

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church



Sharing the Love of Christ

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January 16, 2022

8:30 & 10:45

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

We are one body of Christ. But our different gifts allow us to extend our individual minds and operate beyond the abilities of any one person. Through collective action, we see the power of the Holy Spirit working for the common good.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ...

*Asterisk indicates to rise in body or spirit

Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be God's people.

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People: We are called to be the body of Christ.

Pastor: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

... TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD ...

*Opening Hymn

"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

UMH554

*Opening Prayer

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts.

In this time of worship, may we be open to receiving these gifts.

Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths,

and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you.
May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body,
that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Response “Give me the faith that can remove” (vv.1,3) UMH650

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH ...

A Lesson for Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward at the invitation of the pastor. After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise**. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the sanctuary near the end of the service. The congregation will sing, as the children depart:

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me. (UMH#277, stanza 1)*

... TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED ...

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Different gifts, One Spirit

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon “The Extended Mind”

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg

... TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES ...

Offertory

8:30

"O church of God, united"

UMH547

10:45

O Love, that will not let me go

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Kirby Dilworth, Soloist

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

*Doxology

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

UMH94

*Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

"Of all the Spirit's gifts to me"

UMH336

... TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME!

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's Services

The flower arrangement provided for worship today is given by Keith Douglass Will, Cheryl Lynn Graunke, and Cynthia E. Argyle in loving memory of their parents, Ralph Doll Will and Ethel Gloria Smith Will.

Acolytes Silas and Asher Ward

Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation. The flowers that grace the sanctuary each week are generously donated by our church family members. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a special person, event, or milestone in your personal life or in the life of the church. To donate flowers on a particular Sunday, contact Lizzie Diller , 412-860-3614. The cost is \$33 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium arrangements, and \$66 for the chancel flowers.

Podcasts of Sunday Sermons Catch up on messages from MLUMC. Pastor Tom Strandburg and Pastor Scott Miller contribute podcasts of Sunday sermons on a rotating basis. Sermons can be found at <http://mlumc.buzzsprout.com> or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, www.mlumc.org. Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

Today's Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Keep in Prayer

Convalescing in Care Facilities

Carolyn Dagg, Baptist Home
May Frederick, Baptist Home
Anne Hoffman, Friendship Village
Dorothy King
Mark Lewis, Concordia
George Lindow, Friendship Village
Ed Reichard, St. Clair Hospital

Convalescing at Home

Shirley Baker, Bishop George Bashore,
Jean Boyer, Susan Lichtenfels, Carol Van
Sickle

In the Military

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown,
PFC William Dilla III

Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC,
James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz
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James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz,
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Sgt. Brendan Lamport,
Matt Lewis, USMC,
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda,
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz,
LTC Scott B. Rushe,
Pvt. Max Siergert, USMC
Pastor Rick Townes, Maj. Azizi Wesmiller,
Maj. Matthew C. Wesmiller,
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski,
Sgt Michael Zimmerman

COVID-19 Precautions at MLUMC

Based on CDC recommendations and Allegheny County reaching substantial community transmission levels, we encourage everyone, regardless of vaccination status to wear a mask when gathering inside the church building.

We are grateful for the ability to worship together both in person on Sunday morning and online. We encourage you to continue to participate in worship in whatever way you feel comfortable. You are a part of the MLUMC community regardless of where or how you attend. Stay connected via the web site, www.mlumc.org for the most up to date information

Pastor Tom Strandburg

Children and Youth Activities

All in-person youth and children's activities at the church have been suspended for the month of January, to be resumed in February.

Terrific Tuesday Postponed Until February

Terrific Tuesday will start up on Tuesday, February 1st. At that time, church family and community members of all ages are invited to Asbury Center from 6 to 7:30 PM for dinner, activities and discussion.

Boy Scout Troop 23 Spaghetti Dinner

Due to current conditions, Troop 23 is postponing their spaghetti dinner. Please look for an announcement soon about a spring date. Troop 23 appreciates your continued support! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Lowe.

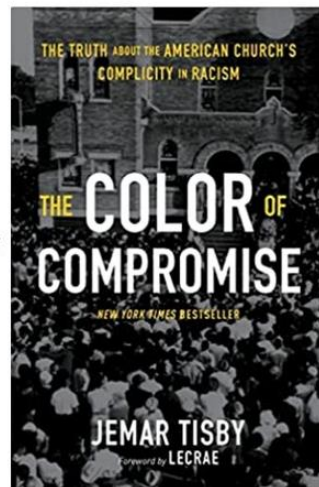
The Color of Compromise

The Truth about
the American Church's Complicity

By Jemar Tisby

Join church member and librarian Laura Ward and Kim Rhoton on a four-week discussion of this book's narrative of how people of faith have historically worked against racial justice.

The discussion, taking place on four Mondays, begins January 24, skips February 7 and ends February 21. The group will meet on ZOOM at 7 pm. To register and to receive the link, contact Kim Rhoton: krhoton@mlumc.org.



Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

This weekend is a time to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and remember how his work in the Civil Rights Movement prepared the foundation for dismantling racism.

The website of our Western PA UMC Conference (<https://www.wpaumc.org>) lists numerous online and in-person services, celebrations and activities where our church members and friends are welcome. The events originate from the Greensburg, Pittsburgh and Erie districts, from local ELCA Lutheran churches, Baptist churches, and inter-faith and social justice organizations.

One way to honor Dr. King's legacy is to learn more about dismantling racism. The Conference website lists a number of classes, and MLUMC continues with its book discussion education program (see information on "The Color of Compromise" discussion, above.)



Finally, MLK Day/Weekend is a time for service. The opportunities to do for others at MLUMC include the Food Pantry and the Food Lift, the Outreach Committee, the North Side Lunch and East End Cooperative Ministries meals, Beulah Baptist Food Distribution, the UMW charities, and various other ministries in our church. Let us reach out to others in the name of God's justice and the memory of Dr. King's legacy.



Sunday Livestream Worship

We are LIVE! Livestreaming that is. MLUMC has recently installed cameras and upgraded the sound system in the sanctuary to enable our message to reach well beyond the walls of the church on a weekly basis.

Your help is now needed to ensure we can offer this ministry every week. There are three jobs we are looking to help staff:

1. **Running the slide show** - this role follows along in worship and advances the slides for liturgy and hymns. it is as easy as a single button push.
2. **Running the Livestream** - This role uses a simple button pad to activate preprogrammed camera sequences to change camera shots during the service. The shots are laid out in a script to follow along with the bulletin.
3. **Running the sound system** - this role makes minor adjustments to the sound during the service to account for speaker volume and turn microphones on/off when they are used.

Generally the content and setup will be done each week such that the systems are ready for you to participate in worship and enable God's word to reach others. If you are interested or just curious, sit in the balcony at the 10:45 service to get a look at the operation. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kirk Lowe, klowe1@gmail.com or Monica Kao, mkao@mlumc.org.



CALENDAR – SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 THRU SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

SUNDAY 1/16

8:30 am	Worship	Sanner Chapel
8:30 am	The Gathering	Asbury
9:30 am	Sunday School	Various
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Youth	Zoom

MONDAY 1/17

OFFICE CLOSED – MLK DAY

WDM CLOSED – MLK DAY

8:00 am	WDM Training	Wesley
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TUESDAY 1/18

7:00 pm	Troop 23 Meeting	Wesley
7:00 pm	Troop 9023 Meeting	Network

WEDNESDAY 1/19

2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	PK 870	Wesley

THURSDAY 1/20

7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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