

The Lantern

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2018

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Worship Highlights

Sunday, May 6

Holy Communion

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

“How Joy Changes Us”

Sunday, May 13

A Blessed Mother's Day

Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-9

“How Families Change Us”

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Pastor Don preaching



DAY of PRAYER & FASTING each month: Third Friday

May 18, 2018, 8am-8pm

Come for whatever time you can to spend in quiet reflection, scripture reading and prayer in the beautiful Mt. Lebanon sanctuary.

Christian Johnson's Senior Recital

Saturday, May 5 at 12:30pm at U of D Gore Recital Hall

All are welcome to enjoy a wonderful hour of piano virtuoso by our very own Director of Music Ministries. The recital is a requirement of his academic degree in which Christian performs a variety of music all from memory! Light refreshments will be served afterwards by Amy and Scott Johnson. Address: 70 Amstel Ave, Newark, DE 19711. His graduation from the U of D takes place on Saturday, May 26. Please keep him in prayer as he completes this last leg of this journey.

Pastor Don appointed to Aldersgate UMC

Sadly for Mt. Lebanon, but joyfully for Aldersgate UMC, Pastor Don Schuler will begin a part-time appointment on July 1, 2018 leading the 9:00 Traditional Worship service and assisting with visitation. We have been tremendously blessed by his presence, witness, service and all around good company here at Mt. Lebanon these last several years and will miss him and dear Marty tremendously. His last Sunday for preaching will be Sunday, May 27 and a farewell party will be held for he and Marty on Sunday, June 10 after worship. They will be enjoying a trip to Spain the first two weeks of May to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary and will rejoin us for several weeks following that adventure. Please keep Pastor Don, Marty and our sweet congregation in prayer during this time of transition.



Lead Team: Worship & Communications

Worship to focus on Depth, Diversity and Delight

How can we help every aspect of our Worship Service go deeper in Christ, further include the diversity of God's people and lead us each week to a place of joy and celebration as we grow in God and service? This question directs our work each month; we hope you will see a noticeable difference in the months ahead.

Communications prioritizes the Church Website

Having examined the need to improve our internal and external communications in all areas, the Lead Team has decided to focus on updating and expanding our website. Currently, we are in the exploration and fact finding stage. More details to come!

Thanks to our May Ministers in service

Reader

May 6 – Becky Byrd
May 13 – Sheri Videtto
May 20 – Kia Brabson
May 27 – TBD

Ushers

May 6 – C.Duffy/D.Peterson
May 13 – B.Ewing/ K.Neilson
May 20 – B.Ewing/K.Neilson
May 27 – I.Boardman/helper

Fellowship Helpers

May 6 – Shoemaker/Boardman
May 13 – TBD
May 20 – Brabson/Boardman
May 27 – TBD

Altar Guild

May 6 – Julia Tulloch
May 13 – Kay Frick
May 20 – Gale Ziegler
May 27 – Iva Boardman

Sunday school teachers

May 6 – Melissa Schuibbeo
May 13 – Brent Apotheker
May 20 – TBD
May 27 – Laurence Birkett

Counters

May 6 – B.Byrd/B.Apotheker
May 13 – B.Ewing/C.Duffy
May 20 – Furman/Shoemaker
May 27 – T.Page/D.Hudson

Trustees Update

April's Work Day was a great success with lots of helpers to cut and install the new Plexiglas safe guarding our beautiful stained glass windows in addition to a load of yard work clean up completed. The next all-church work day will be Saturday, May 12, with lots of outdoor work planned. On Sunday, May 20, following worship, we will hold a ribbon-cutting and dedication celebration to thank God for all the good work completed to renovate the upstairs rooms.



An Already Special Event Just Became Better! Family Promise Overnight Hosting update

You were invited in the January Lantern to consider being an overnight host at the Family Promise dinners that we host four times a year at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, a host church. As a support church, we wanted to step up to offer more than dinners, so four of us have now served as overnight hosts since December. Very comfortable sleeping accommodations are available to either a couple or two individuals who then have the joy of spending additional time with the families before bedtime, troubleshooting any unexpected event during the night and setting out a "to go" breakfast the next morning. You are encouraged to check in with Amy Furman, Michelle Blosser, Cathie Duffy or Iva Boardman who can share their experiences and answer questions.

Special Sunday Offerings to Kickoff June 1!

As you might recall, four years ago the Missions Team invited you to make a one-time donation for the six Special Sunday offerings and the three designated offerings at each Annual Conference. Your response has been extremely generous and we thank you for your faithful response to support God's work outside of Mt. Lebanon. You will be receiving a letter identifying the Special Sunday offerings and the 2018 designated Annual Conference recipients during the last week of May. During the June 1 through July 15 collection period, we are inviting speakers to worship with us and share a Moment for Mission about the special ministries that are supported through this collection.

Guest Missionaries from the Congo Partnership-June 3

We are especially excited that Rev. Jonathan Baker and his wife Donna, former missionaries from our Annual Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be our first guest on June 3. Stay tuned for the names of additional guest speakers during this period.

The New 2018 Missions Calendar of Events....

In response to the church visioning work that began in December here at Mt. Lebanon, the Missions Team has affirmed that we will eliminate several of our annual events/collections in order to be more intentional about those collections and events that we do. Our focus will be on the Food and Clothing Closets with Brandywine Community United Methodist Church, Special Sunday Offerings, Interfaith Thanksgiving Project, Angel Tree Ministry and Ronald McDonald House dinners. We welcome your questions and need your comments because everything that happens is only because of YOU!



Warren Blosser and family
Kay Frick's friend battling two cancers at once
Joyce Dorman in new residence
Jeff's friend Jaimie with cancer
Barbara Videtto's daughter with signs of improvement
Pat Darby-recovery from stroke
Jeff & Jessica Shoemaker-jobs
Michael Neilson-peace
April Rash with leukemia
Chris West-deliverance
Jay Dickerson-healing&peace
Sheri Videtto-peace & healing
Patti Barker-MS
Aileen Saffo-strength & peace
Marianne Sincock-peace
Chip Franklin-addictions recovery, Jim Brittingham's grandson
Debbie Vernon-peace & healing, Kay Frick's daughter
Hunger in our communities
Food Closet ministry with BCUMC
Courage for us to work on race relations in our community
Our military service men and women and all victims of wars
The young people of our world
Our Bishop & Cabinet
Peace on earth

Prayers for missionaries **Mt. Lebanon supports**

Our Congo Partnership Team - Rev. Jonathan and Donna Baker, retired
The Congo Wings of Caring Ministry - Jacques & Valentine Uembundi in D.R. of Congo
Wycliff Bible Translation Ministry- Gloria Scott in Burkino Faso, West Africa
Global Service Network - Pete & Dee Campbell in Mexico and now the Middle East
Urban Promise International Fellow - Chikondi Mbewe in Malawi

Help Wanted: Ushers/Greeters Smiles and a welcoming spirit needed

We are currently in need of folks able to serve as Ushers and Greeters for our worship services. This role is a critical one to the life of the church as research has shown that guests often make up their mind about a church based on their first three minutes of interaction with church and those they meet in that time! Detailed job descriptions outlining responsibilities are available. We would love to add you and your smiling face to this vital Sunday morning act of service. Please call Phoebe at the church office for more information, 652-8411.



Calling all Graduates...

If you know folks graduating this spring from a degeed program and would like to celebrate their accomplishment and pray God's blessings on them, please let the church office know by June 11 so we can prepare for the "Dads and Grads" service celebrated on Sunday, June 17. Please include their name, the school from which they are graduating, the degree and any information about future plans you wish to share. Email office.mtlebanonumc@verizon.net or call 652-8411.



CONAM Corner

Peace Tree Ceremony

It was a beautiful sunny day at Camp Pecometh on Sunday, April 22 as some hundred folks gathered to continue the work of Repentance and Reconciliation between the United Methodist Church and the First Peoples of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. Tribal people from the Lenape, Nanticoke, Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape, Accohannock, Assateague, and Nause Waiwash were represented with members of the Pocomoke Tribe unable to attend. Sticks with words representing the "weapons" of war between non-native and Native people were ceremonially buried along with prayers, words of hope and concern, dancing, song and acts of gift-giving. The Eastern white pine that has been planted and prayed over will now serve as a reminder to all that the people called Methodist have made a sacred commitment to continue to walk with our Native brothers and sisters on this good road of acceptance and understanding, working together for righteousness in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God!

Peninsula-Delaware Conference



May Annual GATHERING

Saturday May 19, 2018
Scott's United Methodist Church
3748 Main St., Trappe, MD 21673

STRENGTHENING for SERVICE

1 Thessalonians 5:9-12

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30am **Registration** – *Charles Adams*

9:30 - 10:05am **Greetings from our President** – *Allan Loomis*
Welcome – Rev. Dartanyon Hines, Pastor Scott's UMC
Morning Devotion & Singing / Announcements

10:15 –11:45am **Strengthening for Service – led by Rev. Joe Archie**
District Superintendent - Wilmington

12:00 – 12:45pm **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:30pm **Building Relationships is Our Future – Bill Paxton**

1:30 – 2:00pm **Communion & Singing**

2:00 – 2:30pm **Announcements & Closing**

Registration is \$15 (\$20 at the door) which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please forward the tear-off at the bottom to Charles Adams, 12 N. Nace Lane, Dover, DE 19901.
Checks should be made payable to Pen-Del Conf. UMM.

Peninsula-Delaware UMM Annual Gathering — May 19, 2018

Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ Attending Lunch? Y or N

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Reflections..

I would commend to you a book written by long-time pastor Gordon MacDonald entitled "Who Stole My Church?" It is a fictional account of the all too real experience that many churches are encountering in the massive changes that are occurring in our society as well as in our congregations. The book tells the story of mature, long-time, dedicated church members who are faced with the very uncomfortable changes within their congregation that result in their feeling out of place, resentful and even fearful of the loss of much of what they held precious in their worship and church life together. Their pastor, who is closer to their generation in many ways than to the younger folks of the congregation, is faced with the daunting task of guiding and enabling the long-time members to see new possibilities and deeper significance in the changes surrounding them as well as inviting more open communication between the different generations. It's a great book with much wisdom!

Our Eastertide Sermon Series has been and will continue to focus on various aspects of change and new life that result from living as resurrection people. Christ's death on the cross changed everything for all humanity. His resurrection from the grave makes all things new in ways that we can barely begin to appreciate. We are preaching change to help our beloved congregation step into the changes that must happen among us if we are to continue making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our little church has been shrinking significantly over the last several years. Many folks are tired; typically a sign that our faith lives stand in need of revitalization. No where does the Christian life experience greater renewal than in seeing people enter into a life-changing and life-saving relationship with Jesus. As a Christian, there is no joy greater than being part of the transformation of an individual heart or a local community in Jesus; this is the ultimate purpose and the goal of each and every church that worships Jesus Christ.

I know that change can be scary and uncomfortable. Faced with new ways of doing things, we often react with less than faithful hearts. I believe that God is doing a new thing among us; remember the scripture from Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (43:19) I hope and pray that you too will ask God to give you a willingness of spirit and an openness of mind to see and welcome the new things that are springing up among us.

Pastor Jennifer Kerby

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Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.