



Mt. Lebanon
Christian Church

MLCC Newsletter – July 2025



Worship with Us

In-Person or Facebook Live

Worship: Sunday at 11:00 AM

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church
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Our Mission:
Serving Christ!
Living and Sharing Faith, Hope and Love



Minister's Message

Friends, Summer is the season when creation speaks in technicolor—inviting us to linger, to listen, and to wonder. Nature stretches her canvas wide, painting with bold brilliance and whispering truths to anyone willing to pause.

Blue skies crowned with delicate clouds stretch to the horizon, while gardens erupt with blooms in audacious reds, purples, and golds. Sunsets blaze in theatrical bursts of orange and violet—a daily finale that inspires hushed awe. Every petal and painted sky is a brushstroke from a Creator who delights in beauty.

There's music in this season: birdsong greeting dawn, bees humming in sacred labor, wind rustling through branches like a lullaby. Even the laughter of children or the hush of dusk becomes part of summer's song—a tender reminder of life's sacred rhythm.

Whether splashing in cool waters, walking barefoot through dewy fields, or stargazing on warm evenings, summer draws us back to the earth and to each other. These sensory joys ground us in creation's embrace and reminds us that we belong here.

Psalm 19:1 declares, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* The skies are more than backdrop—they are testimony. And in Psalm 8, David asks, *"What is mankind that you are mindful of them?"* It is a question born of humility and wonder. Creation does not diminish us—it magnifies our worth in the eyes of a God who formed galaxies and still calls us by name.

As we move through this radiant season, may we receive each color, sound, and flavor as a divine invitation to marvel, to reflect, and above all, to give thanks. Enjoy the awesomeness of God this summer!

Blessings!

Cindy

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Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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Christian Church - 367 Cedar Blvd. -

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.

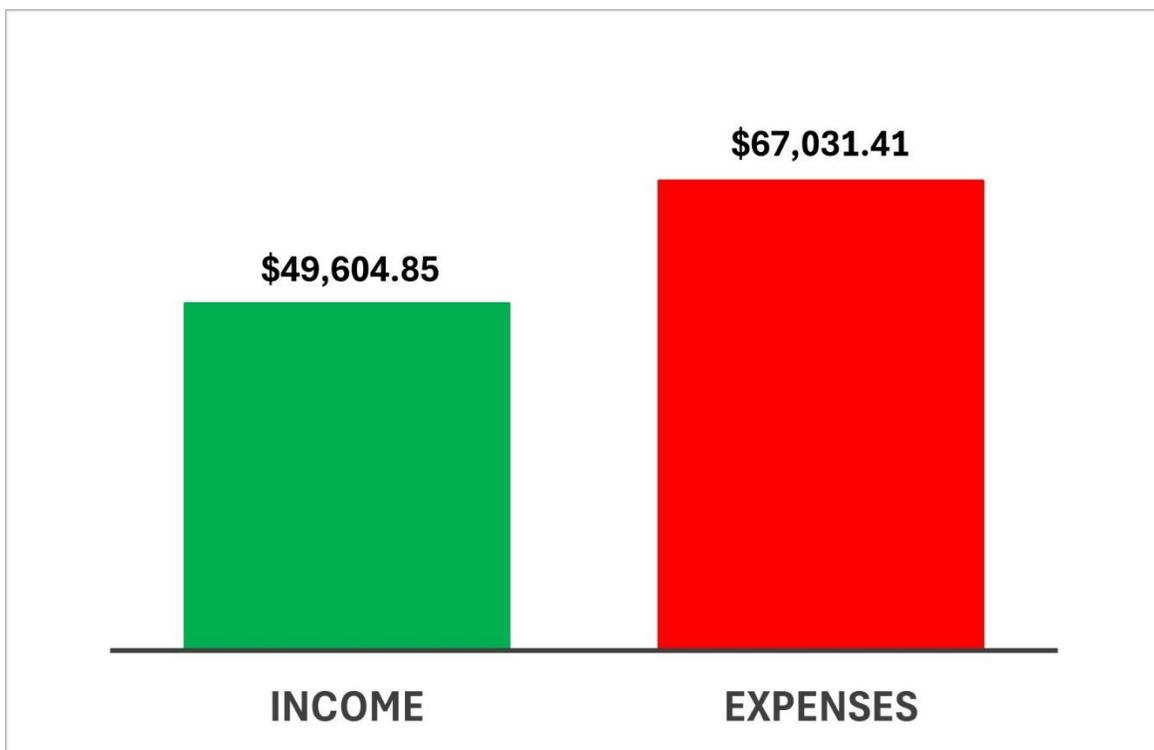
There are plenty of ways to get involved. Volunteer opportunities include:

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.

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Year-to Date Financial Report (new feature)

May 2025



July Service and Outreach

Serve Together: Summer Food Drive for SHIM

Hunger doesn't take a summer break. That's why we're rallying our congregation to help restock SHIM's food pantry, which serves over 7,500 families right here in the South Hills.

Most-needed items:

- Dried beans, lentils, rice
- Pasta sauce in jars
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Soup (especially low sodium)
- Spices and seasonings
 - (salt, pepper, garlic, ginger, chili powder, turmeric, etc.)
- Adult diapers (L and XL)
- Baby Diapers (sizes 3-6)
- Baby food
- Personal care
 - (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene, etc.)
- Dog food

Where to drop off: Church outreach table by July 27

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. Resuming in the fall.

Elder's Corner



Buying New Glasses?

I will never forget the day the doctor told me I needed glasses. For many years I prided myself on being the only one in the house among my many aunts and uncles who could read without them. They often would call me and ask me to assist every time they couldn't find their glasses. I was forced into a new reality in which one day I would have to ask for assistance.

It was a significant moment that required serious adjustment. I had to change my routines and embrace a new normal. Now I must admit I call upon my grandchildren to read something because I cannot find my own glasses. We do whatever it takes if we want to see. Engaging on the journey with Christ can be like being prescribed new glasses. Crucifixion and Resurrection can cause you to see life in a whole new way. Before we knew Jesus, it seemed temporary and material. What you see is what you get. But when we engage with God through the Holy Spirit, life begins to look less natural and more spiritual, less temporary and more eternal.

Our spiritual lenses enable us to see what others cannot see. We pursue eternal goals through spiritual eyes. When challenges arise, it is easy to focus on what we see and forget the value of what is unseen. Through the suffering of Christ, God invites us to put on our glasses again and see what must be seen in Jesus Christ our Savior.

In Second Corinthians, we are told "Because we look not at what can be seen, but what cannot be seen. What can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.



Wellness Opportunities at MLCC



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/>

July Birthdays

4th William Ozanick
4th Alice Larson
7th Cylan Wplff
11th Ray Dubiel
18th Heather Campbell
29th Krystal Ozanick

Welcome New Members

Betty Ann Fletcher
Vanadium Woods
50 Vanadium Road, Apt 305
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Drake Moore
908 Penn Avenue, Apt 701
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Abby & Mike Teti
366 Questend Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

July Worship Leaders & Elders

6 - Chuck Sargent and Kathy Spary
13 - Verna McGinley and Jane McCarty
20 - Dan Wahl and Verna McGinley
27 - Jeff Hawn and Brad Montgomery



JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 pm Women's Prayers Group	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 11:00 am Worship Service	7	8 7:00 pm Women's Prayers Group	9	10	11	12
13 11:00 am Worship Service	14 7:00 pm Elders Meeting on Zoom	15 7:00 pm Women's Prayers Group	16	17	18	19
20 11:00 am Worship Service	21 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	22 7:00 pm Women's Prayers Group 7:00 pm Board Meeting	23	24	25	26
27 11:00 am Worship Service	28	29 7:00 pm Women's Prayers Group	30	31		



Upcoming Events - Save the Date

Monday, July 14 - Elder's Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm

Monday, July 21 - Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 22 - Board Meeting

Prayer List

Wilma Harty - healing
Family of Duane Ready – comfort and peace
Family of Joy Pajak – comfort and peace
Abby, Mike and Crawford Teti
Maggie Dwyer – Breast Cancer – Cathy Snyder’s daughter
Anne Totin
Karen Newman
Jocelyn Wagner
Lois Lindemann
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
Ron Abels – friend of Wahl’s
Linda Wade – Rev. Cindy’s sister
David Blandino – Cancer – friend of Rev. Cindy
Those impacted by the California Wildfires
Those impacted by Tornados
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