

# The Lantern

MAY 2013

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Change the World through Missions!

May 18, 9am-3pm at St. Paul's UMC, Odessa.

VIM stands for Volunteers in Mission. This training is being led by Greg Forrestal, NEJ VIM Coordinator. The workshop will address many important questions, such as: *Why go on a Mission trip?*

We strongly encourage members of Mt. Lebanon to attend. This will change your world and our church's world, also. There will be follow up details on this mission trip at a later date.

If you are interested in going to this training please let Bob Lathem 798-3170 or Iva Boardman 475-8744 know, so we can plan on car pooling down. There is no cost.

## Opportunities at Sister Churches...

**May 6-8** - Church of the Atonement, 1319 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont @ 7pm: Kenny Davis entertains with music, followed by John Hobbs preaching. Free will offering taken each evening.

**May 18** - Brandywine Community Church, 2200 N. Market Street @ 5:00 P.M.: Gospel Banquet with good food and great singing. Please call (302) 656-2660 or 479-5368 for tickets.

## Interfaith Social Justice Project

### May 19 - Supporting Aging Out Foster Care Youth

Our collection of the requested items kicked off on April 28 and will continue through May 19. Items include the following:

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| breakfast cereals        | fruit/granola bars   |
| tuna fish                | pasta & sauce        |
| prepackaged mac & cheese | Jello or pudding mix |
| toothpaste               | toothbrushes         |
| hand soaps               | deodorants           |

*Please no glass containers.*

Thank you for sharing the listed items and placing them in the Interfaith bin in Fellowship Hall on the Missions table. Please also plan to participate in the May 19th event when the bags of items are assembled, followed by a Pot Luck supper with our friends from Christ Episcopal Church and Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Please bring a main dish, salad, side dish or dessert. Out of respect for various religious dietary guidelines, dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products or combine dairy products with meat. See you on the 19th!

## A Warm Welcome to Sarah Emhe

Please take time to look for and greet our newest Child-care Worker, Sarah Emhe (pronounced *emmy*, like the award). Sarah began her first Sunday with us on April 21 and will work with Cindy Wilson to provide ongoing coverage in our Nursery Room. Sarah has an extensive history of professional child care employment and is currently studying at Wilmington University to enhance her commitment to this vocation. Keep Sarah in your prayers as we all enter into this new season together.

## Calling all graduates!

On Sunday, June 16 we will celebrate the graduations of all our members and friends from any degree granting school. Especially we look forward to honoring Mike Oliva, Catherine Ritter and Ashley Yasik as they graduate from high school. A special reception will be held following worship on that day.

Please submit the names of other graduates you want recognized on that day to the office by Sunday, June 2, include the name of the school or program from which they are graduating, the degree or diploma they received and any plans for the future you would like noted.

## New Bible Studies Beginning

*Wednesday morning Bible Study* at 10am in Fellowship Hall will begin a new study on Methodism, entitled "Living as United Methodist Christians." Chapter titles include looking at our Biblical story; what we share with other Christians; our United Methodist story; what we as Methodists believe distinctly from other Christians; how we serve God and neighbor; and how we live and worship. Books are \$11 each and are available now, please pay cash or check to Phoebe in the office.

*The Sunday morning Men's Group*, which meets at 9:30am in the Parlor, will begin a new study on the Book of Ephesians. Study books have been ordered and will be here soon. Please read through the book of Ephesians to prepare for this class.

The topic for the *Sunday morning Women's Group* which meets at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall is still to be decided.

## New Cremation Lots Available in Historic Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

The Trustees are pleased to announce that a new section has been opened in our cemetery for the sale and purchase of cremation plots. Twenty-four plots are now available at the cost of \$500 per plot. Each plot measures 30" by 24" and is available for the interment of up to two human remains. If you are interested or know of others who may be, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Phoebe Chan, at 652-8411 for more info.

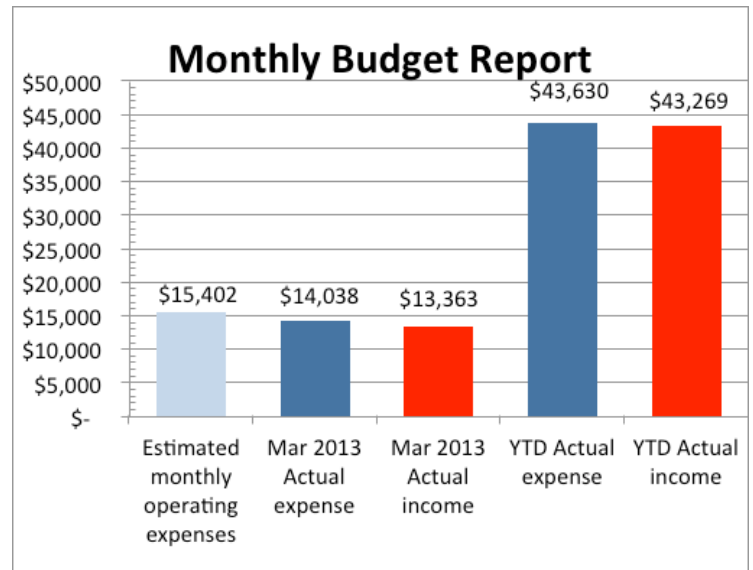
## Pastor Jennifer Away May 9-15

Pastor Jennifer will be away from Thursday, May 9 through Wednesday, May 15, to spend time helping her mother in Texas. For any emergency pastoral needs, please call Rev. Tracy Mooney at Peniel UMC (church: 994-9519 or parsonage: 998-8165).

## Monthly Budget Update (Jan.-Mar.)

During the first quarter of 2013 our income has kept up with expenses - Thanks be to God! However, as you can see from the graph below our income in March

was slightly below expenses and was less than what we received in February (\$19,519), even though we had 5 Sundays and Easter during March. Our offering typically falls during the summer months and we have some large expenses to be paid in the next couple months.



Mt. Lebanon UMC also gave to a variety of mission opportunities totaling \$6920. During the first 3 months of 2013 we generously supported the food ministry at Brandywine Community UMC (\$5,235), Human Relations Day special offering (\$170), One Great Hour of Sharing (\$332), Emergency Assistance Fund (\$225), Prison Ministries of Delaware (\$245, from Easter Sunrise offering), Crossworld/Global Service Network (\$475), Sunday Breakfast Mission (\$40) and matching contributions from Shipley Manor donations (\$165) and the Dominos Group donations (\$33).

*Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart... (1 Chronicles 29:9)*

## UMW News

The UMW Group had a lovely turnout this month. After getting our regular business completed, we had a wonderful speaker in Rev. Mary Haggard from the Wesley Foundation. She was very informative on all the different situations she has to deal with around the UD campus with all the students. We really enjoyed her and we believe she enjoyed us. We will be having her back soon.

Gloria Scott could not attend this meeting due to her father's illness, but she will be coming to our May meeting. We all felt this was better anyway as it gives us more time with each speaker. We ask that everyone keep Mr. Scott in your prayers as he fights these small strokes. We also ask that you pray for Marilyn Hetrick's fast recovery from her fall. We all know how she loves to get out and be with her friends at Mt Lebanon.

Your UMW Group will continue to serve our Lord!

Until next month...

Kay Frick/Pres.

## Life Line Screening Saves Lives!

Life Line Screening uses painless ultrasound to see the plaque build-up in your arteries - a leading cause of stroke. Make an appointment for you and a loved one today.

Where: Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 8:30am-4:30pm

*Pre-registration is required.* Call: 1-800-324-1851

Priority Code: HSC6341

Or to register online:

[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

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<b>Readers</b>	5/5	Barbara Videtto
	5/12	Ann Brechtel
	5/19	Chris Portante
	5/26	Iva Boardman
<b>Ushers</b>	5/5	Ann Brechtel, Marilyn Hetrick
	5/12	Ann Brechtel, Marilyn Hetrick
	5/19	Jerry & Sylvia Eubanks
	5/26	Jerry & Sylvia Eubanks
<b>Altar Guild</b>	5/5	Gale Ziegler, Iva Boardman
	5/12	Sheri Videtto, Kay Frick
	5/19	Jerry & Sylvia Eubanks
	5/26	Harry & Joanne West

## How You Can Help Make Disciples

Here are ten ways you can help make disciples for Jesus Christ:

1. Invite someone to church.
2. Talk with others about the difference your faith makes, the difference belonging to this church makes and the difference this church makes in the community.
3. Write and be prepared to share your testimony (2 minutes or less) about the difference in your life before and after your commitment to follow Christ.
4. Identify a new group of people with whom you will associate and share your faith in that new setting.
5. Push yourself to get to know your neighbors, learn about their thoughts about God and share your faith in simple, non-judgmental ways.
6. Pray for your family members, friends, coworkers, associates and neighbors that they would come to know and love Christ.
7. Study the ways that others share Christ and think about what you might be helpful to you in sharing your love for Jesus with others.
8. Leave church business cards with an encouraging note or invitation to church for servers at restaurants when you leave your bill or tip.
9. When you finish a business transaction, add a genuine "God bless you" as you depart.
10. Make an extra effort to greet visitors at church and spend time with newcomers at Fellowship Hour instead of with your friends.

# May 2013

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Beginning with April 28 and continuing throughout the month of May, our worship and preaching series will focus on visioning and imagining the future. Our holy scriptures from the Book of Revelation remind us that God has a grand plan in mind despite the great hardship, trouble and trials that will come. Our scriptures from the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John provide us with stories that illuminate how Jesus and the first disciples managed to live out God's vision for the building of God's kingdom and the movement that came to be known as The Way. Come and envision what God might have in store for you and for our congregation!

### **Sunday, May 5**

*Holy Communion*

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

"How visions shake us up"

### **Sunday, May 12** — Mother's Day

Acts 6:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Guest Preacher: Wendy Owen

### **Sunday, May 19** — Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27

"Greater works than Jesus?"

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### **Sunday, May 28** — Imagining the Future Sunday

#### **Worship and Sharing Session**

10:30am – 2:00pm

Catered lunch included

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**June 2** — Holy Communion

**June 9** — Children's Sunday School Celebration

**June 16** — Dads and Grads Celebration

**June 23** — The Joy of Summer

**June 30** — Healing Service

### **July** — A Month of Music

As Methodists, singing has always been an integral and important part of our worship life. Throughout July, we will celebrate and explore the message in our hymns and praise songs. Friends and members are invited to submit their favorite hymns for singing as well as thoughtful reflections on the lyrics of the songs.

### **August** — Preparing for a Time Apart

Change is always challenging for any human institution, so throughout the month of August, we will look at the important markers that help see us through those times of transition.

# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	<b>2</b> Growing in Faith 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Youth Mother's Day Special Invite 4-6pm
<b>5</b> Holy Communion Emmaus 1pm Shipley Worship 2pm	<b>6</b> Painting Class 1pm	<b>7</b> CD Group 9:30am Domino Group 10am Trustees Meeting 7pm Shipley Bible 7pm	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	<b>9</b> Growing in Faith 7pm	<b>10</b> Food Closet 9am- noon @ BCC	<b>11</b> Church Work Day 9am-noon Family Promise 5pm Dinner at Aldersgate
<b>12</b> Flood Buckets collection begins	<b>13</b> Painting Class 1pm	<b>14</b> CD Group 9:30am Domino Group 10am Shipley Bible 7pm	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	<b>16</b> Growing in Faith 7pm	<b>17</b> Nurture Meeting 10am	<b>18</b> VIM Training 8:30a- 3:30p @ Odessa
<b>19</b> Youth Armed Forces Day Event 12-2pm Shipley Worship 2pm Interfaith Aged Out Foster Kids Event 4:30pm	<b>20</b> UMW Meeting 11am Painting Class 1pm Admin Council 7pm	<b>21</b> Life Screening 8a-4p CD Group 9:30am Domino Group 10am Shipley Bible 7pm SPRC 7 pm	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	<b>23</b> Growing in Faith 7pm Finance Mtg 7pm	<b>24</b> Food Closet 9am- noon @ BCC	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Imagining the Future Worship & Session 10:30am-2pm	<b>27</b> Painting Class 1pm	<b>28</b> CD Group 9:30am Domino Group 10am Shipley Bible 7pm <small>Love &amp; Leadership 7am</small>	<b>29</b> Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	<b>30</b> Growing in Faith 7pm	<b>31</b>	

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# *Reflections from the Pastor...*

So how is it with your soul? Are you experiencing the new life and power that the Resurrection promises? Or...are your days much like they were before the great Festival of Easter? God calls us to a life of continued growth in love and being re-created into the image of Christ, all through the work of the Holy Spirit as we continue to yield our lives to walking in the way of Jesus. In the Methodist tradition, we call this sanctifying grace, this work that God does within us to prepare and equip us as ambassadors and workers for the Gospel in the world. Just like the disciples before us, we are called by God to go and share the good news we have found in Jesus, to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them all we have learned, trusting that the resurrected Christ is with us always (Matthew 28:19-20).

Sometimes though it seems like any hope or new found strength in our faith trickles away with the disappointments, frustrations and challenges of our everyday life. In the midst of the fears, tragedies, outrages and anxieties of the world, the good news remains that all authority has been granted to Jesus. His promise of an outpouring of power through the Holy Spirit is as true today as it was on the first Pentecost. The prophet Joel, quoted by Peter on that awesome occasion, says this: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit." So what dreams have you been dreaming for God lately? What visions of God's future can you imagine? Those dreams and visions that God provides are often the means by which the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and encourage us.

This month on Sunday, May 26, I want to urge every friend and member of this congregation to join in a time of listening and looking for God's dreams and vision for Mt. Lebanon at a special "Imagine the Future" worship and discernment session. Imagine how energized and focused we could be for Jesus if we were all plugged into the same purpose and priorities for our church and for God's work through us in this community and the world. Hope to see you there!

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.