



Mt. Lebanon
Christian Church

MLCC Newsletter – July 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

Summer is in full swing! Gardens are growing. Vacations are happening. Kids are out of school. For many people, the daily schedule is a bit different from the rest of the year.

Summertime is typically a time when we hope life will slow down a little bit or at least there will be times to get refreshed and renewed. I hope and pray that we are able to do at least some of that this summer.

This summer I want to challenge you to be listening for God and what God is saying to you. It only takes five minutes of your day for the challenge.

The Five Minute Summer Challenge!

Find a quiet place. No distractions like the TV or the phone.

Try to shut off the noise around you and the noise in your head.

Spend those five minutes just listening. Don't analyze what you hear. Let distracting thoughts just pass through.

Just Listen.

What do you hear?

In the quiet you may hear the symphony of creation.

You may hear nothing.

You may hear God speaking to you.

You may simply delight in the absence of noise and distraction.

Try it!

The more you listen, the more you hear.

Share your experience.

May you find blessings in the silence!

Cindy

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.

Outreach

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church partners with Adopt-A-Highway to keep Cochran Road trash free.

Please join us for a summer service project as we do our part to care for our neighborhood. Weather permitting, we will meet in the chapel Sunday, July 21 at 12:00 pm. Please contact John McCarty with any questions. Volunteers will receive bags, gloves and vests.

Thanks for doing your part to care for our beautiful world.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12



Elder's Corner

Title YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS WITH JESUS

In the 1950's Allstate Insurance Company came up with the popular slogan "You're in good hands with Allstate." It seems one of the company goals was to reassure people that Allstate would always be there to help.

In another story a Psalmist identified the importance of facing difficulties without proper protection. Although his enemies and persecutors tried to seize his life in their hands, he remembered that he was firmly held in God's grasp. There was no need to fear his enemy's grip. The safety of God's control is always there.

It takes courage to entrust yourself into God's hands. After all, these were the very hands that allowed the Messiah to be crucified. How can we turn ourselves over to God when a positive outcome is not always guaranteed?

Perhaps we can trust God's hands if we understand God's heart.

The cross provides a powerful look at His heart and his love for the world. By sending Jesus to die for us, we should understand in God's hands we have protection. We have full coverage from the one who shed His blood to secure our freedom.

By knowing that God will do anything to save us, we should feel comfortable in the assurance against enemy attacks.

Stop trying to take matters into your own hands. Lean more fully into God's capable hands. By relying on God, we can hear and feel the heartbeat of His love. We are protected from our ultimate enemy: Non-Belief.

Read Psalm 31: 9 – 16

My time is in your hand; deliver me from the hands of my enemies and persecutors. (31:15)

Article



MLCC's 6th annual Strawberry Fun Fest was a huge success. Thanks to all the church members and volunteers who invested their time and talents, over a hundred community and church members joined on the front lawn to share a meal, music, love and fellowship. At the mission and prayer tables, folks learned of ways to share God's love and community with our church and our partners as they packed food to donate to the food insecure through [South Hills Interfaith Movement \(SHIM\)](#).

Children and adults donned balloon creations like lizards, pandas and roosters made by a balloon artist from [Mike the Balloon Guy & Co](#). Children jumped and slid in the Pirates of the Caribbean bouncy house. Everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic fare meal of burgers, hot dogs and of course strawberries and ice cream while they clapped along to classic rock performed by The Donny Elroy Band.

One member said, "We reached out to the community to show how MLCC cares about others in the community and wants to invite the community to share in our love of others. It really brought out the togetherness of our congregation." Thanks to all who live out our mission of "Serving Christ, Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love". Your feedback will help us to improve future events. Please take a few moments to complete the [MLCC Strawberry Fun Fest Post Event Survey](#)

MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFICERS 2024-2025
as of 6/25/2024

Congregational Chair	Tom Spray
Vice Chair	Ed Persinger
Recording Sec.	Chuck Sargent
Financial Sec.	Kathy Spray
Treasurer	Janet Bowers
Church Clerk	Cathy Snyder

2024-2025

2025-2026

2026-2027

Chuck Sargent
Kathy Spray

ELDERS

Amy Angotti
Jeff Hawn
Jane McCarty
Verna McGinley
Brad Montgomery

John Crist

Paul Bowers
Lee Hasselman

DEACONS

Ray Dubiel
Tom Spray
Chris Wagner

Ed Persinger
Mike Philippon
Dan Wahl

Mary Jane Webb

DEACONESSES

Laurie Sargent

Carol Dubiel
Bonnie Philippon

Ralph Scott
Dan Wahl

TRUSTEES

Ed Persinger
Mike Philippon

Tom Spray
Mary Jane Webb

July Elders & Worship Leaders

7 - Kathy Spray 7 - Chuck Sargent

14 - Brad Montgomery 14 - Verna McGinley

21 - Jane McCarty 21 - Dan Wahl

28 - Verna McGinley 28 - Jeff Hawn

Birthdays

July 4th: William Ozanick
July 4th: Alice Lawson
July 11th: Ray Dubiel
July 18th: Heather Campbell
July 28th: Ron Brown
July 29th: Crystal Ozanick

Anniversaries

July 1st: Barb & Ralph Scott

MLCC Calendar		June 2024				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service		7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference				12:00 - 3:00 pm Strawberry Fun Fest
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service		7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference		7:00 pm Elders Meeting on zoom		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Prayer Requests: If you have requests for the prayer list to go with the announcements, please let Rev. Cindy or Pastor John know by Wednesday of each week by 4pm.

Prayer List:

Those affected by flooding and tornadoes
 Dave Koerber – back pain
 Ron Brown – healing
 Connie McCarty – healing
 Goldbergand Maykuth families – death of “Chic” – Samantha’s grandmother
 Batson Family – death of Tim – Jane McCarty’s cousin
 Horst Riddler – Rehab
 Doris Riddler
 Ray Dubiel
 Emma –signs of rejecting liver
 Maggie Goodwin - healing
 Sam Levine – 17 year old - inoperable brain tumor
 Parker– Lung cancer – Friend of Lee Hasselman
 Ric Matthews family – death of Rick – friend of Anne Totin
 Giles McCarty - healing
 Bill Samples
 Bill Green
 Duane Ready
 Scout– friend of Scott’s - 5 year old with brain tumor

Carla– recovery from surgery – health issues

Jack Davis – Brother of Barb Scott

Ron Abels - Friend of Wahls

All those with Covid, RSV and the Flu

War in Ukraine

War in Israel