

Christian Reporter

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

October 2022

Dear Friends,

Stewardship is a word that we use to talk about how we care for what God has given us on this earth. We are to care for God's earth, our financial blessings, and our spiritual gifts.

Scripture reminds us that we reap what we sow. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

There are so many opportunities and obligations for us as we journey through this life. We have families to support, people in need, ministries to support, the earth to care for and pleasures to enjoy. How does your life reflect your stewardship of God's gifts?

A good place to start is to take a good look at your bank account. What does your spending say about your practice of stewardship? Does it give glory to God? The next place to look is your calendar. How do you give your time and talents to the glory of God?

I encourage you to prayerfully examine both your bank account and your calendar and see if they truly reflect your giving to God's glory. Consider the blessings you have been given and how God is asking you to use them. May we all be cheerful givers.

*Blessings
Cindy*

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WORSHIP
WITH US



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

PLEASE JOIN US!



October Elders & Worship Leaders

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>
2 - Laurie Sargent	2 - Chuck Sargent
9 - Verna McGinley	9 - John Crist
16 - Sally Myton	16 - Dan Wahl
23 - John Crist	23 - Jeff Hawn
30 - Chuck Sargent	30 - Verna McGinley

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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Autumn 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.

Saturday, October 8, Noon – 3 Something new!!!
 Autumn Fest is new at the Church. There will be Food, Games, and Fun for all.

- Live animal show
- Live music
- Come and paint a pumpkin.
- Eat delicious food
- Games for all ages
- Sit and talk with folks
- Raffle baskets & items

Autumn 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 a s well.

Please invite others to join us. Better yet – bring them with you! We also need lots of folks to help.

Signups for helping will be in the Narthex. More information will be coming!



No amount of Darkness can hide
 a spark of light.

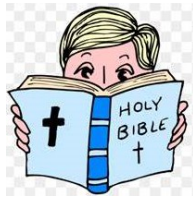


Services in-Person, via Facebook Live or Free Conference Call

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/>)

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 28th 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

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.



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

Ron Brown

Mary Crist

Dorothy Hawn

Bill Green

Audrey Houke

Karen Newman - surgery recovery

Mary Nicholson

Ed Pajak

Duane Ready

Betty Rothermel

Friends and family

Doli - Rev. Cindy's Niece - heart by-pass surgery

Matt - Dan Wahl's Nephew - recovery

Joanne - Bill Green's daughter

Kurt and Katy - healing and strength

Katy Creenan - cancer

Ann Peden - cancer

Kathleen Miller - kidney concerns

Maggie Goodwin - back surgery recovery

Rick Fleischauer - Traumatic brain injury - nephew of Jane McCarty

Leo Schober - healing

Richard Sykes

All those affected by Mass shootings

All of those affected by the Hurricanes and storms

Peace in the Ukraine

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

A prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us into families. Thank you for the love and nourishment we've received - and been blessed to give. We confess our need for your daily forgiveness and guidance in our families. Please grant harmony in our homes and help us always show respect and love for one another. Amen.



October 2022 Outreach

We will be collecting gently used clothing and coats for City Mission in Washington, PA.

As you change your wardrobes from summer to winter, consider giving clothes to those in need. Winter coats are needed as well.

You can make a difference for those in need. Please bring your donations to the table in the back of the church.

"What you do for the least of these, you do for me" - Jesus

You are Invited!

Ordination of John McCarty

Saturday, October 29, 2022, 2:00 P.M.

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

Reception to Follow

Join us as we rejoice with John and Jane !



Get Your Newsletter Online

Anyone who wants to receive their Newsletter online just needs to let the secretary know.

The advantages are:

- You get your Newsletter as soon as it is approved, not 3 or 4 days later
- Your Newsletter is in full color
- The Church saves money on ink, paper and postage
- Your Newsletter will not come torn and tattered from the mail

If you want to try it let Joyce know by calling the church, email, churchoffice@mtlebocc.org, or leave a note on her desk. If you decide that you don't like it, contact Joyce again and you will be put back on the mailing list.





Elder's Corner

O For A Faith That will not Shrink

Discouragement can easily cause our faith to shrink, and we may even at times consider quitting our service to God. One of the chief characteristics of spiritual maturity is the ability to persevere – even in the face of adversity. God often permits difficulties to come into our lives simply to allow our faith in Him to become stronger. A faith that is never tested and strengthened soon becomes a shrinking one. But if our faith is real, it will stand every test and prove to be an overcoming faith. William Hiley Bathurst, an Anglican priest wrote the text for this hymn:

O for a faith that will not shrink tho pressed by many a foe, that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe.

That will not murmur nor complain beneath the chast'ning rod, but in the hour of grief or pain will lean upon its God.

A faith that shines more bright and clear when tempests rage without, that, when in danger, knows no fear, in darkness feels do doubt.

Lord, give me such a faith as this, and then ,whate'er may come, I'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss of an eternal home.



I have moved:

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Once upon a time, in an old oak forest stood a tall Oak tree. This tree, towering above its peers, provided food and shelter for many diverse life forms. These life forms trusted the tree to protect them from the winds of time and help them bloom and grow. The tree's strong bark gave stability while its soft heart provided need nourishment. As with all good oak trees, many acorns grew and eventually fell away from the tree; but were never far away. Some of the acorns got carried away, others decayed, and some were able to take root. These fledglings trees, weak at first, soon became tall and strong under the protection of the Tall Oak

One day a missionary came by and seeing the Tall Oak Tree said: "What a fine specimen. This is just what I need as the center from which to build my church." Saying that, he worked hard and cut down the Tall Oak Tree, hauling it away. The old acorns, now fledgling trees, were sad yet thankful. However, they quickly grew and were soon protecting and feeding their own diverse life forms.

What happened to the Tall Oak Tree? It became the most beautiful and supportive structure in the missionary's church. Everyday people would see the fine church and stop in to look around. Seeing the Tall Oak Tree they stopped for a while and thanked God for such a strong and beautiful specimen upon which this church was built.

Help us to realize our thankfulness for the relationship we have with You. You initiated this through the actions of Your beloved Son, in redeeming and reconciling us to Yourself.

Accept our thanks, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen



Maryilyn Voshell, 88, passed away on August 9, 2022. She and her Husband Roy lived in Erie, PA.



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2 11:00 am Traditional Service	3	4 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	5 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	6	7	8 Autumn Fest 12-3 Noon -3:00 pm
9 9:30 am CAYA 11:00 am Traditional Service	10 	11 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	12 Bible Study, 7:00 pm on Zoom	13 7:00 pm Elder's Mtg.	14	15
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