

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church



Sharing the Love of Christ

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8:30 & 10:45

Second Sunday of Easter

It's been one week since Easter. If the resurrection of Jesus was such a big deal, why are the disciples still stuck in the same place in the same house? What difference has the empty tomb made for them if they're still stuck there? What has Christ's resurrection done for us? Are we still "stuck" in certain places in our lives? We'll discuss that in this week's sermon.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME ...

*Asterisk indicates to stand as able

Prelude

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

People: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Pastor: Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

People: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.

Amen.

... TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD ...

*Opening Hymn

"Come ye faithful, raise the strain"

UMH 315

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

We hear your calling, Lord; how can we keep from singing? How can we keep our lips from proclaiming the good news, that Jesus Christ is risen, bringing healing and forgiveness to all? From the life in His blood He has freed us, making us a royal priesthood. Whether we have seen or have believed without seeing, we have found life in His name. In Christ's name, we give thanks and praise. Amen!

***Silent Prayer**

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH 71

A Lesson for Young Disciples (10:45)

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)*

Weekday Ministries Presentation & Recognition

We take this opportunity to recognize the wonderful accomplishments of retiring Director, Ms. Mettelise Ziegler and the entire Weekday Ministries staff this morning. The childcare center of WDM has been a ministry of MLUMC since 1982, providing early childhood learning in an atmosphere of faith, hope, and love.

... TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED ...

Scripture Reading

A Lesson from the Gospel of John

John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples & to Thomas

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, deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

“Get Out of the House”

Rev. Scott Miller

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

Offertory Anthem

“O Jesus, my savior, I know thou art mine” (SYMYADDA)

trad. from Sand Mountain, AL; sung by Sarah Boice & Mitchell Stecker

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

UMH94

Prayer of Dedication

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

***Closing Hymn**

“Easter people, raise your voices”

UMH 304

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

All are invited to a “Goodbye and Thank You” reception for retiring Weekday Ministries Director Mettelise Ziegler in Asbury Center immediately following the 10:45 Traditional Service. MLUMC members and friends may contribute to a farewell gift for Ms. Ziegler by sending a check or monetary gift to the church or by including it in the offering. Please mark the check or contribution as a Mettelise Ziegler retirement gift.

Today's Services

The flowers on the altar are given by Linda Nixon in honor of what would be Bud Nixon's 99th birthday this year.

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.

Today's Scriptures

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Keep in Prayer

Convalescing in Care Facilities

Carolyn Dagg, Baptist Home
Anne Hoffman, Friendship Village
Priscilla Utzig, Providence Point

Convalescing at Home

Bishop George Bashore,
Jean Boyer, Susan Lichtenfels,
John Middleton, 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
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,
LTC Matthew C. Wesmiller,
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski,
Sgt Michael Zimmerman



Order flowers for you and someone you love in honor of Mother's Day !

The United Methodist Women are holding a spring flower sale of 12-inch hanging baskets from locally owned and operated Fred Bartsch Greenhouses.

The baskets are a full 2 inches larger than baskets typically found at big box stores – and support a local small business, which puts money directly back into our economy!

Each basket is \$35 and there are 5 types of flowers to choose from. Unfortunately, we are not able to specify colors.

- **Non-Stop Begonia** (morning sun/afternoon shade – larger blooms)
- **Upright Geraniums** (full sun)
- **Mega Begonia** (morning sun/afternoon shade – produces lots of small flowers)
- **Petunia** (full sun)
- **New Guinea Impatiens** (full to partial sun)

TO ORDER: Call the church office at **412.531.7131**. The [deadline for ordering is Friday, April 29.](#) PICKUP: Baskets can be picked up in the church parking lot on:

- Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to noon
- Sunday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. to noon

PAYMENT: Orders must be paid for at the time of pickup for the exact amount in cash (we will not have change) or with a personal check made out for the total amount to "Mt. Lebanon UMW."

All the money we raise will be used to support local and global charities that help women, children and youth! Thank you for supporting this great cause!



Curative Covid-19 testing in Canonsburg



COVID 19 Testing Site Coming to the MLUMC Upper Parking Lot Soon!

Our Church's upper parking lot will soon host a COVID 19 testing site. Curative, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Health Department, will be providing a trailer with testing services from 9 to

12pm every Wednesday and Friday. Once the necessary paperwork is completed, the site will be up and running, hopefully by Wednesday, April 27th. A tent will be strategically placed in the corner of the upper parking lot to garner attention. Until recently, Curative had a testing site in the parking lot of the former Taco Bell in the Chartiers Valley Shopping Center in Bridgeville. The site was recently moved to the former Peter's Place Restaurant site in Bridgeville. Our site will be in addition to the Peter's Place site. Many thanks to Don Langston for making the necessary introductions for this site to become a reality at MLUMC!

Rob Spicher, Community Events and Outreach Committee Chair

Good Friday Community Fish Fry – Successful in Feeding Body and Soul

I would like to thank the congregation for your support of the Good Friday Community Fish Fry. The time, talents, and monetary treasures that were contributed enabled approximately 500 meals to be served via eat-in, take-out, and delivery. Many compliments were received, not only about the food but more importantly about the fellowship. A more extensive summary (including pictures) will be contained in the upcoming issue of The Window. Thank you again for helping to make this Good Friday tradition a rousing success!

Rob Spicher, Community Events and Outreach Committee Chair

Reverberations: Three Rivers Ringers Concert

Friday, April 29 8 PM MLUMC Sanctuary (FREE - donations encouraged)



Ring in the spring with Three Rivers Ringers! Pittsburgh's premier handbell ensemble presents **Reverberations**, a celebration of the most exciting and dynamic music written for bells, including works by Fred Gramann, Jason W. Krug and Bill Payn. Featured will be the piece commissioned for TRR's 10th anniversary called, *The Only*

Constant. Bring the whole family for a lively evening of beautiful music, from a setting of Vaughan Williams' *King Weston* to the rhythmic *São Paulo*, the powerful *Psalm of Peace* and more!

From Troop 23, Boy Scouts of America:

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 use of the kitchen and Asbury Hall for our Spaghetti Dinner.

This really contributed to the great success of our dinner this year. We served close to 200 meals and received plenty of nice compliments from customers. 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 Dalzatto
Committee Chairperson

Tom Baur
Scoutmaster

Eric Montarti
Dinner Chair

Seeking Applicants for Staff Vacancy: Part-Time Financial Manager

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has established the new position of part-time financial manager that replaces the full-time business manager's position. Persons who have experience in financial accounting are encouraged to apply. A job description is available upon request from the church office. Please email a letter of application and resume to John Esaias, chairperson of SPRC at jesaias@comcast.net. Interviews with candidates will take place shortly after applications with strong credentials are received, and this process will continue until the successful candidate is selected. We hope to fill the position by May 6.

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.

UPDATED COVID RECOMMENDATIONS

With the recent change to CDC masking recommendations, the Church Council asks that everyone make a decision for mask wearing based on their own personal needs. Therefore, masking is now optional in the large common spaces in our church, including for services of worship. Please extend grace and understanding to those who need to continue masking due to health concerns for themselves or those they care for. Due to the more confined spaces in our Educational Building, we ask that all of our children, youth, and teachers come to Sunday School prepared to mask, as circumstances warrant. Other small groups may make similar decisions for themselves, and Council supports them wholeheartedly.

CALENDAR – SUNDAY, APRIL 24 THRU SATURDAY, APRIL 30

SUNDAY 4/24

8:30 am	Worship	Sanner Chapel
8:30 am	The Gathering	Asbury
9:30 am	Mette’s Retirement Reception	Asbury
9:30 am	Sunday School	Various
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	TRR Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Youth Rehearsal	Wesley

TUESDAY 4/26

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

WEDNESDAY 4/27

2:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
7:00 pm	Bear, Tiger, & Wolf Den Meetings	Various

THURSDAY 4/28

7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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