

Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

May 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the outpouring of love for my family and me at the loss of my Mom, Erma Wilson. Mom really enjoyed being a part of our church family. She was particularly thankful that people made the effort to talk to her each week and send cards. She would always say what a wonderful congregation we have at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church.

You never know what life is going to throw at you. My life will be changed significantly, particularly as Mom lived with me for the last ten years. She taught our family well and helped form the faith of many throughout the years.

As we mourn the loss of loved ones, we also know that we lean on each other and our strength comes from God. We also know that life continues and that as Christians we are called to share God's love, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit we serve in the world.

We have great opportunities to serve in the next few months. The Strawberry Fest the first weekend of June will be wonderful and we need lots of folks to help. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex. There will be opportunities for mission and study as well this summer. You are needed!

Let's continue to share the love!

*Blessings
Cindy*

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PASTOR: THE REVEREND DR.
CINDY McCLUNG

WORSHIP
WITH US



CAYA (Contemporary) Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!



May Worship Leaders

- 1 - Anne Totin
- 8 - John Crist
- 15 - Dan Wahl
- 22 - Jeff Hawn
- 29 - Verna McGinley



PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- June 5 - Strawberry Fest 12:00 - 3:00 pm, concert by "Big Fat Jazz"
- June 6 - Pentecost celebration and Anniversary Sunday



MISSION STATEMENT

Serving Christ!
Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love

We express our deepest sympathy to Rev. Cindy and all of her family because of the passing of her mother, Erma Wilson, on Saturday, April 23rd.



VISION STATEMENT

God's vision for Mt. Lebanon Christian Church (DOC) is that we be a Christ-centered church; growing in faith through prayer, worship, and Bible study; growing in service through outreach; growing in love through Fellowship.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of George Hafner who passed away on April 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Congratulations John Crist!

Please join us following worship on May 8 for a time of fellowship to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of John Crist's Ordination!! John's "Ordiversary" is actually May 1. We will celebrate on May 8.



Services in-Person, via Facebook Live or Free Conference Call

We will continue to film the Facebook Live services on Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00 am even though we are meeting in person now. We will also continue to use "Free Conference Call" using phone number 425-436-6348 and access code 284262#. Remember, you can view past services on our Facebook Live page by clicking here, pick Video and select what you want to watch. (or enter this <https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonCC/>)

Some Mom Humor

Lionel phones his mother living in Springfield, MA USA. Mum, how are you?' he asks.
'Not too good,' answers Lionel's mother, 'I've been very weak. Lionel, concerned asks, 'Why are you so weak, mother?'

She says, 'Because I haven't eaten in 23 days'
Lionel stammers, 'That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 23 days?'

His mother replies, 'Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should phone.'

Baby snake: Mommy, are we poisonous?

Mother snake: Yes son. Why?

Baby snake: I just bit my tongue!

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!

Ryan: Why did you chop the joke book in half?

John: Mom said to cut the comedy.

Elephant: Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?

Hippo: I give up.

Elephant: Because their kids have to play inside!

A mother mouse and a baby mouse are walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

Robbie: Larry's mother had four children. Three were named North, South and West. What was her other child's name?

Bobbie: East?

Robbie: No. Larry.

Pee Wee: What did the digital clock say to its mother?

Westley: What?

Pee Wee: "Look, Ma! No hands!"



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please contact The Elders for any prayer concerns or even just to talk. The Elders pray for those in our congregation who need prayers from those on our prayer lists and those mentioned during our worship services. If you are in need of prayer and would like to be included in our private prayer list or in the newsletter prayer list, please contact the church office or one of the Elders. Please pray for our church family, friends and neighbors. Pray for all of America and the World as we fight this COVID-19 virus.

Prayer List

Dorothy Hawn - Concordia

The family of Erma Wilson - death of Erma

The family of George Hafner - death of George

Karen Newman - surgery recovery

Peace in the Ukraine

Harrison family - death of Connie

Mary Crist

Pajak and Wagner families - death of Stephen Wagner

Kathleen Miller - Lung cancer surgery

Greg - cancer - Rev. Cindy co-worker

Rick Fleischauer - Traumatic brain injury - nephew of Jane

McCarty

Audrey Houke

Jim Powell

Art Mace

Maggie Goodwin - pain

Deborah Sykes - spiritual strength & health

Richard Sykes

Betty Rothermel

Ed Pajak

Ron Brown

Duane Ready

Active service military

Also, please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound. Helen Butler, Connie McCarty, Ruth Schmidtter, and Lee Scott.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Lee Hasselman
8 - Diane Ozanick
Kat Persinger
9 - Betty Rothermel
14 - Carmine Campbell
17 - Connie McCarty
18 - Jane McCarty
21 - Joy Pajak
27 - Karen Newman
28 - Audrey Houke

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

20 - Paul & Janet Bowers
24 - Chuck & Laurie Sargent



May Outreach:

May Outreach: Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day but to share our blessings with the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Please bring the following urgently needed items to the Narthex by May 29th.

\$10 and \$15 Giant Eagle Gift Cards

Snacks - Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Chips, Microwave
Popcorn, Packaged Cookies/Crackers, etc.

Hair Conditioner

Body Lotion

Multicultural Hair Care Products (full-sized bottles)

New Pillows

Duffle Bags

New Bath Towels

Linens - Sheet Sets, Comforters, Pillow Cases, Blankets

Reusable Tote Bags

Clorox Wipes

Paper Plates & Bowls

Plastic Silverware

Cups

Napkins

Paper Towels



Technology Update

We now have 2 video doorbells at the church and a 3rd doorbell.

Video doorbell by the door at the top of the steps to the office in the front of the chapel.

Video doorbell at the door entering from the upper parking lot.

There also is a regular doorbell at the side entrance to the Chapel at the red ramp.

When you ring the 2 Video doorbells, they will notify whoever is in the secretary's office that somebody is there and they will be able to see you and talk with you. These also will notify if there is motion at the door.

The regular doorbell will ring a Chime that is in the secretary's office.





FAIREST LORD JESUS

This hymn extolling the beauty and virtues of Christ leads us to the praise and worship of our "beautiful savior." The vivid comparisons of all the enjoyable sights of nature with Jesus, who is the very source and essence of all beauty, fill us with awe. Then we are reminded that our Savior outshines all creations of God, including the hosts of angels. How worthy He is of the deepest "glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore."

Little is known of the origins of this hymn. It is thought by some to have been sung in the 12th century by the German crusaders as they made their way to the holy land. Another source claims that this was one of the hymns used by the followers of John Hus. These were Moravian believers who were driven out of Bohemia in the bloody anti-Reformation purge of 1620. They settled in Silesia, now part of Poland. "Fairest Lord Jesus" is thought to be a folk hymn that came from these devout Silesian peasants. The fourth verse emphasizes the dual nature of the Savior – "Son of God and Son of Man" – as well as the praise that will be eternally His. Whatever the actual origin of this hymn, Christians have been blessed with this worshipful and joyful text, which focuses our view on the fair Son of God who reveals to us the glory of the Father.

1. *Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature! O Thou of God to earth came down; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.*
2. *Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*
3. *Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moon light, and all the twinkling starry hosts: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.*
4. *Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine!*



Broken Things are Precious

Elder's Corner

Today I broke my favorite figurine of a Cockatoo. It was my grandmother's and I loved it and loved looking at it. To think, I felt sadness over a statue. Then I thought how precious this little statue was to me, not because of the statue but because of the memory of my grandmother.

I began to think of other precious things in my life. We eat broken bread we share in the depth of our Lord and His broken life. Broken flowers give perfume. Broken incense is used in adoration. A broken ship saved Paul and many other passengers on their way to Rome. Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them.

The people who condemned Christ to death and crucified Him did not understand what really happened that day, they thought that beating him to submission, crucifying Him and ridiculing Him to the moment of His death showed that they had the ultimate power over His broken body. The truth is that Christ freely accepted His own suffering and death as His Father's will. In doing so He taught us that God's will in our own lives is not always easy, it may be even be difficult to understand. Christ's example also teaches us that sometimes true success and triumph can be disguised in what the world may think is brokenness and failure.

Look at yourself. Perhaps a disability makes it impossible for you to participate in things you used to do. Perhaps you are quick to understand or walking is not as easy as it was before. Playing golf or tennis is out of the question. You may want to blame God or someone else for this cross you must bear.

Instead, as Christ did, decide to accept these challenges as God's will in your life. Use them as an inspiration to make a difference to others. Always remain ready to allow God to use your challenges as tools to fix your brokenness and to make you a better person and the world a better place.

The grass is greener on God's side.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 am United Service	2	3 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group		5	6	7
8  MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	9	10 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group		12 7:00 pm Elder's Mtg.	13	14
15 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	16 7:00 pm Trustees Mtg.	17 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group		19	20	21
22 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	23	24 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	27	28
29 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	30  Memorial Day	31 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6e6fa;"> <p>I listen to even the smallest details of your hopes.</p>  </div>			