



MLCC Newsletter - August 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

The Olympics are in full swing and quickly coming to a close. Some people already want to know what the athletes are going to do next in their athletic careers. Simone Biles said that she's not going to answer that right now. She just wants to enjoy the moment.

How often we are looking ahead and not enjoying the present moment? How often do we miss the wonderful things that are happening right now in front of us and around us? As Christians we look to the future, but we also live in this moment. Scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is here and now. The kingdom doesn't begin after we pass away. It is right here and right now in this moment.

Do you think about this world as the kingdom of God? Do you think about being in the presence of God each and every day as we interact with the world around us? Are we living in such a way that says we are followers of Jesus?

There are opportunities before us to learn how to be more committed and faithful disciples. Dining disciples is an opportunity to connect with others, to address questions of living out our faith, and serve God in some creative ways. Worship gives us provides a way to praise God and learn more about our discipleship journey in our lives here in God's earthly kingdom. Bible study is another outlet for learning and growing. Mission is an expectation of us all and allows us to reach out to our neighbors in love and compassion. Individual and group prayer keeps us mindful of the needs of others in many different regards.

I want to encourage you to try something new if you haven't engaged in one of these activities. Encourage a friend to come with you. Don't be afraid to ask them to join in something you enjoy and giving the opportunity to connect, grow and serve. Let us build up the kingdom of God in this present moment.

Blessings!
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.

Dining Disciples



Join us for Dining Disciples!

Dining Disciples are groups that meet once a month for lunch or for dinner to get to know others, talk about faith and find ways to live out our faith in our everyday lives. Dining disciples is a great way to connect with others, grow in your faith and find ways to serve the Lord in God's Kingdom here on earth. Sign up in the narthex or let Rev. Cindy know you would like to take part in the group. Sign up by the end of August. Groups will begin meeting in September. Please indicate if you would prefer a daytime or evening group. Invite a friend to come with you!

Caring Connections

Invitation to Join Our New Ministry: Caring Connections

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce the launch of a new ministry dedicated to reaching out to our homebound members and helping to reduce social isolation within our community. This ministry is a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love and compassion by simply picking up the phone or dropping a note to check in on those who cannot join us in person.

Why This Ministry Matters

Social isolation can be a heavy burden, especially for those who are homebound due to illness, age, or other circumstances. A friendly voice and a kind word can make a world of difference. By joining this ministry, you can offer comfort, companionship, and a sense of belonging, reminding them that they are a cherished part of our church family.

How You Can Help

We are seeking volunteers who are willing to dedicate a little time each week to call and chat with our members and neighbors who can't get out much. No special skills are required, just a loving heart and a listening ear. Training and guidelines will be provided to help you feel comfortable and confident in this role.

The Impact You Can Make

- **Spread Joy:** Your calls will bring joy and light into the lives of those who may feel isolated.
- **Build Connections:** Develop meaningful relationships with members of our church and community.
- **Grow Spiritually:** Experience personal spiritual growth as you serve others in love.

How to Get Involved

If you feel called to be a part of this vital ministry, please sign up after our Sunday service or complete our volunteer form at this link and select Caring Connections: [MLCC Volunteer Form](#). Join us for an orientation breakfast Sunday, August 25 at 9am to provide training and information you need to get started.

Let's come together to show our homebound members that they are not alone and that they are deeply loved. Your participation can make a profound difference in someone's life.

In Christ's Love,

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

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

John 15:12



Elder's Corner

WALKING BY A BLESSING

In the late 1800's a twelve-year-old boy was walking through his family farm on his way to the stream where he fished. He noticed something glittering in the stream that ran through the family farm. He waded into the stream and lifted out a large glittering rock. He carried it home to show his father, a poor immigrant farmer. His father didn't understand the rock, but it was very pretty. His father placed by the door so they could see it every. His mother thought it was a beautiful doorstep. The family walked by it for years.

One day a new Jeweler came into town and got lost on the way to his new store. He saw the farm and someone working outside. Driving up he began to ask directions, the farmer asked him if he would like some water, because it was a very hot day. He invited the man inside and as he walked past the doorstep, he asked what this was, the farmer's son laughed and said a doorstep, and a very pretty one.

The jeweler told the family that the rock was a seventeen-pound gold nugget. He then bought it from the family for a great sum of money. Soon the family became wealthy, and their property became the first major gold strike in the United States. Sometimes we can walk past blessings and not even notice.

Sometimes we walk past a blessing, intent with our own plans and ways. Not taking time to hear what God has planned for us. Maybe we can slow down, listen more, and ask God to show us the path He wants us to follow.

Isaiah 30:21: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

August Elders & Worship Leaders

4 - John Crist 4 - Dan Wahl
11 - Chuck Sargent 11 - Verna McGinley
18 - Verna McGinley 18 - Dan Wahl
25 - Brad Montgomery 25 - Jeff Hawn

Birthdays

August 8th: Gary Schwartz
August 14th: Sally Myton
August 20th: Virginia Plavetich
August 21st: Doris Riddler
August 23rd: Cindy McClung
August 26th: David Koerber

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service	5	6 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference	7	8 7:00 pm Elders Meeting on Zoom	9	10
11 11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service	12	13 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference	14	15	16	17
18 11:00 am Traditional Service Congregational Meeting after Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service	19	20 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Calling Ministry Training 11:00 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm CAYA Service	26	27 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Free Conference	28	29	30	31

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

Peace and civility in our nation
 Those affected by flooding and tornadoes
 Ron Brown – healing
 Horst& 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
 Giles McCarty - healing
 Bill Samples
 Bill Green
 Duane Ready
 Ann Peden – friend of Rev. Cindy
 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