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MLCC Newsletter - October 2025



Worship with Us

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Sunday Blend: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Mt. Lebanon Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

367 Cedar Blvd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15228
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Minister: The Reverend John McCarty: john.mccarty@mtlebocc.org

Our Mission:

Connect, Grow, Serve



Minister's Message

Dear friends, as we step into a new season in the life of Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, I want to begin by saying what an honor and privilege it is to serve as your pastor. I am also deeply grateful for Rev. Cindy and her years of faithful service. This congregation has walked through many seasons together over the past eight years, and we give thanks for her ministry among us.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to join with our church leadership in living out our mission. On Oct. 19, we will gather for a leadership conference for a time of prayer, visioning, and reflection on what it means to be a church that Connects, Grows, and Serves. Together we'll explore how this mission is not just our "why," but God's calling for us, and we'll consider how we can faithfully use our gifts, finances, and facilities to bring it to life.

One way this mission is already taking shape is through our newly formed Ministries Program Team (MPT). For a smaller congregation, multiple separate teams have been difficult to maintain. Over the past few years, we've naturally shifted toward planning worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian education as one unified group. The MPT now carries this work forward, helping us create opportunities to Connect, Grow, and Serve in meaningful ways.

But the heart of our mission is not in teams or structures, it's in you. Every one of us has been given gifts to share. God calls us as a community, and God calls each of us individually, to spread love and hope in Jesus Christ to a world in need.

As we move forward together, our focus will remain clear: to live out our mission to Connect, Grow, and Serve. In the weeks and months ahead, we'll be exploring each of these callings more deeply. I look forward to discovering with you how God is leading us into this next season of our church.

Together in ministry,

Pastor John

Support MLCC

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

Online Giving available through our Givelify by clicking on <https://giv.li/rwhcas>
or by scanning the QR code below or give online at mleboecc.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 the Reverend John McCarty.

Year-to-Date Financial Report

August 2025

\$73,767.26

\$107,831.31



INCOME

EXPENSES



Wednesday Evening Small Group Bible Study on Zoom Starting Oct. 15

You are warmly invited to join us for a Small Group Bible Study on Zoom each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. as we journey through *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Adam Hamilton. Together, we'll explore one of the most well-known and beloved prayers in the Christian faith, uncovering its deep meaning and life-giving power for our daily walk with God. Each session will include a short video segment from Adam Hamilton, followed by guided discussion to help us connect Jesus' words to our own lives.

Whether you are new to Bible study or have been part of many, you'll find this group welcoming and engaging. Each week we'll read, reflect, and share how the Lord's Prayer can shape our faith, our relationships, and our prayer life. All you need is your Bible, a notebook, and a willingness to learn and grow in community. Grab your favorite cup of tea or coffee, log in from the comfort of your home, and be part of this meaningful midweek time of connection and spiritual growth!

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MT. LEBANON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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PARTNERS WITH SHIM

HELP US COLLECT FOOD & ESSENTIAL
ITEMS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS



DROP OFF

October Service and Outreach

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

Adult diapers (L and XL)

Baby Diapers (sizes 3-6)

Baby food

Personal care

Dog food

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me.”

— Matthew 25:40

Wellness Opportunities at MLCC



Join Bev Gray for an all-levels yoga class in the Chapel at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church, Thursday, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Start where you are! Bring your own mat.



Join Janet Tant for Slow Evening Gentle Flow class Monday evenings, 7 to 8:15 p.m.

For more info, visit <https://www.janettantyoga.com/>

October

MLCC Calendar

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11AM Worship	7:00PM – Yoga in the Chapel with Janet Tant	7:00PM Women's Prayer Group	8	7:00PM – Yoga in the Chapel with Bev Gray	10	11
9:30AM Elders Meeting 11AM Worship & Installation Service for Rev. John McCarty	7:00PM – Yoga in the Chapel with Janet Tant	7:00PM Women's Prayer Group	15 7:00PM Bible Study on Zoom - The Lord's Prayer	16 7:00PM – Yoga in the Chapel with Bev Gray	17	18
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Special Installation Service - Sunday, Oct. 12

The leadership team at Mt. Lebanon Christian Church invites all to attend the Installation Service for our new pastor, The Reverend John McCarty, on Sunday, Oct. 12. Our Regional Minister, The Reverend Thadeus Allen, will join us to celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and God's Word.

Your presence will help to make this event a memorable experience for John and our congregation. This truly is an exciting milestone for the church. Please join us. A luncheon will be held following the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday Blend: Connect with God and One Another

Join us Sundays from **10:30 to 11 a.m.** for a time of connection and renewal.

- □ □ □ □ **10:30 a.m.** – Gather in the **Connect Café** to enjoy coffee, tea, and conversation with friends.
- □ □ □ □ **10:45 a.m.** – Step into the sanctuary for a short time of praise and worship, drawing closer to God.

Life is all about relationships - this is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your walk with God and strengthen your connection with others.

October Birthdays

1 - Ralph Scott
14 - Mary Nicholson
19 - Diane Holmes (Didi)
23 - Greg Newman
27 - Margie Schwartz
28 - Chuck Sargent

October Anniversaries

7 - Greg & Karen Newman
17 - Alice Lawson & Dave Koerber

28 - Dan Wahl
29 - Erika Lee Reick
29 - Cori Lynn Holmes

October Worship Leaders

5 - Chuck Sargent
12 - Drake Moore
19 - Dan Wahl
26 - Jeff Hawn

October Elders

5 - Chuck Sargent
12 - Brad Montgomery
19 - Jeff Hawn
26 - John Crist

SAVE THE DATES!!!

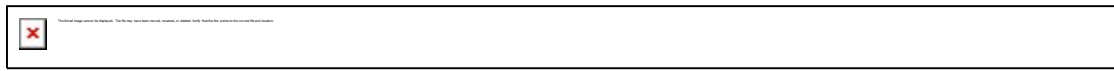
Sunday, Oct. 12 - Elders meeting in person - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12 - Installation Service for Rev. John McCarty
Sunday, Oct. 19 - Leadership conferences - Noon to 4 p.m.

Prayer List

Family of Horst Riddler - comfort and peace

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
Family of Audrey Houke - comfort and peace
Family of Duane Ready - comfort and peace
Family of Joy Pajak - comfort and peace
Bernie and Verna McGinley
Abby, Mike and Crawford Teti
Maggie Dwyer - breast cancer - Cathy Snyder's daughter
Anne Totin
Karen Newman
Jocelyn Wagner
Lois Lindemann
Wilma Harty - cousin of Carol Dubiel
Ray Dubiel
Hugh Pollen - father of Bonnie Philippon
Brice Bell - Son of Bonnie Philippon
Ron Abels - friend of Wahl's
David Blandino - cancer - friend of Rev. Cindy
Neal - friend of Anne Totin
Peace and civility in our nation
Maggie Goodwin - healing
Sam Levine – 17-year-old - inoperable brain tumor

Giles McCarty - healing
Bill Green
War in Ukraine
War in Israel
People impacted by natural disasters
Travelers



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