

The Lantern

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Belts and Shoes Needed for Students

If you have any belts or adult shoes in decent, wearable condition, please consider donating them to students at McKean High School. There are a number of students who cannot afford to purchase these items on their own. Please help in any way you can. Our goal is to collect 30 of each by September 8. You may drop the items off in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Tulloch at 985-3679.

Save the Date!

Charge Conference is Nov. 2

The 2015 Mt. Lebanon UMC Charge Conference is set for Monday, November 2 at 7pm with our District Superintendent, Rev. Derrick Porter. This is the church's annual opportunity to review the year past and consider any changes for the year ahead. All are encouraged to attend!

Homecoming Sunday

September 27, 2015

Welcome home all Mt. Lebanon members, friends and former members as we celebrate the working of the Holy Spirit among us. Special recognition of our long-time members and a special fellowship hour following worship.

Haven't seen someone for a while? Why don't you make a special effort to invite them "home" to Mt. Lebanon!

Community Day at Brandywine UMC

Brandywine Community United Methodist Church at 2200 Market Street in Wilmington, with whom we partner for the food closet ministry, has had a Community Day in August for a number of years. Mt. Lebanon was blessed to be invited to participate at the event this year on August 21. Praise God for all of the school supplies that you provided that were shared with the neighborhood children. It was double the joy to first deliver a trunk full of paper, binders, pencils, pens, folders, scissors, crayons, markers and more to Sunday Breakfast Mission for their event and turn right around within a week and repeat a delivery to Brandywine Community Church. Special thanks to Maxcy and Doug Hanby for being the "Hog Dog Grillers Extraordinaire" at the event!

— Iva Boardman, Missions Committee Co-Chair

2nd Annual Mt. Lebanon Car Wash Saturday, September 19

Last year's car wash held at Mt. Lebanon was so much fun that we are doing it again. The Missions Team is partnering with our youth and the Outreach Team to be "neighborly" to the families in the surrounding neighborhoods and the We Kids Rock families who spend time here at the church during their music lessons and sessions.

We will wash cars, serve light refreshments, share spiritual materials and enjoy conversation with each other. We need all hands on deck before the event as drivers and walkers to deliver fliers and bakers to make cookies and snacks. On the 19th, we need greeters, car washers, refreshment hosts and folks who just like to talk.

We will gather at 9am to get ready for the 10am to 1pm event. There is no charge. We will accept clothing donations for our guests at the Food Closet. All monetary donations will be given to Neighborhood House in Wilmington, a multi-purpose community center that provides family, youth development and housing services to residents of all ages.

— Iva Boardman, Missions Committee Co-Chair

Back to Church Sunday

September 13, 2015

Did you know that only 2% of church members invite an un-churched friend to church in any given year?

Did you know that 80% of people who do not currently go to church say they would attend church if invited?

If you are a person who knows the power of Jesus Christ and believes that attending church has made a difference in your life, why not make a special effort this year and invite a friend, family member, acquaintance or coworker to join you at church on Sunday, September 13 for a very special "Back to Church" Sunday? Your invitation might just change their life, for the better!

— Pastor Jennifer Kerby

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

Holy Communion

“Resting in God”

Jonah 1:11-20. 4:1-10

Psalm 131; 1 Peter 3:8-18

Matthew 11:28-30

Shipleigh Manor Worship & Communion at 2pm

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

National Back to Church Sunday (1 week early)

Bring a Friend to Church!

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19

James 3:2-12

Mark 8:27-38

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Guest Preacher Rev. Jonathan Whitney and
the Brandywine Community UMC congregation

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:7

Mark 9:30-37

Lunch and Turn the Tide Forum after worship

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Homecoming Sunday

Esther; Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Cadia Rehab Worship at 2:30pm

October Preaching Series: “Faith & Finance”

Will God make me prosperous and wealthy?

Why do people have money problems, even when they are serving God?

Why hasn't God answered my prayers to get out of debt?

Did Jesus really mean all that stuff about blessed are the poor?

Money and faith often seem to be at odds with one another. For many of us, managing money or worrying about finances takes up more time and energy than ever we give to our faith. This series, largely based on Randy Alcorn's book “The Treasure Principle,” will look at the underlying Biblical principles of a Christian understanding of and approach to money matters.

2 Preschool Teaching Positions Open at Chester-Bethel Preschool

Chester-Bethel Preschool is a Christian Preschool with a 5-Star Program. One of the open positions is for a teacher of a class of 2 1/2-3 year olds (5 days/week). The other is for a teacher of a class of 3 year olds (2 days/week). Required experience includes one year experience with teaching/leading class for preschoolers.

Ideal Candidates will:

- be those people who love working with children
- be able to work collaboratively with others
- have experience in teaching/leading a preschool class
- have a college degree (either a 2-year or 4-year degree) in an Education field
- have — or be eligible for — their Early Childhood Teacher Certificate through the State of Delaware

Interested applicants should email their resume and cover letter to chester.bethel.preschool@gmail.com.

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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

COMMENTS? CONCERNS? SUGGESTIONS?

Contact Chris Portante at:

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It has come to our attention that many in the church are not aware that "The Lantern" actually has thousands of employees. Here is a list of just a few of them:

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Cards of Caring Ministry starting this month

Receiving a note of encouragement or just a card to say hi is always a precious gift of care and concern. As we continue to live into our commitment to BeLoveX3: Loving God, Loving Neighbor and Loving Ourselves, your Admin Council will begin sponsoring a Card of Caring table each Sunday in the hall following worship. Note cards, Bible verses of encouragement and stamps will be available with church directories for addresses. Everything you need to take just a moment and reach out to someone in our church family who may be needing exactly the word of care and support you have to offer!

...Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Confirmation/Youth Group begins this fall

All youth grades 7 and up are encouraged to join together in a weekly get together that will alternate every other week between confirmation classes and service/fun activities. We'll be meeting at 12:30pm each Sunday following lunch served at church. Any questions, please see Pastor Jennifer or call Julia Tulloch at 985-3679. Starting date is still to be determined.

Have you made plans for your future?

What you need to know before you talk to a lawyer
Wednesday, September 9 at 10am

We have been blessed to have special guest — and the personal friend of Geri Walker — Mr. Richard Kiger, Esquire, present a session on what you need to think before you prepare to make out legal papers like wills, power of attorney, etc. Mr. Kiger, a local lawyer, has presented this information with other groups and church program because of the many unhappy situations with families he has seen where these concerns were not addressed.

Mr. Kiger is not soliciting new clients, in fact he is trying to scale back his business; rather, he is trying to help people think about difficult subjects that they can then bring up with whoever helps draw up the legal paperwork. So bring your questions and your concerns to hear from an expert who has a concern and a heart for folks with these very challenging questions.

Coffee and treats will be served. Feel free to invite friends and family members to join you!

Nanticoke Indian Powwow September 12-13, 2015



All are welcomed and invited to attend...

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a day of music, dance and cultural immersion into "Indian Country."

What is a Powwow?

The noun Powwow, from the Narragansett Eastern Algonquian language is defined as any gathering of Native people. However, in Indian Country, we define it as a cultural event that features group singing and dancing by men, women and children. Through these gathering, cultural traditions are passed from generation to generation. Skilled Native American artisans travel across the country to attend various Powwows to display and sell their hand made goods. It is a welcome opportunity to visit with friends and relatives, renew acquaintances, and trade or sell Native arts and crafts including jewelry, pottery, moccasins, ribbon shirts, shawls, dream catchers, and paintings. Above all, Powwows are a time to preserve traditions, to sing to the Creator, and to dance to the heartbeat of the drum.

Excerpted from www.nanticokeindians.org/what_powwow.cfm

— Pastor Jennifer Kerby

Blessings of Sympathy & God's comfort

...to the family of **Mary Feltz** who died at home on July 14. Mary was 103 years old and the oldest member of our church family. A Memorial Service will be held at Mt. Lebanon on Sunday, October 11 at 2:30pm. Cards of sympathy may be sent to her daughter, Marsha Pappas, at 400 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19803.

...to the family and friends of **Julia Salvato** who died Sunday, August 9. Julia was a faithful member of Mt. Lebanon church and will be dearly remembered by all who knew and appreciated her lively and fun-loving Spirit. She was a constant member of the United Methodist Women, serving as chaplain of that group until she moved out of Delaware. Services were held in Pennsylvania. Cards of condolences may be sent to her son, James Bruck at 15 Bunny Run Lane, Honesdale, PA 18431.

Sunday Counters needed now

Our church needs two or three individuals to serve in the short term as a weekly counter, keeping track of the Sunday offering. Weekly rotation schedules permits for a one-Sunday-a-month commitment. Two-person teams work together each Sunday after worship. We'll train you! Please call Becky Byrd or Barbara Ewing for more info.

Reflections from our new Director of Conference Ministries

As we learn to communicate more effectively with each other, we also strive to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to our world. We went to the Delaware State Fair last week and loved seeing the animals and demonstrations. However, we all fell in love with the Butterfly Tent. They gave each person a sponge stick soaked in nectar or sugar water. Then, we entered through two different screens to ensure that the butterflies didn't escape.

Inside, the butterflies would fly toward the sweet smell. If you didn't become too aggressive or too frightened, one butterfly would test out the sponge. If that one stayed, it attracted other butterflies. Sometimes we would have three or more butterflies on one stick. We also watched some people fail to attract any butterflies because they actively pursued them or jumped when one landed on their head. We stayed in that tent for a long while, enjoying the beauty and tranquility.

Afterwards, I thought about how much we could learn about evangelism from the butterflies. First, we have to go to their turf, a place where they feel safe and nourished. Many times, we want new people to come to us, without getting to know them and their context. Then, we must be gentle and cannot be too aggressive. Butterflies and people can sense aggression or desperation. We need to keep ourselves grounded in the Spirit to remain calm in a context which may make us uncomfortable. We also cannot be afraid. We know that God remains with us always and perfect love casts out fear. So, even though we feel out of place, God's presence fills every place. Finally, we need to have a sweetness to attract timid butterflies. And, once one comes, they invite their friends to join.

This experience raised some questions for us to ponder: How often do we go onto other's turf? How do we overcome fear and aggression when entering a foreign context? What fills the sponge of our lives? Is it the sweetness of the love of Jesus? Or the mocking vinegar of the soldier at the cross? When a new person comes, do we overreact or allow them time to get acclimated so that they can invite their friends?

As we seek to deepen our own connections—with God, with each other, within our churches, within our conference—God is calling us to offer those connections to the world. How will you answer that call? How can you partner with others in your church to answer that call?

— Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

September Servants

Reader(s):

9/13 Donna Winans
9/20 Rev. Jennifer/Guest Preacher, Rev. Whitney

Fellowship Hall Helpers:

9/27 Ken Lindsay

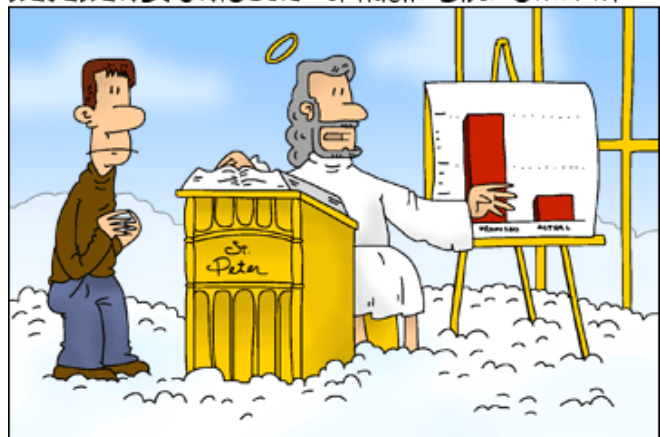
Altar Guild:

9/6 Marilyn Hetrick
9/13 Iva Boardman
9/20 Laurence Birkett
9/27 Harry West

Ushers:

9/6 Becky Byrd, Chris Portante
9/13 Harry West, Tracy Hopkins/Donna Peterson
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9/27 Claudia & Bob Lathem

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IN THIS CHART WE CAN SEE YOUR PROMISED GOOD DEEDS COMPARED TO YOUR ACTUAL FOLLOW THROUGH

Back to School with Christ

The Back-to-School Rally on August 15 at Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington brought approximately 600 children with their parents on the most perfect of days that only God can create. Thanks be to God that approximately 80 children and adults committed their lives to Christ upon Rev. Laymon's invitation. Thank you to all who so generously provided 25 back packs with all of the contents and volunteered at the rally.

Fellowship Time Helpers

If you like to eat, then help with the treats! "Keep it simple" is our motto. We are now in need of people to sign up for the weeks ahead. Sign-up sheet is on the snack table in the hall.

Turn The Tide Update

Sunday, September 20, 2015

Please make a special effort to join with Brandywine Community UMC as our two churches worship together on Sunday, September 20. Rev. Jonathan Whitney, ordained Elder in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference will be preaching. A light luncheon will be served after worship followed by remarks made by Rev. Whitney as he shares his hopes and dreams for the North Market Street neighborhood with us.

Prayer for the broader community

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us an understanding heart and help us to be obedient to your direction in fulfilling our commitment to our Turn the Tide ministry to the residents of the North Market Street neighborhoods.

Help us to feel the need and reach out and get involved. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Inspire us to want to make a difference in the lives of the people of this area. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. — *Mount Lebanon UMC Covenant Discipleship Group*

Bishop Johnson Visiting Wilmington District Churches

Join with other churches for a very special evening with Bishop Peggy Johnson as she facilitates a workshop on the Biblical, theological and practical insights into the Act of Repentance and Reconciliation with Native American and Indigenous Persons.

Tuesday, Sept 29, 6:30-9pm at Cornerstone UMC in Bear. ALL members are strongly encouraged to attend. Registration is necessary. Please call Christine Trott at 877-736-3351 or register online at <https://pendel-reg.brtapp.com/BishopsDaysontheDistricts>.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the work in which we are engaged with our Native American brothers and sisters and why it makes a difference for you!

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.