

The Lantern

JULY/AUGUST 2017

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Vital Conversations

Join in these ongoing discussions and exploration of race relations as we read books and view movies to continue growing our self-awareness and education on this critical and complicated aspect of human relations and history in our national life.

Monday, July 17: "Small Great Things" by Judi Picoult | **Monday, August 21:** "Dear White America" by Tim Wise

We also continue with directed exercises from Rev. Willis Johnson's material "Hold Up Your Corner" to help us more clearly grasp our histories, experiences and ongoing implicit biases. We gather at 6:30pm to share in a potluck dinner and then begin our conversations at 7pm. All are welcome!

Sunday Breakfast Mission Back to School Rally

Saturday, August 19, 2017

The Missions Team invites you to help Sunday Breakfast Mission with their 14th Annual Back to School Rally on August 19. Children aged five through 14 will be provided with backpacks filled with all of the supplies needed to get them started with their studies for the next school year. As we have discovered since our first year of participation, this event is so much more than the gift of school supplies; it is a time of coming together to hear how God unconditionally loves each of His children and is with us through the challenges and temptations of each day.

Please consider joining the youth and helping at the rally between 9am and noon. We have had a small but mighty crew come out annually to help celebrate this event. We would love to add volunteers to the distribution team. A sign up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. Carpooling is suggested. Collection of supplies will start on July 9 and continue through August 14. The following supplies are needed:

backpacks (children and youth)	pocket folders	index cards and dividers
glue sticks and washable glue	pencil sharpeners	pencil cases and pouches
scissors (blunt and sharp)	three-ring binders	pens, pencils and erasers
washable markers	tissue packs	highlighters
notebook paper (wide- and college-ruled)	colored pencils	mechanical pencils
wide-ruled spiral notebooks and composition books	rulers	crayons (24 pack)

Sunday, July 2

Holy Communion
Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
Reception of New Members
Special Music: Courtney Lyons, flute

Sunday, July 9

Hymn Sing Sunday
Genesis 24:34-67; Psalm 45
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-30
Special Music: Krista Stoume

Sunday, July 16

Pastor Don preaching
Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-23
Special Music: Amy Johnson

Sunday, July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-43
Special Music: Maxcy Hanby and Karen Yasik

Sunday, July 30

Healing Service
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-52
Special Music: Denise Hudson and Kay Shoemaker

Sunday, August 6

Holy Communion
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17
Romans 8:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
Pastor Don preaching
Special Music: Courtney Lyons, flute

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WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



CONAM Corner

Save the date now for the upcoming Nanticoke Pow-Wow to be held Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, 2017. This yearly weekend event is an amazing and very special way to experience Native culture and traditions in a relaxed and intriguing setting. The following remarks come from the Nanticoke Tribe website (www.nanticokeindians.org/page/what-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 gatherings, 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.

Powwow drummers and singers provide the music to which the dancers move in cultural celebration of their heritage. Powwow songs consist of key phrases which are repeated. These phrases may be composed of words or syllables which echo the beat of the drum. There are two basic singing styles - Northern or Southern - named for their geographic divisions. In Northern Style, singers maintain a higher pitch, whereas Southern Style singers keep a lower key...

Native dances originated from the spirit and soul of our Nations. Native American dance is alive and dynamic, a reflection of tribal heritage and personal style. The graceful steps of the dancers, the beat to which they move, and the traditional regalia that they wear embody their tribal affiliation and ancestry...

Each powwow begins with a Grand Entry or procession of dancers serving as the "bringing together of tribes." Dancers enter the dance circle by age and style of regalia. They are guided by two lead dancers, a male and a female, who follow the presentation of flags. Similar to the National Anthem, the Flag Song is the Native American way of honoring traditional native, state, and American flags. The audience is expected to stand during this time. Patriotism and valor are highly respected in Native American culture. These two songs express this respect in a ceremonial way.

Pastor Jennifer and family on vacation...

Monday, August 7 through Saturday, August 11. If you have any pastoral emergencies during that time, please call Pastor Don Schuler at 529-1726. God bless each of you with some time of rest and renewal in these summer months.

Summertime Barbecue Cook-Off & Line Dancing

Saturday, August 26 4-9pm

Save the date now and start brushing up on your best barbecue dish as we get ready for another fantastic food and fun competition. Prizes will be given to those judged best of the grill – all entries welcome – chicken, pork, beef, fish, vegies and whatever else you can think of! We hope to have one of our great country line-dancing DJs back in the house for some indoor, air-conditioned dancing and the evening will wrap up with an outdoor bonfire, sing-along and s'mores. More details to come!

Walk for Family Promise Blessed with Walkers and Sponsors

A big thank you to the eight walkers and numerous sponsors who donated \$600.00 for Family Promise. God provided the perfect day with balmy breezes and a slightly overcast sky for the fast, normal and slower paced walkers. This Highmark sponsored "Walk for a Healthy Community" annual event allows twenty local organizations to raise money in a side by side way that praises God and shows the love of Jesus in an up close and personal way. — *Iva Boardman, Missions Team Co-Chair*

Advocate for Others...

The Wednesday Afternoon Covenant Disciple Group has committed to sharing an article in each newsletter through December that advocates for children and other groups who may not have a voice in society. In the June issue, you read Melissa Schuibbeo's advocacy for school children. As I was deciding which group I would highlight this month, I have been prompted to go in another direction. I would like to invite each of you who read this to first ask yourself about your advocacy for those who have less voice than you in society. Secondly, for that group or groups that you feel advocacy, how do you live it? My prayer for each of you is that you are actively living your advocacy and if not, that you will be prompted to do so in the near future for the glory of God.

— *Iva Boardman, Wednesday Afternoon C.D. Group*

Prayers of Care and Sympathy to the family of Nicky David

A memorial service was held at Mt. Lebanon to celebrate the life of Nicky David, father of Niki-La David and recent newcomer to our congregation. Cards of care and sympathy can be sent to Nicky's mother, Paula Piluso, at 31 Norman Allen Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Summertime Readers & Feeders Are Needed

Please take a moment to consider your summer schedule and sign up as you are able to serve as a Worship Reader or Fellowship Time Helper. Many hands make light the work. God bless you for your service!

Readers

7/2	Peter Pratley
7/9	Becky Byrd
7/16 - 7/30	TBD
8/6	Peter Pratley
8/13 - 8/27	TBD

Fellowship Hall Helpers

7/2	Don & Marty Schuler
7/8 - 8/27	TBD

Ushers

7/2	Kay Frick
7/9	Kay Frick, Sheri Videtto
7/16, 7/23	Marty Schuler, Harry West
7/30, 8/6	Denise Hudson, Kay Shoemaker
8/13, 8/20	Kay Frick, Sheri Videtto
8/27	Donna Peterson, Cathie Duffy

Altar Guild

7/2	Gale Ziegler
7/9	Iva Boardman
7/16	Marilyn Hetrick
7/23	Harry West
7/30	Julia Tulloch
8/6	Kay Frick
8/13	Gale Ziegler
8/20	Iva Boardman
8/27	Marilyn Hetrick

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Sunday, August 13

Hymn Sing Sunday

Genesis 37:1-4; Psalm 105

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Special Music: Krista Stoume

Sunday, August 20

Sermon Series – Part 1

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Special Music: Amy Johnson

Sunday, August 27

Sermon Series – Part 2

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Special Music: Denise Hudson and Kay Shoemaker

Congratulations and Blessings to our Graduates

Please keep all our young people in your prayers and especially these young women who have completed high school and are now moving on!

Jenna Blosser, daughter of Jack and Michelle Blosser, graduated from George W. Carver Center for Arts & Technology in Towson, Md. This fall, she's headed to Frostburg University for voice training.

Nika-La David, granddaughter of Ken Lindsay, graduated from William Penn High School in New Castle, Del. and is now staying with family in South Carolina for a stretch of time.

Georgia Hanby, daughter of Doug and Maxcy Hanby graduated from Charter School of Wilmington, Del. She is now headed to North Carolina State University to study engineering.

Summertime Youth Activities

Calling all youth and your friends; the more the merrier! Gale Ziegler has lined up a fantastic array of fun in the sun activities to keep us hanging together through the summer months. Make sure to call her to sign up as soon as possible for any and all of the following:

Saturday, July 1, 9am at Lums Pond – Kayak Lessons, \$12/kayaker.

Saturday, July 8, 11am-2pm at Ronald McDonald House – Cookie Baking. Bring your favorite recipe and ingredients; they have the cookie sheets as we try to fill up their cookie jars!

Wednesday, August 9, 5:30-7:30pm at Alapocas State Park – Intro to Rock Climbing. Feeling adventurous? Then this night is for you! \$25/climber.

Thursday, August 10, 6-8pm at Brandywine Zoo – Dollar night at the zoo, bring \$1 and your best animal attitude.

Saturday, August 18, 9:30-11am at Sunday Breakfast Mission – Help with the Back to School Rally as backpacks filled with school supplies are handed out to students in need along with the good news of Jesus' love.

Monday, August 21, 12:30pm at Brandywine Park – Picnic and solar eclipse tips. No charge!

Any questions? Please call Gale Ziegler at 562-9645.

Sunday, September 3

Holy Communion

Sermon Series – Part 3

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

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	July					1
						Youth Kayak lesson @ Lums Pond 9am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Holy Communion Reception of New Members N.A. Group 7pm	Office Closed – Independence Day	Office Closed – Independence Day	Bible Study 10am YMCA group 1pm CD Group 4pm Worship Team 7pm N.A. Group 8pm	CD Group 4pm Bible Study 7pm	Emmaus Group 7:30p	Worship Team 9am-2pm Youth Group Cookie Bake 11am-2pm at RMcDonald House
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Summer Hymn Sing N.A. Group 7pm	Painting Class 1pm	Painting Class 10am	Bible Study 10am YMCA group 1pm CD Group 4pm Worship Team 7pm N.A. Group 8pm	CD Group 4pm Bible Study 7pm	Food Closet @ BCC 9am-noon	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Pastor Don preaching N.A. Group 7pm	Painting Class 1pm Vital Conversations 6:30pm	Painting Class 10am	Bible Study 10am YMCA group 1pm CD Group 4pm Missions Mtg. 7pm N.A. Group 8pm	CD Group 4pm Bible Study 7pm	Prayer & Fasting 8am-8pm	
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Healing Service N.A. Group 7pm	Painting Class 1pm					

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Painting Class 10am	2 Bible Study 10am CD Group 4pm N.A. Group 8pm	3 CD Group 4pm	4 Emmaus Group 7:30p	5 RMH Dinner 5:30pm
6 Holy Communion Pastor Don preaching N.A. Group 7pm	7 Painting Class 1pm	8 Painting Class 10am	9 Bible Study 10am CD Group 4pm N.A. Group 8pm	10 CD Group 4pm	11 Food Closet @ BCC 9am-noon	12 Admin Council 9:30am-1pm
13 N.A. Group 7pm	14 Painting Class 1pm	15 Finance Mtg 7pm	16 Bible Study 10am CD Group 4pm N.A. Group 8pm	17 CD Group 4pm SPRC Meeting 7pm	18 Prayer & Fasting 8am-8pm	19 Sunday Breakfast Mission Back to School Rally 8:30am-noon
20 N.A. Group 7pm	21 Painting Class 1pm Vital Conversations 6:30pm	22	23 Bible Study 10am CD Group 4pm Lay Leadership 7pm N.A. Group 8pm	24 CD Group 4pm Bible Study 7pm	25 Food Closet @ BCC 9am-noon	26 Summer BBQ/Line Dance 4-9pm
27 N.A. Group 7pm	28 Painting Class 1pm	29	30 Bible Study 10am CD Group 4pm N.A. Group 8pm	31 CD Group 4pm Bible Study 7pm		

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Reflections...

I've been convicted these last few weeks by comments from members of our Lay Leadership team. I asked the question recently "What do you think is holding us back from growing this church?" Two of them responded with similar answers; one wondered if inertia was at work and the other observed that perhaps we've gotten too comfortable. Go figure. I don't think I would have ever come up with those answers; yet as soon as I read them I immediately sensed they were onto something. Over and over, the number one response from the spring church survey of what we like most about this church is that sense of feeling welcome, accepted and cared for here. And don't get me wrong, that's certainly a good thing. But it's not enough to keep us growing our faith lives, or our church, in Jesus.

I've always loved the story of how eagles help their fledgling eaglets learn to leave the nest by placing sharp rocks under the initial nest materials of soft moss, green leaves and downy feathers. As the eaglets grow and get their flight feathers and skills about them, their parents keep removing the softer nest material to reveal the sharper rocks and sticks underneath thereby "encouraging" them to fly out into their young eagle lives.

Now I'm not suggesting that we start poking each other with sharp sticks or place jagged stones underneath the pew cushions in the sanctuary. But I am reminded from scripture that Jesus time and again advised his disciples that as they followed him, they could expect hardship, rejection, uncomfortable circumstances and even persecution. Consider for just a moment, what happened to the disciples throughout the Book of Acts as they went out into the world to share what was for them the BEST news of their lives, that Jesus Christ had died for them and was risen again that they (and we as well) might have new life.

If we are truly serious about "growing" this church, then that means we need to learn how to lean into those uncomfortable situations as we mature in our faith. The core of the Christian faith is not just about receiving the beautiful love of Jesus but sharing it with all we encounter. How we do that will be the focus of our preaching and teaching over the next several months. I fully expect that stepping out of the comfortable nest of our beloved fellowship here at Mt. Lebanon will challenge us on many fronts. I also fully expect that Jesus will be with us each step of the way making what seems impossible to become possible. Remember Matthew 28:19-20..."Therefore GO and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

— Pastor Jennifer Kerby

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Sunday School at 9 a.m.