted.



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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



A thank you card received by the church:

*To Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church,
The residents of Twin Towers are most grateful to you for
delivering fish dinners to those of us not able to get around
safely. Thank you. Times change and situations also. There is
a need for these free dinners. Your kindness is greatly
appreciated.*

*Love and hugs,
Dawn Lonsinger*



Dear MLUMC,

On behalf of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 23 in Dormont, PA, we would like to thank you for generously assisting with scheduling, announcements, and set-up of Asbury Hall for our Spaghetti Dinner

This really contributed to the great success of our dinner this year. We served 313 meals and received plenty of nice compliments from those who attended.

The proceeds of the dinner will be used to support programs that will help build integrity and character in young men of our community. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely

Rich Dalzotto, Committee Chairperson
Barb Grabowski, Dinner Co-Chair

Tom Bauer, Scoutmaster
Eric Montarti, Dinner Co-Chair