May 11-17, 2025

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Welcome to Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church (MLUMC)! If you are a member, Welcome Back! If you are a visitor/new to MLUMC - We are ecstatic you are able to worship with us this Sunday. Worship at our church is a joyful, prayerful, music-filled, traditional, and modern experience. We worship to glorify God and build up the community of believers to live in this world as followers of Jesus Christ.

8:30 am Traditional Service meets in Sanner Chapel.

9:30 am The Gathering (contemporary service) meets in Asbury Center. It includes music led by our praise team and is livestreamed on MLUMC's Facebook Page.

10:45 am Traditional Service meets in the Sanctuary and is livestreamed on MLUMC website,

Facebook page, and YouTube.

For more information or if you are a visitor or new member to MLUMC, please contact Cheryl L. Sorice at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or 412-531-7131, so that she can get your contact information and keep you connected with everything at MLUMC.

Capital Campaign Exceeds Original Goal

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We are extremely grateful to the generous contributors to the Capital Campaign who have made it possible for us to exceed the original goal of \$80,000.00. To date, over \$87,000.00 has been donated and pledged. This means that all of our proposed projects for the front of our church are fully funded. The sidewalk replacements have been completed. The Church Council recently voted to increase our goal to \$100,000.00. Since we have celebrated the 100 year anniversary of our sanctuary, Council thinks it is appropriate to try and raise \$100,000.00 as the final component of our celebration. We feel this is possible because we know there are families who plan to give, but have not done so yet. The first project to be funded beyond the original request is \$5,000.00 to completely clean and repair our main dishwasher. There are so many deferred maintenance projects throughout the building, the trustees are prioritizing the projects that will be possible to complete because of the additional funding. They will be announced shortly. We hope those who have not donated or pledged to date will consider helping us reach our goal of \$100,000.00.

COFFEE CAFE

Coffee Café is looking for volunteers for May – July. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vicki Danielson at 412-606-3972.



Bake Sale

Election Day, Tuesday, May 20th Wesley Hall

Election Day Bake Sale is quickly approaching! Baked goods may be placed in the Wesley Kitchen on Sunday, May 18th or Monday, May 19th. If possible, please package in small bags. If not, no problem! Proceeds benefit the German Exchange Committee. Our German friends will be visiting in October of 2025! Any questions, contact Lori Barr at lbarr@mlumc.org or 412-897-1035. Thank you!



Brunch 'n' Bells Sunday, May 11th 12:00 pm Asbury Center

Free will offering accepted Reservations required Please RSVP to the church



office at 412-531-7131 or churchsecretary@mlumc.org, or place your reservation in the offering plate.

There will be PIE and a brief handbell entertainment!

2025 Rev. Paul D. Taylor Antiracism Award Dinner May 17 Honoring Peggy Ward

The Pittsburgh District Antiracism Team (Pittsburgh ART) is having a celebration and everyone is invited!

On May 17, 2025 Pittsburgh ART will host its third ceremony in honor of Paul Taylor, an elder and former District Superintendent in the Western PA Conference, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15216.

Ms. Peggy Ward was selected as this year's Rev. Paul D. Taylor Antiracism Award. Peggy Ward's work on racism in the church began when she attended the then United Methodist Women's National Seminar in 1997. There she raised



awareness and promoted the readoption of the Charter for Racial Justice. Over the years she spoke at numerous events and other church groups, led book groups, trainings and conversations on topics of Racial Justice.

She advocates for more emphasis on the intrapersonal, institutional, and systemic aspects of racism. She has multiplied her impact though working with many teams and groups, guiding and inspiring awareness and change.

The dinner is \$40.00. The registration extended to May 10th.

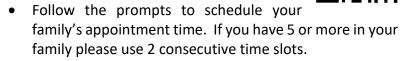
To register go to: https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/PaulTaylorAntiracismAwardDinner2025



As you have seen in the Save the Date we will be taking photos for our church directory June 25-27th 2:00-8:30 pm and June 28th 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

To schedule your photography appointment online:

- Go to www.ucdir.com or use the QR code
- Click on Photography Session Sign-up
- Enter pa1166 in the Church Code field
- Enter photos in the Church Password field



The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. We will also have sign ups before and after church services from now until Sunday, June 22, 2025.

CLASS OF 2025



Please send information to: Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org) by May 31, 2025 to be included in the list of grads celebrated on graduation Sunday. Include alma mater, future plans if known, and a recent photo.

Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 8 at all services, with a reception to follow the 10:45 service.



Spring Flower Planting

Friday, May 30th & Saturday, May 31st (AM)

Just show up with planting cloths, knee pads, hand shovels, etc.

call 412-531-7131/email churchsecretary@mlumc.org the church office to RSVP



Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- · Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today! JNIVERSAL

Gathering families, Connecting generations.



CALLING ALL RUMMAGE!

On Saturday, June 7th, the Missions and Outreach Committee will be hosting our Annual Spring Rummage Sale. The sale will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Proceeds from the sale will go to mission projects and/or social service organizations locally, nationally, and around the world. Over \$10,000 was distributed from our Fall 2024 sale. Hopefully, at least that much will be distributed from the June 7th sale. Mary Garber will once again be the main coordinator of the sale. And I will once again be assisting Mary.

To have a successful sale, we need three things – rummage, volunteers, and shoppers. Our immediate priority is rummage – we need it and hope to receive lots of it!

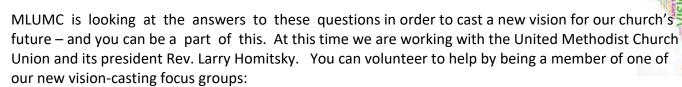
Please bring your rummage to the Church and drop it off in the Asbury Center alcove. If you need help transporting any sizable items you wish to donate, please call the Church office 412-531-7131.

Look for much more detailed information on the June 7th Rummage Sale in the weeks to come. And go find that rummage!

Rob Spicher, Missions and Outreach Committee Chair

Casting a New Vision

As a member or friend of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, do you ever wonder about the ministries, social services or projects of the church? What are we teaching and sharing with each other and with our neighbors? What is MLUMC reaching out to do, with whom, and where? And what does it cost?



- Function/Facility this group will look at what MLUMC does, how and where we do it. Are we fulfilling a purpose?
 How can we improve?
- 2. Finances

Rummage

Sale

3. Fusion – members will work alongside the congregation to find out what congregants think of our ministries and groups, and where they take place. How do all congregants think we can do better?

If you would like to volunteer for a vision-casting focus group, please contact Pastor Tom at tstrandburg@mlumc.org. Your opinions will be most appreciated.



You Will Be Missed

Our Pastor's words to the May meeting of Church Council this past week asked the Council, "I would entertain a motion that this Church Council thanks Rick and Linda Minnotte for their many years of faithful service to the Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church, on the occasion of their impending move to Texas." The motion was made by Rob Spicher and seconded by Monica Kao. The motion carried unanimously!



Church Council

Do you want to know what's happening the church before the rest of congregation? Have you ever wondered how decisions are made about church? And want to give your opinion? Then you should attend Church Council. Church Council is open to everyone. This is a great opportunity to know what is up and coming at the church, as well as giving your opinion on church decisions. Church Council is held the first Monday of every month (except for July) at 7:00 pm in Wesley Hall. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing some new faces.



Do you like video production? Do you like volunteer work?

Want to get more involved with the church?

Do you know someone who likes one or more of these things?

Then please contact the church office for more information at 412-531-7131 or churchsecretary@mlumc.org.

We are in need of those who know about video production and/or want to learn about video production. We are looking for volunteers to assist at least once a month for our livestream service(s) on Sundays. This would be a great opportunity for a teenager to start their video production career.

Please spread the word throughout your communities. Volunteers do not have to be a member of the church to assist with the livestream.





If you have any questions, comments, additions, and/or corrections to these announcements, please contact **Cheryl L. Sorice** at **412-531-7131** or **churchsecretary@mlumc.org**. If you have anything you would like in the Announcements, please have them to Cheryl by **noon on Tuesdays**. Thank you.



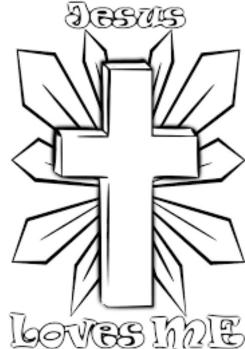
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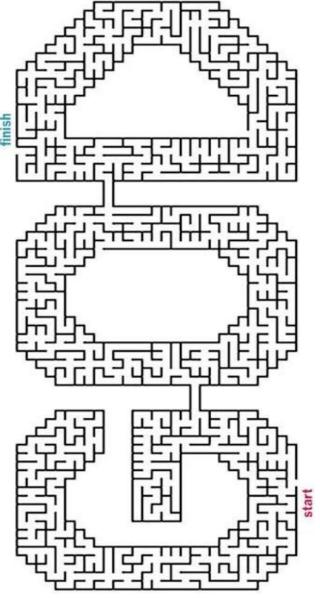
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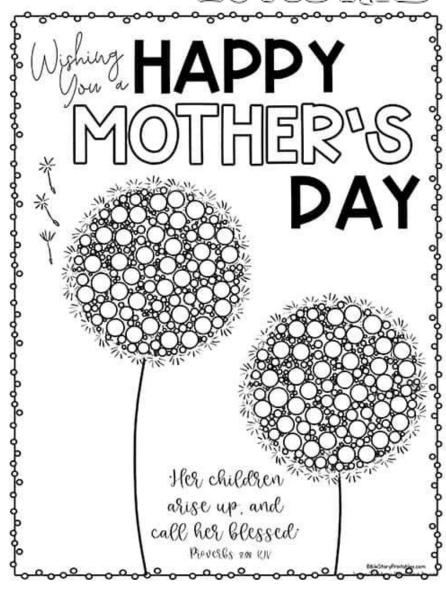
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