



Mt. Lebanon
Christian Church

MLCC Newsletter – May 2025



Worship with Us

In-Person or Facebook Live

Worship: Sunday at 11:00 AM

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church
367 Cedar Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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



Minister's Message

“The butterfly has long been a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus, as well as our own resurrection as we emerge from the power of fear and death. During worship, we will consider the process of metamorphosis as a guide to examine our own transformations from cocoons and tombs to the unfurled beauty of all God calls us to be.

The theme moves slowly over the weeks, allowing us to think in incremental steps about what we can learn spiritually from the process of the butterfly forming, cracking its chrysalis, pushing outward, hanging to let wings dry, letting go, and finally daring to fly. Along the way, various stories of faith help us see how God's people have always been dealing with transformation and issues of fear, trust, and letting go. We're all human, after all, and transformation is inevitable.” (Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio).

As we move from Easter towards Pentecost (June 8), we search for ways to transform our lives and be transformed as a congregation. On June 8, we celebrate Pentecost and the beginning of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to people to continue Jesus' ministry. We will also be celebrating our 75th anniversary as a faith community. More details to come.

On May 4, we will welcome new members into our church family. Following worship, there will be a reception to meet and welcome them. It is exciting to receive new people into our fellowship. I hope you will take the time to get to know them.

Friends, we are being transformed as a congregation. You are all a part of that metamorphosis. Each of you plays an important role in our congregation. May God Bless Us as we endeavor to serve the Lord!

Blessings!

Cindy

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

Thursday, May 1 - Dining Disciples at Noon at Crust
Friday, May 2 - Dining Disciples at 6:30 ay Bravo
Saturday, May 3 - Samuel Olawoyin's Organ Recital at 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 4 - New Members
Monday, May 12 - Elder's Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm
Monday, May 19 - Trustees Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, May 20 - Board Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 8 - 75th Anniversary

Support MLCC

Mail Checks to: Mt. Lebanon Christian Church - 367 Cedar Blvd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Or Give online at mtlebocc.org

Or **Online Giving** available through our Givelify by clicking on <https://giv.li/rwhcas> or clicking on the QR code below



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. Check the calendar for dates.

May Service & Outreach

🌸 Blossoms of Blessing: May Flower Outreach for Seniors 🌸

Spreading God's love and joy one flower at a time!

As spring blossoms all around us, it's the perfect season to share the beauty of God's love with senior members of our community. This May, we are launching a special outreach initiative to connect with and encourage residents at Kane Senior Living.

Through this outreach, we will be delivering flower-themed care packages to brighten the day of our neighbors. Each package will include:

- 🌻 A cheerful flower arrangement or potted plant
- 📝 A handwritten card with a personal note and scripture
- 🍪 A small treat or comfort item (no nuts please)
- 📖 Optional: devotionals, prayer cards

This is a beautiful opportunity for the MLCC church family to connect across generations, grow in service, and live out Christ's love in a tangible way. We invite everyone to take part — whether by writing cards, assembling gifts, baking, delivering packages, or simply praying for our recipients.

How You Can Help:

- Donate small plants or flowers
- Write cards or encouraging notes
- Join us for our "Bloom & Bless" Assembly Night (date TBA)
- Volunteer to help with deliveries in May
- Invite us to bless a senior you know!

Let's be the hands and feet of Christ this May — bringing hope and joy to those who need a gentle reminder that they are seen, loved, and not forgotten.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact:

Jane McCarty at Jane.e.mccarty@gmail.com

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

Quarterly Mission and Outreach Impact

Living Our Mission: A Season of Impact and Generosity

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” – Hebrews 13:16

MLCC family,

As we reflect on this past quarter, we are filled with gratitude for the many ways you’ve lived out our mission to **Connect, Grow, and Serve**. Through your faithful giving, donations, and compassionate hearts, we’ve been able to extend Christ’s love far beyond our church walls.

Here’s a look at how your generosity has made a real difference:

\$320 to South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)

Supporting families in our local community with food, clothing, and resources that offer stability and hope.

\$330 to Washington City Mission

Your generosity not only helped provide financial support for meals, shelter, and recovery programs — you also filled boxes with **winter coats and shoes** to help protect and warm our neighbors experiencing homelessness. These practical gifts of love truly met people where they are, reminding them they are not forgotten.

\$320 to The Education Partnership - The March Madness Charity of Choice

Helping ensure that children in underserved schools have the supplies they need to learn, grow, and succeed.

\$380 for California Wildfire Relief

Offering compassion and aid to families recovering from devastating wildfires — bringing light and relief in dark times.

Every gift — whether financial, physical, or prayerful — reflects the heart of our church and the heart of Christ. Your commitment to showing up and sharing God’s love is transforming lives, near and far.

Let’s carry this spirit of service into the next season with joy and faith, trusting that God will continue to use us in powerful ways

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study on Jesus' Final Days

The four New Testament Gospels aren’t the same story, but they offer the same Resurrection hope. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John devote most of their story detailing Jesus’ last week in Jerusalem, all highlighting Jesus’ triumphant entry into the city, the suffering and humiliation of the cross, and the empty tomb come Sunday morning, but the stories they tell aren’t quite the same.

Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus’ Passion. One portrait reveals Jesus to be in control, while another emphasizes his suffering. In one story Jesus offers hope to the thief on the cross, and in another Jesus only receives derision. These different perspectives aren’t a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God’s work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 on zoom as we compare and contrast the Gospels and Jesus' Final Days on April 30 and May 7.

Elder's Corner



“Witness Marks”

When I was young, and always very curious, and went under the porch at our 150-year-old home. Crawling under I found an old pendulum clock. It was dirty but the case and glass were perfect. I of course took it to the house and cleaned it. I copied the old face and repaired it. The key and the clock works were all there. I took the clock to a repairman to get the works going he again. He complimented me on the face restoration I did. He showed me something in the clock that I noticed but didn't think much about it.

See that? The clock repairman pointed his flashlight beam on a small mark roughly engraved inside the old Grandfather wall clock. He said another person could have put this mark here almost a century ago. He told me it was called a witness mark. It was used to help the person make future repairs and align the clocks works. This was more than just a time saver; it was a simple kindness for the next person doing work.

The Bible encourages us to leave our own witness marks, as we work for God by serving others in our broken world. The apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Rome. He said, we should encourage our neighbors, for their good, to help build them up. Romans says this is the example of our God giving us his endurance and encouragement. It's about being a good citizen of both heaven and earth.

Our witness marks may seem like small things, but they can make a vital difference in someone's life. An uplifting word, a financial gift to someone in need, a listening ear. All are kindnesses that can have a lasting impact. What witness marks have others left in your life to encourage you? What simple acts of kindness can you do for another believer today?

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Wellness Opportunities at MLC



Starting April 22: Join Bev Gray for an all-levels yoga class in the Chapel at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:15 and Saturday mornings, 9:30-10:45. Start where you are! Bring your own mat. For more info, visit <https://yogawithbev.netlify.app/>



Through May 19 and beginning again in September: Join Janet Tant for Slow Evening Gentle Flow class Monday evenings, 7:00-8:15. For more info, visit <https://www.janettantyoga.com/>

May Birthdays

3rd: Lee Hasselman
8th: Diane Ozanick
8th: Kat Persinger
9th: Betty Rothermel
16th: Carmine Campbell

17th: Connie McCarty
18th: Jane McCarty
21st: Joy Pajak
27th: Karen Newman
28th: Audrey Houke

May Anniversaries

20th: Paul & Janet Bowers
24th: 50th for Chuck & Laurie Sargent

Samuel Olawoyin Organ Recital

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church's talented organist, Samuel Olawoyin, is working to complete his Master of Music in Organ Performance from Duquesne University. His studies culminated with a fabulous recital on April 11, where guests enjoyed Samuel's flawless performance of works from Nicholas De Gringny, Bach, Hubert Parry and more.



Since August 2023, Samuel has studied under the renowned Dr. Ann Labounsky, diving into the challenging world of Gregorian chant—written in Latin and performed by ear. Through weekly noon Masses in the chapel, he learned to both sing and play the chant. His favorite part of the program is the Tuesday evening performance class, where students and guest organists gather to play and reflect on organ music. He especially enjoys hearing his professor's fascinating stories about the composers behind the pieces.

We invite you to join us to experience Samuel's talent at a concert at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, Saturday, May 3 at 7 pm. (see below) Bring a friend and come and listen to the wonderful music on Saturday, May 3 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Spread the word about our talented organist and the opportunity to hear him play!



ORGAN RECITAL

BY

SAMUEL OLAWOYIN

PERFORMING THE WORKS OF:

JACQUES LEMMENS, NICOLAS DE GRIGNY, J.S. BACH, FELA SOWANDE, OLIVER MESSIAEN, FELIX MENDELSSOHN, PERCY WHITLOCK, RACHEL LAURIN, STEPHEN BEST AND CHARLES WIDOR

VENUE: MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 367 CEDAR BOULEVARD, MT LEBANON TOWNSHIP, PA 15228

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025

TIME: 07:00 PM



May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Noon Dining Disciples at Crust	2 6:30 pm Dining Disciples at Bravo	3 7:00 pm Samuel Olawoyin's Organ Recital
4 11:00 am Worship Service	5	6 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	7 7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	8	9	10
11 11:00 am Worship Service Mother's Day	12 7:00 pm Elders Meeting on Zoom	13 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	14	15	16	17
18 11:00 am Worship Service	19 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting on Zoom	20 7:00 pm Board Meeting on Zoom 7:00 pm Women's	21	22	23	24
25 11:00 am Worship Service	26 Memorial Day	27 7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group	28	29	30	31



May Worship Leaders & Elders

4 - Verna McGinley 4 - Brad Montgomery

11 - Chuck Sargent 11 - Jeff Hawn

18 - Dan Wahl 18 - Chuck Sargent

25 - Jeff Hawn 25 - Verna McGinley

Prayer List

Anne Totin
Karen Newman
Jocelyn Wagner
Duane Ready
Lois Lindemann
Joy Pajak
Family of Joanne Houston - comfort and peace
Family of Bill Samples - comfort and peace
Family of Barb Scott - comfort and peace
Family of Ron Brown – comfort and peace
David Blandino - Cancer - friend of Rev. Cindy
Those impacted by the California Wildfires
Neal - friend of Anne Totin
Peace and civility in our nation
Horst & Doris Riddler
Ray Dubiel
Maggie Goodwin - healing
Sam Levine – 17-year-old - inoperable brain tumor
Giles McCarty - healing
Bill Green
Ann Peden – friend of Rev. Cindy
All those with Covid, RSV and the Flu
War in Ukraine
War in Israel
Individuals Impacted by Hurricanes Helene & Milton
Travelers