

The Lantern

MAY 2016

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, May 1

Risen: It's all about miracles!

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:22-22:5

Mark 16:9-18

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 8

Blessed Mother's Day

Risen: Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104

Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

Rev. Don Schuler preaching

Sunday, May 22

Guest Speaker: Rob Prestowitz,

Executive Director, Urban Promise

Sunday, May 29

Healing Service

1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 96

Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10



"The Wesleyan Way"

New Sunday School Study begins May 22

This is your opportunity to get to know the basic ideas and beliefs of our Methodist heritage. All are welcome to this DVD and book study series. We will meet every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 15 at 9 a.m. — Mt. Lebanon UMC

Once a month, Sunday morning class from 9-10 a.m. will be dedicated to praying for our "Turn the Tide" ministry. In May, we'll meet to pray on Sunday, May 15. Beginning in June, we'll meet regularly on the second Sunday of each month in the parlor.

Every Wed. at 5:30 p.m. — 1914 N. Market Street, Wilm.

Please join us for a special time of prayer with Sheila Tucker, the owner of Market St. Pharmacy, as we watch God restore this business to become a beacon of hope and healthy living to the North Market Street neighborhood. Come and be a part of a miracle in the making! The pharmacy is located at 1914 N. Market Street.

Prayer & Fasting Days are resuming

Come and join in this dedicated time of prayer in the sanctuary for whatever part of the day you can.

Thursday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 30, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Special Offerings in 2016

The annual invitation letters to support the six designated Special Sunday offerings emphasizing special ministries of the denomination and the Annual Conference will be mailed during the first week of May. In 2015, your generosity resulted in a collection of \$4,400, which was divided among the designated denomination-wide and conference-wide ministries.

We will be collecting for these ministries between mid-May and the end of June. The invitation letters will include a return envelope which can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please make checks payable to Mt. Lebanon UMC and indicate "Special Offerings" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to support God's work in our world!

— Iva Boardman, Missions Co-Chair

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



Kids Mission Schedule

Please, save these dates! =)

Saturday, May 21 — Cleaning the Sunday School room and nursery room (Mt. Lebanon UMC, 10 a.m.-noon)

Saturday, June 18 — Working at the Clothing Bank of Delaware, folding and organizing clothes. Please note: You must wear sneakers. (Friendship House, 9 a.m.-noon)

Saturday, July 16 — Cleaning the dining room area, walls and chairs at the Sunday Breakfast Mission. (10 a.m.-noon)

Saturday, August 20 — Organizing supplies, doing yardwork and rearranging classroom. (Urban Promise, time TBD)

Saturday, September 24 — Car Wash (Mt. Lebanon UMC, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 26 — Yardwork (Family Promise, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

If you have any questions at all please email me at cindywilson2121@gmail.com or call me at 302-388-6286.

I will send out an email two weeks before each service project date to see who can attend. I am looking forward to an awesome year of Kids' Mission Group. They will learn a lot and be helping many people in need. — *Cindy Wilson*

Clothing / Food Donations Welcome

The cold of winter is upon us! Warm clothing, blankets, coats and winter gear in good condition are gratefully received for our Food Closet guests. Also, your food donations of non-perishable goods continue to be needed to keep the shelves of our shared Food Closet stocked. Always needed are cereal, canned meat, soup, canned fruit and peanut butter. Please use the bins at the front of the hall under the tables to deposit your donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!

— *Donna Winans, Missions Co-Chair*

ALTAR GUILD

May 1	Marilyn Hetrick
May 8	Harry West
May 15	Julia Tulloch
May 22	Laurence Birkett
May 29	Kay Frick

USHERS

May 1	Becky Byrd, Chris Portante
May 8, 15	Donna Peterson, Donna Winans
May 22, 29	Barbara Ewing, Kathy Neilson

Prayers of Sympathy and Care

We offer our prayers of sympathy and care to Bob Rash and family on the death of long-time member Pat Rash. Funeral services were held at Gracelawn Chapel on Thursday, April 7. Cards of care and concern may be sent to Bob at their home, 147 Denn Place, Wilmington, 19804.

Special Worship Service at Cadia

Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 p.m.

All are most welcome to attend a special Sunday worship service at Cadia Rehabilitation Center (3322 Silverside Road, Wilm.) on May 22 at 2:30 p.m. The message will be brought by Jeff Shoemaker, and the music will be provided by the UUpbeats Dixieland Band. — *Harry West*

Calling All Walkers, Supporters and Sponsors for Neighborhood House

Saturday, June 4 — Bellevue State Park

What: Walk for a Healthy Community

Why: To benefit 20 local nonprofit organizations

When: Saturday, June 4, 2016

Where: Bellevue State Park, 800 Carr Road, Wilmington

Mt. Lebanon UMC will be walking for Friendship House, a non-profit Christian Corporation committed to making a difference in the lives of homeless and impoverished people in Wilmington. The agency has a continuum of services including Men's Day Centers and Transitional Housing; Women's Day Centers and Transitional Housing; Andrew's Place Emergency Shelter; and the Clothing Bank of Delaware, located in the City of Wilmington and the Newark Empowerment Center in Newark.

We will be participating as a team. If you are able to sponsor, please make your checks payable to Mt. Lebanon UMC and write "Friendship House" on the memo line. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall for this special event!

Registration on June 4 will be at 7:45 a.m.

The 5K Walk begins at 9 a.m., and the One-Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 a.m.

Reflections...

As I have prayed and meditated on the tragic and horrific death of Amy Joyner-Francis at the hands of other students at Howard VoTech school last week, it occurs to me that we have much work to do as Christians and citizens. For too long, the Christian complaint has been "we need to get prayer back in school." And while that is certainly true, we need to STOP looking back to how it was and BEGIN looking at how to get Jesus back in our schools now in this current day and age.

We know our teachers are often overwhelmed and under resourced; so let's start praying and supporting them. We have seven teachers in our own little congregation - Laurence Birkett, Kia Brabson, Robin Lathem, Melissa Schuibbeo, Krista Stoume, Julia Tulloch and Gale Ziegler - so let's start praying diligently for them and their work right now. Pray that they might connect with other believers and establish Bible studies or prayer times at their schools. Take time to ask them what they could use or what might help at their school and then see about supplying their need.

We know that many students attending school come from family and home situations that are struggling or outright destructive. Let's begin praying earnestly for those circumstances and seeking God's guidance as to where and how we might get involved by tutoring or mentoring, serving as a volunteer aide at a school near where we live in whatever capacity the school might need. Let's be the servants that Jesus asked us to be.

Finally, we need to start asking questions about best practices and how to resource our schools in ways that make a difference. In talking with Julia Tulloch the other day, I learned that McKean High School has decreased its drop-out rate from 38% to 6% in six years time, largely due to its expansion of career tech education classes that meet students at their point of need and interest. Now that's a miraculous demonstration of creative commitment to what works!

Instead of complaining and worrying about how bad our schools have become, let's keep our eyes on Jesus and how his love and righteousness can work through us as we dedicate ourselves to be his hands and feet in the lives of all our children!

Pastor Jennifer Kerby

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Sunday School at 9 a.m.