

Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

September 2022

Wow! A lot is happening at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church this fall! I am so excited to see how the Holy Spirit is alive and working in our congregation. Dining Disciples is beginning this September.

A new outreach to the community will be taking place on Saturday, October 8. Bible Study is resuming in September. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, October 16. More is coming in November and December.

I want to encourage you to take part in these happenings. We all need to strengthen our discipleship and deepen our relationships with each other. We can do that through participating in these opportunities. Invite others to take part as well. We want to enlarge our fellowship. That happens through relationship building.

We all need a heart for inviting others. Don't be afraid to share an invitation to join us. The best way to get people to come and be with us is to pick them up and bring them. Bring them to discipleship groups, worship, the Harvest Fest and Bible Study.

Let people know what a wonderful congregation we have at MLCC.

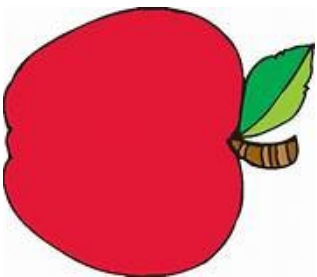
Rejoice friends, for the Spirit is alive and well at MLCC!

Blessings

Cindy

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WORSHIP
WITH US



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

PLEASE JOIN US!



September 2022

Worship Leaders

4 - Chuck Sargent
11 - Verna McGinley
18 - Dan Wahl
25 - Jeff Hawn

Elders

4 - Rev. John Crist
11 - Brad Montgomery
18 - Verna McGinley
25 - Sally Myton

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.

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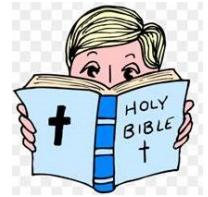
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Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 PM on Zoom. We will be using a study by Amy-Jill Levine called Signs and Wonders. The study will be led by Dr. Cindy McClung. Please join us.



This study is easy to understand and will help deepen your understanding of scripture and Jesus' work on earth.

"In Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus' words and actions."

Topics include:

Giving sight to the blind: Metaphors of understanding (Mark 8, John 9)

"Take up your pallet and walk" (the paralyzed man)

A bleeding woman and a dead girl

Walking on water and stilling the storm

The feeding of the 5,000 (or more)

The raising of Lazarus

We've moved



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

We 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 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/>)

How many days until Christmas????

Lots of people start counting down to Christmas in July. This year the Outreach Team is inviting you to make this Christmas extra special. You can help make this Christmas even more meaningful by giving 10 - 20% of what you would spend on Christmas presents for your family. I think it is helpful to remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and not ours. By giving a portion of what we would spend on gifts to give to a special project adds an extra sense of joy to our celebration.



This year we are challenged to give to World Vision Water projects. An article from World Vision follows in the newsletter. I am hopeful that our giving will be significant. The first \$2500 will be matched. I prayerfully hope that we can exceed that amount.

There will be a special place in the narthex to place your donations, checks or cash put water project on the memo line. If you are making out a check, make it to the church and the donations will be sent together.



Harvest Fest Saturday, October 8, Noon – 3 Something new!!!

Bring your friends and neighbors to Harvest Fest at the Church.
There will be Food, Games, and Fun for all.

Come and paint a pumpkin.
Eat delicious food
Games for all ages
Sit and talk with folks
Raffle baskets & items
Listen to music

Harvest Fest is part of Mt. Lebanon Christian Church's outreach to the community. We want people to know we are here and get to know us. We want to get to know them as well.

Please invite others to join us. Better yet – bring them with you!
We also need lots of folks to help. Sign-ups for helping will be in the Narthex.
More information will be coming!



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.

Church Members

Mary Crist
Carol Dubiel
Karen Newman - surgery recovery
Jim Powell
Duane Ready
Betty Rothermel
Mary Jane Webb – Broken Wrist – recovery from surgery

Friends and family

Doli – Rev. Cindy's Niece - heart by-pass surgery
Rick Fleischauer - Traumatic brain injury - nephew of Jane McCarty
Maggie Goodwin - back surgery recovery
Joanne - Bill Green's daughter
Harrison family - death of Connie
Kurt and Katy - healing and strength Peace
Kathleen Miller - Lung cancer recovery
Leo Schober - healing
Deborah Sykes - spiritual strength & health
Richard Sykes
Matt - Dan Wahl's Nephew - recovery

Active service military

All those affected by Mass shootings
Peace in the Ukraine

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - John McCarty
Cathy Snyder
4 - Niko Campbell
11 - Paul Bowers
19 - Marissa Campbell
23 - Brad Montgomery
24 - Alivia Montgomery
26 - Lisa Doyle
28 - Lee Ann Wahl

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

12 - Ed & Kat Persinger

New Members

If you are interested in Church Membership, please speak to Rev. Cindy.

We will be meeting in September for getting acquainted with life at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ!



"Jimmy Green won't be at school today - this is my father speaking . . ."



September Outreach South Hills Animal Rescue



Help out animals in need by donating pet food, bedding and towels for the South Hills Pet Rescue. Gently used bedding and towels are accepted as long as there are no holes to trap a paw.

Dog and Cat dry and moist food are appreciated.

Please bring your donations to the church and put them on the table in the narthex.

Thanks,

Geri Offenbach, Outreach Chair



Congratulations to Lisa Doyle and Mike Rusko
who were married on July 16th.



September, Who Knew?

September also used to only have 29 days. Thanks to Julius Caesar's reform of the Roman calendar in 46 BC the month now has an additional day!

The Anglo-Saxons had another name for September too, which was Haefest Monath. This is a particularly interesting one as this translates into harvest month, and our modern-day usage of the word harvest originates from this name!

September 1, 1939, was a dark day for the world. It was on this day that [Hitler](#) invaded Poland, consequentially beginning World War II.



O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

Everyone has a basic premise for his life's convictions. The Christian begins with Jesus Christ, who came to earth to reveal God to man. The Christian also believes in the absolute historicity of Jesus as recorded in the scriptures, the only authentic record of our Lord's life and works.

For God's people the bible is the most important book in life. Though written by 40 different writers from Moses to John over a period of 1600 years, there is perfect harmony throughout the 66 books. This is proof that the book is truly "God-breathed" and that the real author was the Holy Spirit.

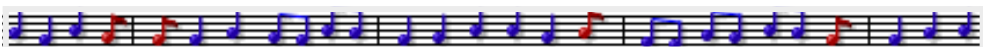
William Howe, who wrote the text for this hymn, was a bishop of the Anglican church in London England. He was known as an outstanding hymnist, the composer of over sixty hymns.

O word of God Incarnate, O wisdom from on high, O truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky: We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master, received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine. It is the sacred casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven drawn picture of Thee, the living word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above the dark'ning world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and quick sands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O Make Thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations Thy light as of old, O teach Thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.



The Five Finger Prayer



1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayer by praying for those closest to you. To pray for our loved ones is a sweet duty.
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes ministers, teachers, doctors, lay ministers etc. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the presidents, leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that it is our weakest finger, as many piano teachers will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or pain. They need our prayers day and night.
5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says "The least shall become the greatest among you". Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other 4 groups, your own need will be up into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Do not tell God how big your storm is; Tell the storm how big your God is!!!



No CAYA Service on September 11th or 18th. Pastor John will be on vacation. Service will resume on September 25.





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<p>The wishbone will never replace the backbone.</p> 				1	2	3
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11 No CAYA 11:00 am Traditional	12	13 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	14 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	15	16	17
18 No CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	19 7:00 pm Trustee's Meeting	20 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group 7:00 pm Board Meeting	21 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	22 	23 	24
25 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	26	27 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	28 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	29	30	