

The Lantern

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MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WILMINGTON, DEL. | EST^d 1812



All-Church Sunday School Class: *"Just Walk Across the Room"*

Join in this surprisingly simple introduction to sharing your faith with others in a natural and personal way. Video and guidebook components help us learn that talking about Jesus with others doesn't have to be strained or preachy and that we don't need all the answers, just a willingness to share the joy and strength with which we have been blessed. Class begins July 7 at 9am in the sanctuary. Coffee will be available!

Wedding Blessings

...to Maxcy Page and Doug Hanby who celebrated their Christian vows of marriage at Mt. Lebanon on June 15. Maxcy is a long-time member of Mt. Lebanon and the mother of Ford Quinn. Doug has recently been attending with his two daughters, Georgia and Charlotte. The newlyweds will reside at 708 Foxwood Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803.



...to Jennifer Cortileso and Rob Murphy who were married on June 22 in our sanctuary. Jennifer and Rob both joined the church last fall and have been active with missions and Fellowship Hour. They are the proud parents of McKendree Cortileso and Jake Murphy. They will continue their residence at 89 Pike Creek Road, Apt. 1-b, Newark, DE 19711.

Now Showing...

Through a somewhat humorous turn of events, Mt. Lebanon is now the proud owner of a DVD copy of "Wesley," a beautifully filmed and produced depiction of the life of John Wesley and the earliest days of Methodism. This movie has been added to our Church Library collection and is available for you to check out and watch at home. We pray that it will be a blessing to your faith journey and your growing understanding of the people called Methodists.



SPECIAL OFFERING

Native American Ministries — July 14

This collection helps Native American members to establish new congregations; provides job training, childcare and cultural education; and makes possible scholarships for Native American students pursuing higher education. Half of the offering stays within our Annual Conference for use by the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).

We are anticipating that boe harris and Ragghi Calentine, our Native American sisters, will lead a worship service at Mt. Lebanon later this year. Praise God for their faith and vital ministry.

A Mission Experience Close to Home — August 3-5

Crisfield, MD | Ages 16 and up | Cost: Free

Last summer, Crisfield experienced heavy flooding and the resulting damage, which was extensive. Mt. Lebanon is planning to join others in our Annual Conference to help clean up and rebuild Crisfield. When you participate in a mission experience, you can truly feel God's outpouring of love. If you ever wanted go on a mission trip but did not want to go for a week or it was too far, then this may be a perfect opportunity for you. Are you being called to this sort of mission work? If so, please see or call Bob Lathem (798-3170) or Iva Boardman (475-8744).

Budget Update (May 1- June 16)

We are now beginning to see the summer slump in our income — perhaps beginning a little early. Up to this point our income was tracking closely with our expenses, but we are now beginning to substantially fall short. Our Year-to-Date (YTD) income shortfall is slightly over \$16,000.

Our income for the 7-week period, from the beginning of May through June 16, was low (\$17,755) against higher expenses during this same period (\$32,521). The higher than usual expense during this period is primarily based on paying our annual insurance premiums in May (\$7284 for liability, property and workers' comp). Thankfully, our insurance covered the full replacement cost (\$8,800 minus a \$500 dollar deductible) of our stolen HVAC units, otherwise we would have had significantly higher expenses during this period.

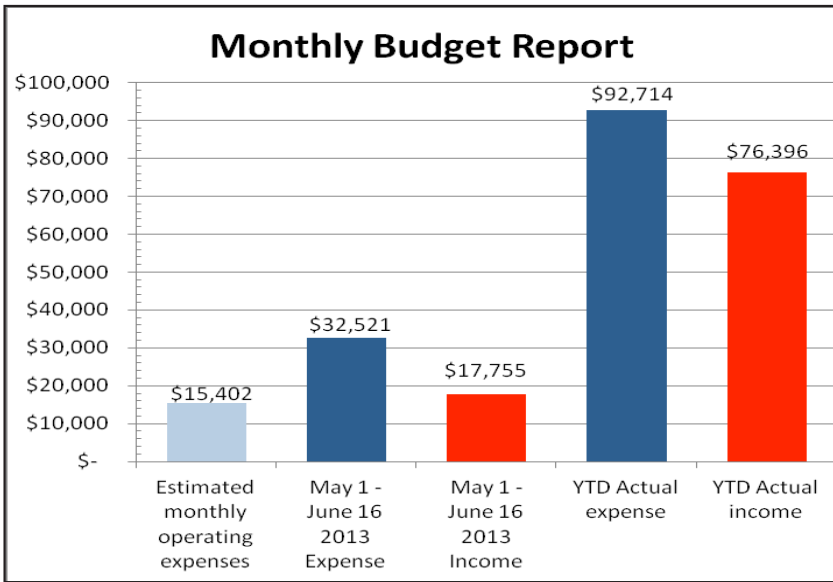
"God has never taken a vacation or a sabbatical. Let's support God's church while we are on vacation."

We are all Called to Minister

"You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting'." (Acts 20:35, *The Message*)

Mt. Lebanon UMC also gave to a variety of mission opportunities totaling \$8,700. We generously supported the food ministry at Brandywine Community UMC (\$5,509), Human Relations Day special offering (\$170), One Great Hour of Sharing (\$382), Central Congo Partnership (\$50), Annual Conference Appeals (\$60), Emergency Assistance Fund (\$825), Prison Ministries of Delaware (\$245), Crossworld/Global Service Network (\$745), Interfaith Projects (\$55), Urban Promise (\$356), Sunday Breakfast Mission (\$40) and matching contributions from Shipley Manor donations (\$196) and the Dominoes Group donations (\$68).

Mid-year giving statements will be prepared and made available or mailed in the beginning of July.



Trustee Update

Special thanks to Michael Mariner who took up the challenge of renovating our Prayer Garden as the Service Project requirement for his Eagle Scout candidacy. He and others from Troop 29 worked over two weekends to clear out and reconstruct a new space. They regraded and added new pavers for a larger pathway, added and secured two benches, added new plants and built a trellis for the entrance to the space. **Please stop by and spend a few moments in our lovely Prayer Garden.**

You will now notice that the large poplar tree by the shed has been removed. We were truly blessed by the generosity of **Ron's Tree Service** (302-475-5311), who came by and offered to take down the tree for free. This saved us about \$2,000! Many thanks to Ron and his crew! The stolen air conditioning units have been replaced and luckily we only had one Sunday without them! Our insurance covered all of the cost except for the \$500 dollar deductible.

Fellowship Hall Helpers: 7/7—Sylvia Eubanks & Kia Brabson; 7/14—Ben & Debbie Oliva; 7/21—TBD; 7/28—Norma Talley & Helen Brown; and August dates — TBD.

>> Please consider signing up to assist with this important ministry! <<

Cook-out for Ronald McDonald House Families — August 10th

Mt. Lebanon will be providing dinner for the families at Ronald McDonald House (RMD) on Saturday, August 10. This is a time to provide a meal for the families with children being treated at A.I. du Pont Hospital. For this dinner we will be using the grills at RMD to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. In previous years this has been a very popular dinner, so please sign-up if you're interested in helping with the grilling or food prep. There will be a sign-up sheet in Bambarly Hall with suggestions. If you are planning to join us at RMD, please plan to arrive between 3:30 and 4pm so that we are ready to begin serving dinner at 5:30pm. If you are unable to attend the dinner but would like to contribute please contact Barbara Ewing at 764-3572.

The Ronald McDonald House of Delaware provides a safe, affordable “home away from home” to families of seriously or chronically ill or injured children who are being treated at area hospitals. Many of the families staying at RMD return during the evening for a break after a long day at the hospital. By providing a meal and fellowship we provide a bit of comfort, hope and peace to the families staying at RMD.

Imagining the Future of Mt. Lebanon

Hopefully you have read by now that our church family is in the process of articulating our vision and mission purpose. On May 26, a sizeable portion of the congregation gathered for conversation around particular questions that helped us identify what has been and continues to be significant and important to us.

Two weeks ago, our facilitator, Rev. Dr. Tim Duchesne helped us review the highlights of that conversation. From that session, we have developed a draft purpose statement intended to provoke further discussion and consideration. This is NOT the final statement, but rather a working statement that needs your input and thought for us to move toward a final comprehensive and God-honoring vision. The statement needs to be concise and precise, yet open enough to help us focus our priorities and fine-tune our ministries in the coming years.

Please pray over the following draft purpose statement and send your comments back by July 13:

Mt. Lebanon is an open, welcoming and praying community passionate about Christian discipleship and service.

Bless you for your commitment to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to this church!

How You Can Help Make Disciples

10 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.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the month of **July**, we'll be celebrating our Methodist love of music as we look at familiar hymns and favorite contemporary Christian songs and searching out the "Message in the Music."

Special guest Megan Armstead, a Concord High graduate, will join us on July 14 to share her gift of music and provide an overview of a ministry she began and continues to support with her own income (as well as funds raised) to support a Christian home for orphans in India. We'll enjoy frequent hymn sings throughout the month as well as other special music offered by our talented members.

During the month of **August**, Pastor Jennifer will be preaching on topics related to "Change and Community" as we prepare for a time apart from while she is on Study Leave from September through December of this year.

Readers:

7/7 Kia Brabson
7/14 Chris Portante
Other dates TBD

Ushers:

7/7 Kay Frick & Norma Talley
7/14, 7/21 Barbara Ewing & Kathy Neilson
7/28, 8/4 Marilyn Hetrick & Helen Brown
8/11, 8/18 Chris Portante & Becky Byrd
8/25 Harry & Joanne West

Altar Guild:

7/7 Ann Brechtel & Marilyn Hetrick
7/14 Iva Boardman & Gale Ziegler
7/21 Sheri Videtto & Kay Frick
7/28 Jerry & Sylvia Eubanks
8/4 Harry & Joanne West
8/11 Ann Brechtel & Marilyn Hetrick
8/18 Iva Boardman & Gale Ziegler
8/25 Sheri Videtto & Kay Frick

Prayers of Blessings and Congratulations

Jack Kirkland, one of our long-time members, was recently recognized for his contributions to Separation Science and awarded a prestigious industry recognition in Amsterdam. His proud family was in attendance with him, and our prayers of joy and congratulations go out to him.

The online article at <http://bit.ly/11Mf4Dm> provides details about Jack's work and the award:

AMSTERDAM – June 17, 2013 – Waters Corporation (NYSE:WAT) announced that Joseph J. Kirkland, Ph.D., Vice President of R&D Technologies, Advanced Materials Technology will receive the first annual Uwe D. Neue Award in Separation Science at the 39th International Symposium on High-Performance-Liquid-Phase Separations and Related Techniques (HPLC 2013) in Amsterdam.

Dr. Kirkland will be honored for his advancements in chromatography and dedication to separation science. Following the ceremony, Dr. Kirkland will present his latest research at the symposium.

Dr. Kirkland has authored over 160 major publications, mainly in the separation sciences, and holds thirty-two U.S. patents. He is on the editorial advisory board of the Journal of Chromatographic Science and has also served as a past member of the journal's advisory board. Research interests include high resolution separations, HPLC method development, silica chemistry and silane bonding reactions. Dr. Kirkland has been widely recognized as an outstanding researcher, receiving numerous awards including the prestigious A.J.P. Martin Chromatography Award Medal in 1997.

This is the first Uwe D. Neue Award, instituted to honor the legacy of late scientist and Waters® Corporate Fellow, Dr. Uwe Dieter Neue, by annually recognizing a distinguished industrial scientist who has made, and continues to make, significant contributions to separation science.

Alcoholism

Rev. Constance Hastings, Daybreak Counseling Services

Because alcohol is such a prevalent part of our culture, sometimes it is difficult to see if alcohol use is actually alcohol abuse. Try the following self-screening test to determine if you or someone you know may have a problem.

- ___ 1. Has drinking ever created problems with you and your spouse (or parents)?
- ___ 2. Have you ever lost friends, or girlfriends/boyfriends because of your drinking?
- ___ 3. Have you ever been arrested, even for a few hours, because of drunken behavior?
- ___ 4. Is it a struggle to stop drinking after one or two drinks?
- ___ 5. Have you ever had trouble at work because of your drinking?
- ___ 6. Have you ever awakened the morning after some drinking the night before and found that you could not remember a part of that evening?
- ___ 7. Do you have trouble stopping when you want to?
- ___ 8. Have you ever been arrested for drunk driving or driving after drinking?
- ___ 9. Have your friends or relatives expressed doubt that you are a normal drinker?
- ___ 10. Have you ever had severe shaking, heard voices or seen things that are not there after heavy drinking?

If you answered "yes" to five (5) or more of these questions, *or* if you answered "yes" to the last question, you have indicated that alcoholism is a problem. The first step in recovery is to move out of denial: We admit we are powerless over our dependencies—that our life is unmanageable. Help is available through support groups, therapy and medication.

“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.” (Romans 7:18)

Daybreak Counseling Services is a nonprofit clinical pastoral counseling agency that not only addresses the presenting issue or problem but also allows for the inclusion of spirituality within sessions. It is supported through payments determined on a sliding scale basis, private grants, and individual donations. Rev. Constance Hastings, a nationally certified counselor and United Methodist deacon, sees clients at St. Paul’s and Atone-ment United Methodist Churches with both day and evening hours. Call 302-745-1042 for information or to make an appointment.

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August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Growing in Faith 7pm	2	3
4 Holy Communion	5 Painting Class 1pm	6 Domino Group 10am Trustees Meeting 7pm Shipley Bible 7pm	7 Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	8 Growing in Faith 7pm	9 Food Closet @Bcc 9am-noon	10 All Church Work Day 9am-noon
11 Emmaus Reunion 12:30pm	12 Painting Class 1pm	13 Domino Group 10am Lay Leadership 7pm Shipley Bible 7pm	14 Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	15 Growing in Faith 7pm	16	17
18 Blue Rock Concession Fund Raiser 5pm	19 Painting Class 1pm Endowment Mtg 7pm	20 Domino Group 10am SPRC Meeting 7pm Shipley Bible 7pm	21 Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	22 Growing in Faith 7pm	23 Food Closet @ BCC 9am-noon	24
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	1 Painting Class 1pm Admin Council 7pm	2 Domino Group 10am ShIPLEY Bible 7pm	3 Bible Study 10am Prayer & Praise 7pm NA Group 8pm	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Church office closed (No class tonight)	5	6
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Reflections from the Pastor...

It's astonishing to me how much can get packed into the life of one small church family. The ups and downs of our individual lives are multiplied and magnified when we are joined together into this body of Christ. The scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:26 comes to mind: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." We've celebrated multiple weddings and graduations this spring as well as stood by with many who have undergone surgeries, hospitalizations and illnesses, ranging from minor to major but all requiring times of transitions. On top of all that, we are now faced with saying goodbye to a beloved staff member as Demetrius Delancy begins a new season in his life and we prepare to search for and welcome an interim Director of Music Ministries who will lead our music ministry until a permanent Director can be hired in the new year.

The scripture from 1 Corinthians 12 begins with the assurance that God has gifted each of the members of a church family with a variety of gifts but all given by the same Holy Spirit. That's Good News! It goes on to remind us that despite our diversity of backgrounds, age, education, life experiences, economic status or political associations, we are all of us made to drink of one Spirit since we were all baptized in one Spirit; though there are many unique members, we are all part of the one body of Christ. That's even Better News! Verses 18-20 say this: "But as it is, God has arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body."

Here's what I know to be true: Each of us are the stronger for being part of this body of Christ. When life starts piling up concerns and responsibilities, I know I can turn to members of this body of Christ for prayer and support. When conflict arises among us, I know that together we can seek Christ's peace and power in our corporate worship together on a Sunday morning. When questions and situations develop unexpectedly, I know that when two or three of us gather in Christ's name we will be united with the mind of Christ to move forward into God's future. We are indeed many members in this one local church but through Jesus, we are made into one body united to give honor and glory to God Almighty, to witness to the love and mercy of Jesus the Christ and to share in the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. May you know the awesome blessings of being part of God's family in the weeks to come. ~ **Pastor Jennifer Kerby**

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