

# Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

June 2022

Dear Friends,

There are no words that adequately speak to the appalling and horrific events of the last few weeks. Mass Shooting in a grocery store, a church, and a school. Of course, there is the ongoing war in Ukraine. Thoughts and prayers pour in from all kinds of places. Those are good. More is needed.

Action must be taken. Many will blame these tragedies on a singular issue, gun control, mental health, drugs, etc. Our problems are not singular but multi-faceted. I implore you to talk to your legislators about these problems. Call or write and tell them to take action. Consider carefully who you vote for in the next election and if they will take action to make our nation a safer and healthier place to live.

We must live caring for our neighbors and the stranger as well. We need to model love and compassion in active ways.

God is at work in the world. God calls us to be God's hands and feet in the world. Let us pray and take action for the sake of God's people.

*Blessings  
Cindy*

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CINDY McCLUNG

WORSHIP  
WITH US



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

PLEASE JOIN US!



## June Worship Leaders

- 5 - Dan Wahl
- 12 - John Crist
- 19 - Chuck Sargent
- 26 - Jeff Hawn

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Serving Christ!**  
**Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love**

### 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.*

## MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

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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



### 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/>)

## Turning Struggle into Steadfastness

Stories of struggle are nothing new to the church. From the persecution faced by early Christians to civil rights movements led by faith leaders, the church has found its strength in times of unrest.

The COVID-19 pandemic is yet another chapter in this long history, both nothing unique and yet entirely different. Through it all, Disciples have been steadfast. By launching emerging congregations, they have stepped up to care for communities in need.

But they don't do it alone. With the help of regional and general ministries, these brave leaders have been provided with facilities to conduct their outreach activities and with online educational opportunities, such as Leadership Academy.

By making a gift to the 2022 Pentecost Offering, received in most congregations on Sundays, May 29 and June 5, you can ensure that the new church movement continues to prosper in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Each year, half of these gifts go to your own region to support local new church development. The other half goes to [New Church Ministry](#), which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada through programs such as coaching, New Church Hacks, and Water the Plants.

Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new places of worship is part of the Disciples' vision – participation in this Special Day Offering helps this vision come to life.

[Please give generously to this year's Pentecost offering.](#)



## 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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 - Tabitha Corwin  
4 - Carol Dubiel  
5 - Joanne Houston  
10- Mike Philippon  
11- Wilma Harty  
12 - Laurie Sargent  
16- Bonnie Philippon

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Roy & Marilyn Voshell  
6 - Dan & Lee Ann Whal

Dorothy Hawn is staying at Paramount in McMurray.

Any correspondence for her should be sent to Jeff's home address which is:

300 Carmell Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15241

### Nominating Team



The Church Board approved the following people for the Nominating Team at the May Board Meeting:  
Jinny Plavetich, Ralph Scott & Tom Spray.

This team will be making calls to church members in order to fill the Church Officers for the July 2022-July 2023 Church year. Please consider carefully about filling any positions you are asked to be part of. Many hands make small work for all and God asks us to use our talents to his glory.

Please give any suggestions you have for officer's positions to anyone on the Nominating Team. All nominations must be given to the team by June 5th . The annual business meeting to nominate candidates for officers of the church will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> after worship.



Outreach for June  
Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank

Make Checks to Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank or to the church with GPCFB on the Memo line.



Monetary donations have the greatest impact for our work. For every \$1 raised, the Food Bank is able to provide up to five meals for the children, families and seniors we serve! Monetary donations allow us to purchase food in large quantities directly from manufacturers and quickly re-distribute to those in need. They also allow us to source the specific items we need in order to fill any gaps in our supply, including fresh produce and dairy. Although we still love traditional food drives, they do take a considerable effort to sort, organize and repack, so monetary donations are always appreciated when possible!

Congratulations to our Graduates

CCCAIivia Montgomery - Duquesne University

Kayla Wolff - Chariters Valley High School



The only thing to do with good advice is  
to pass it on.  
It is never of any use to oneself.





## JUST AS I AM

Often we feel that if only we were in different circumstances **or** had some special talent, we could be a better witness for God and serve Him more effectively. This hymn was written by a bed-ridden invalid who felt useless to do anything except express her feelings of devotion to God. Yet Charlotte Elliott's simply worded text has influenced more people for Christ than any hymn ever written or perhaps any sermon ever preached. As a young person she was known as "carefree Charlotte." She was a popular portrait artist and writer of humorous verse. At the age of 30, however, a serious ailment made her an invalid for life. She became listless and depressed until a Swiss evangelist, Dr. Caesar Malan, visited her. Sensing her spiritual distress, he exclaimed, "Charlotte, you must come just as you are – a sinner – to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Immediately placing her complete trust in Christ's redemptive sacrifice for her, she experienced immediate inner peace and joy in spite of her physical affliction until her death at the age of 82. She has written over 150 hymns and is considered to be one of the finest of all English hymnwriters. "God sees, God guards, God guides me," she said. "His grace surrounds me and His voice continually bids me to be happy and holy in His service – just where I am!"

1. *Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*
2. *Just as I am, tho tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*
3. *Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind – sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in Thee to find - O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*  
*Just as I am, Thou will receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*



## Ooops, I did it again. Correcting Mistakes

## Elder's Corner

A critic is a person who corrects people, not mistakes. Jesus corrected mistakes, not people.

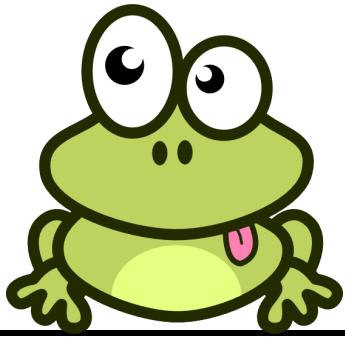
Can you remember how the Sadducees tried to trap Jesus? They asked him a trick question and Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. Jesus corrected their lack of knowledge, not them. When we criticize out emphasis is almost always on the weakness of the person. Jesus talked about the weakness of position.

When I write on a piece of paper I make many mistakes. I erase my mistakes and redo the words and proceed. Critics do not try to erase mistakes; they strive to blot out the person. When you blot out the person, there is no more writing. When you erase the mistake the person has another chance.

One day Peter came to Jesus and asked him, "How many time should I forgive my brother when he sins against me, up to 7 times?" Jesus replied, "I tell you not 7 times, but seventy." That was Jesus' way of saying errors are to be corrected. But Peter was thinking in terms of correcting people.

One day my husband lent our VCR to a neighbor. When the neighbor brought it back I attempted to reconnect it. When I tried it, it wouldn't work. I asked my husband to look at it. When he did I had put the cord in the wrong spot. He said "All is ok, come see which connection is for the VCR." My husband did not say "Stupid, anyone can see that the cord goes here". My husband corrected the mistake, not me.


Keep in mind that corrections change people while criticism only makes them angry.



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## June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>Can't sleep? Don't count sheep; talk to the shepherd</b>				1	2	3	4
5 11:00 am United Service 12-3pm Strawberry Fest	6	7 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	8	9 7:00 pm Elder's Mtg	10	11	
12 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	13	14 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	15	16	17	18	
19  9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	20	21  7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	22	23 7:00 p.m. Vision Team	24 	25	
26 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	27	28 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	29	30			