



Mt. Lebanon
Christian Church

MLCC Newsletter - May 2024



Worship with Us

In-Person or Facebook Live

Traditional Worship: Sunday at 11:00 AM
CAYA Contemporary Worship: Sunday at 6:00 PM

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Our Mission:
Serving Christ!
Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love

Minister's Message

Pentecost is coming! Fifty days after Easter the church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. It is the birthday of the church. It is the day when people began to be able to hear about the Good News in their own language. On Pentecost we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. There were at least two other times that this occurred in the book of Acts. People came to faith in droves. What an incredible time this was in the beginnings of the first century church.



The Holy Spirit also gives to us our spiritual gifts. The point of having a spiritual gift is that it is to be shared with those around us, the Body of Christ. Our gifts are not for selfish motives and personal gain. The gifts that have been given to us to be used for the good of others and the furthering of the kingdom of God here on earth.

As a congregation we have taken spiritual gifts inventories and talked with others about how we might use those gifts in the kingdom of God.

Perhaps you were surprised by your gifts. Through conversation with others you may have found new ways to use these gifts or received new insights into how God may be calling you to serve in God's kingdom. I want to challenge and encourage you to use your gifts for the furthering of the kingdom of God here on earth. Find some new ways to use your gifts. Focus your energy on learning more about your gifts and using them for the good of all. Imagine what our congregation can look like if we all would be good stewards of our gifts. Wow!

The possibilities and opportunities before us are awesome. Let's celebrate the Holy Spirit and the gifts we have been given!

Support MLCC

Mail Checks to: Mt. Lebanon Christian Church - 367 Cedar Blvd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Or Give online at mtlebocc.org

Your gift of time, talent or treasure enables MLCC to serve Christ by living and sharing faith, hope and love.

It's simple to donate once or set up reoccurring donations using the Give link. Options for giving include helping with Building Maintenance projects and Community Outreach programs.

There are plenty of ways to get involved. Volunteer opportunities include:

AV Tech - Contemporary Worship Musicians - Social Media - Child Care Nursery - Small Group Leader - Landscaping - Greeter - Community Service - Event Planning
For more information about volunteering contact John McCarty.



Saturday, May 4, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Help beautify our church inside and out. Paint the shed,
clean and organize or weed

Bible Study:

Luke: “Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws”

This Spring we will be using Adam Hamilton’s study on Luke. Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In Luke: “Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws”, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke’s stories we find Jesus’ care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus’ concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.” Beginning April 10, join us Wednesday evenings at 7 on zoom as we explore together.



Organ Recital by Samuel Olawoyin

Saturday, May 11

7 PM

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367 Cedar Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Works by G. Young, Fletcher, Parry,
Boellmann, J.S. Bach, Dubois,
Sowande and Widor

Freewill Offering

Help Samuel bring his family to Pittsburgh

Happy Camper Outreach



This May we're continuing to support campers at Camp Laurelview by collecting much needed supplies for the kids. Please bring the following supplies to the Outreach Table in the Narthex by Sunday, May 26. Let's make happy campers!!!

- Toilet paper, Paper towels, Napkins, Paper plates, Plastic Cups,
- 13 and 55-gallon garbage bags, hand soap and refill, bleach,
- laundry soap, dish soap
- toilet bowl cleaner, toilet brushes, good quality opaque plastic shower liners
- sweetened Kool-Aid and lemonade, cereal, juice
- pens, folders, notebooks, copy paper
- new sleeping bags, new twin fitted sheets, new pillows/ cases,
- new towels/wash cloths
- toiletries, sun screen, glo sticks, tea lights, bic lighters/matches

If you have a student who is interested in attending Camp Laurelview this summer please visit

<https://laurelview.org/>

Camp Laurelview Workday

Saturday, May 18, 8:00 am -3:00 pm

Cleaners, Painters and Handymen needed

If interested call John Owen at 724-600-5130

We Have a Winner

March Madness just got a whole lot more meaningful!

Our March Madness Outreach raised \$260 for the charity of choice for the winner.

And the winner is drumroll please.....Chuck Sargent. Chuck selected Washington City Mission who has been providing hope for the homeless since 1941. To double the impact, Church Outreach is stepping up to match Chuck's donation, bringing the grand total to a whopping \$520! Now that's what I call a slam-dunk for a great cause!

Elder's Corner

LET'S BE HONEY TO EACH OTHER



On Monday, April 8, 2024, around 2:30 P.M. the darkened. The Sun disappeared, and the darkness of twilight existed; if only for a few brief minutes. The sun slowly reemerged and by 4:30 P.M. it was as if nothing happened. This reminds us of the darkness when Christ died. Although the darkness was brief, something did happen. Jesus left us for a brief time, He returned by his Resurrection to save us.

I give you a new commandment that you love one another, just as I have loved you, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, because you have love for one another. -John 13: 34-35

As we say those words, I see us greeting each other with "I love you." because you are a child of God. Some of us curse at each other whenever passing in the hall. Many of us will show a look of disgust and distrust while this happens. We become hurt. My mother used to say to my brother and I; "Watch your P's and Q's. Watch what you say!" Remember that God gave sweetness to us all, so we need to enjoy it!

Honey is the amazing gift of bees gathering nectar. They work their bee magic to make this enjoyable, sweet, and healthy golden treat. This treat can last for a very long time if stored properly. Should something go wrong with this storage plan, honey can become unfit for humans however bees will happily consume it.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all became honey for each other? Would there be an essential sweetness for everyone? We could feed each other, as well as ourselves. Being deliciously good and stored properly, our friendships would last a long time, putting a smile on Gods' face!

I love you, honey. The farmers' Namaste.

Elders Shepherd Program

During her sermon on April 21st, Rev Cindy highlighted the dedication of shepherds to their flock, drawing parallels to the care provided by the Good Shepherd who seeks us out and cares for us. The Bible emphasizes the role of elders in tending to their flock, as sheep are most productive when properly cared for by their shepherd.

Many years ago, the Elders Shepherding Program was established at Mt Lebanon Christian Church as a means for elders to oversee their congregation. Each elder is assigned a list of members, whom they consider their flock. The program aims to support the congregation in the following ways:

Strengthening the bond between elders and congregation members, providing a channel for communication and addressing any concerns.

- Assisting members spiritually.
- Identifying opportunities to support individuals with health or other personal concerns.
- Providing a platform for shy or reserved individuals to express their needs.
- Utilizing the Shepherds list for all-church communications.

Your shepherd is there to pray for you and is available for conversations whenever you need. They are someone you can turn to for friendship or spiritual guidance. The motto "Shepherding is for Everyone" emphasizes that everyone deserves and should have a shepherd, and that everyone can be a shepherd in their own way for others.

Artist Spotlight: Barbi Jenkins (Vocalist)

Barbi grew up in a musical family. Both of her parents loved to sing. Despite her mother's reserved nature, the sanctuary of the church became a stage for her hidden passion for singing. When Barbi sang along, it seemed as natural as breathing.

Barbi couldn't wait to sing with her brother John's band in high school. Between the melody and the standard harmony notes of the band members, she gravitated towards the middle harmony, her voice a vital thread of their music. When John started the Praise Band at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, Barbi's middle harmonies lent essential depth to their worship. She's been seen performing at summer parties with "Pythons of the Everglades" and at the Strawberry Fun Fest.

Today, as a special needs caregiver, her musical talent takes on a new dimension. Barbi's clients see her compassionate nature as she improvises songs to help them overcome daily challenges. We're grateful for the promise of hope and healing she brings to our church family and the world around us.

Prayer Needs

Please contact the Elders or one of our ministers for any prayer concerns or even just to talk. We pray for those in our congregation who need prayers and for those on our prayer lists. If you are in need of prayer and would like to be included, please contact those mentioned above or the church office.

Members:

Ron Brown – healing

Ray Dubiel

Gray and McCarty Families – death of Darryl Gray

Goldberg and Maykuth families – death of “Chic” – Samantha’s grandmother

Bill Green

Connie McCarty – healing

Pajak and Wagner families - death of Ed Pajak

Duane Ready

Horst Riddler – Rehab

Doris Riddler

Bill Samples

Homebound Members

Please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound. Bill Green, Audrey Houke, Lois Lindemann, Connie McCarty, Betty Rothermel, Bill Samples and Lee Scott.

Friends and Family

Rick Matthews family – death of Rick – friend of Anne Totin

Giles McCarty - healing

Donny and Heather Harrison – Healing

Frank Family – death of Jim - friend of Jane McCarty

Scout – friend of Scott’s -5-year-old with brain tumor

Carla – recovery from surgery – health issues

John Schohn - cancer - friend of Alice and Dave

George Walling - cancer - friend of Alice and Dave

Leo Schober - healing - Jane McCarty's nephew

Other prayer needs

All those with Covid, RSV and the Flu

Those affected by flooding

Those killed and injured in Baltimore Bridge collapse

War in Ukraine War in Israel

Save the Date: Saturday, June 8

FREE

**RAIN OR
SHINE**



SATURDAY, JUNE 8

12-3 PM

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

367 CEDAR BLVD

MtLeboCC.org

KIDS ZONE - STRAWBERRIES

BALLOON ARTIST

GAMES - CRAFTS

ICE CREAM

HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS

LIVE MUSIC



Dining Disciples

**Group A:
Thursday, May 9,
12:00 PM at Bravo**

**Group B:
Friday, May 10
6:00 PM at Bravo**

**Group C:
Thursday, May 16
6:30 PM at Bravo**

Birthdays

**May 3rd: Lee Hasselman
May 8th: Diane Ozanick, Kat Persinger
May 9th: Betty Rothermel
May 16th: Carmine Campbell
May 17th: Connie McCarty
May 18th: Jane McCarty
May 21st: Joy Pajak
May 27th: Karen Newman
May 28th: Audrey Houke**

May Elders & Worship Leaders

**5 - Jeff Hawn 5 – Dan Wahl
12 - Brad Montgomery 12 - Chuck Sargent
19 - Kathy Spray 19 - Verna McGinley
26 - Chuck Sargent 26 - Jeff Hawn**

Anniversaries

**May 20th: Paul & Janet Bowers
May 24th: Chuck & Laurie Sargent**

MLCC Calendar		May 2024				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7:00 pm Bible Study on zoom			9:00 – 11:00 am Church Workday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service		7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference	7:00 pm Bible Study on zoom	12:00 pm Dining Disciples Group A: at Bravo 7:00 pm Elders Meeting on zoom	6:00 pm Dining Disciples Group B: at Bravo	7:00 pm Samuel Olawoyin Organ Concert
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11:00 am Traditional Svc 12:00 pm Pentecost Picnic 6:00 pm CAYA Service	7:00 pm Trustee Meeting on zoom	7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference 7:00 pm Board Meeting on zoom				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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