

# The Lantern

June 2018

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Worship Highlights

### Sunday, June 3

*Holy Communion*

Acts 4:32-35;

Matthew 28:16-20

*Mission Focus: Congo*

*Partnership*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Jonathan  
& Mrs. Donna Baker, retired*

*Congo Missionaries*

### Sunday, June 10

*Farewell to the Schulers*

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 96:1-6

2 Corinthians 13:11-12

Matthew 5:13-16

*Mission Focus: Student*

*Ministries, Ms. Becky Byrd*

### Sunday, June 17

*Dads and Grads Sunday*

Proverbs 4:1-27; Ephesians 6:4

1 Timothy 4:12-16

*Mission Focus: Board of*

*Ordained Ministry*

### Sunday, June 24

*It's Your Bible! Essentials for*

*Growing in Faith - Summer*

*Preaching Series begins*

*"We Are People of the Book!"*

Psalm 119:103;

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Luke 1:1-4

*Mission Focus: Peace with*

*Justice, District Superintendent*

*Rev. Joseph Archie III*

*Reception of New Members*

## "Till We Meet Again" – Sunday, June 10

Please make every effort to join in a very special worship and Farewell Luncheon to thank God for the wonderful ministry and witness of Rev. Don and Mrs. Marty Schuler. As was announced last month, Rev. Schuler has accepted a part-time appointment to Aldersgate UMC to lead their 9am Traditional Worship service. While we are saddened to see them leave, we must entrust them to God's care and purposes.

## New!! All-Church Bible Study

### **Beginning Sunday, July 1 at 9am in the sanctuary**

The idea was born last year at the "Ties that Bind Us" Prayer Gatherings to bring all our congregation together in reading and studying the Bible. Rev. Henry H. Halley's Bible Handbook provides an excellent guide and background material to read through the entire Bible in a year. The one hour time block, 9-10am, will include a time of praise and worship, a stretch of teaching and a time of small group sharing of prayer and support. Purchase your copy of Halley's Bible Handbook Class Edition now (copies will be available if cost is an obstacle) and a spiral notebook to enable your deeper (or first-time) reading and being transformed by God's inspired and living Word.

## Swing Band, BBQ & Line Dancing – June 16 Saturday 5-10pm

Meat and beverages provided; side dishes and dessert contributions are welcome. Sign-up in the hall on the Info Table. Dinner 5pm. Swing Band at 6pm. Steve Carroll Country Line Dancing 7pm. Bring your friends and your appetite! No cost; just a night of fun and fellowship!



## Graduate Celebration Service

On Sunday, June 17, we will celebrate the graduations of Abigail Martin, Julia Tulloch, Christian Johnson, Catherine Ritter, Ford Page Quinn, Eric Lindsay, Charlotte Hanby and all those family and friends who have completed a course of study. Please submit the names of those you would like recognized to the church office no later than Monday, June 16; including the degree received, name of the school and plans for the near future. Praying God's blessings on all our students in these accomplishments and their future endeavors!



Warren Blosser and family  
Kay Frick's friend battling two  
cancers at once  
Joyce Dorman in new residence  
Jeff's friend Jaimie with cancer  
Tracy Hopkins-continued  
serious health challenges  
Sylvia Eubanks-surgery  
Jeff & Jess both in new jobs  
Karin Kirkland-shoulder  
surgery recovery  
Bernice Godfrey-health issues  
Pat Darby-recovery from stroke  
Joan Anderson-stroke recovery  
Michael Neilson-peace  
April Rash-living with leukemia  
Chris West-deliverance  
Jay Dickerson-healing&peace  
Sheri Videtto-peace & healing  
Patti Barker-MS  
Aileen Saffo-strength & peace  
Marianne Sincock-peace  
Debbie Vernon-peace &  
healing, Kay Frick's daughter  
Act of Repentance and  
Reconciliation with Native  
American brothers & sisters  
Hunger in our community  
Food Closet 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 in the world  
Our Bishop & Cabinet  
Conflicts around the world  
Peace on earth

### **Prayers for missionaries**

#### **Mt. Lebanon supports**

*The Congo Wings of Caring  
Ministry - Jacques & Valentine  
Uembundi in DR of Congo  
Wycliff Bible Translation  
Ministry- Gloria Scott in  
Burkino Faso, West Africa  
Global Service Network - Pete  
& Dee Campbell in Mexico and  
the Middle East  
Urban Promise Int'l Fellow -  
Chikondi Mbewe in Malawi*



### **2019 Mission Trip now in the planning!**

A little known fact about me is that as a teenager, I learned how to insulate walls, hang drywall, and repair a roof through my church! Each summer, a group of 15-20 adolescent and adult volunteers from my church would spend one week traveling to the Appalachian region to help repair homes for families who can't afford the repairs on their own. It was one of the most memorable experiences from my church life, providing me with the opportunity to serve a group of people that I otherwise would never have had the chance to know.

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry that brings volunteers from around the country to Central Appalachia to repair the homes of low-income families. It was started in 1969 by a United Methodist Minister, Rev. Glenn "Tex" Evans, as a way to harness the energy of Christian youth to help the poor of Appalachia. Their trademark is making homes "warmer, safer, and drier." Since its inception 48 years ago, the ASP has repaired over 17,000 homes with the help of over 393,000 volunteers. But the focus is not just on home improvement – the goal is for volunteers and the families to develop relationships that transcend the physical transformation of the homes. The hope is that volunteers offer Christian witness and service to the families in need, while also experiencing growth in their own faith. The goal is to transform the lives of the families and the volunteers.

The Missions team and the Youth Fellowship group would like Mt. Lebanon UMC to be part of this exciting ministry by trying to send volunteers to Appalachia in Summer of 2019. We are looking for 14 church members (must be over 14 years old or completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade by the start of the trip) to take up the challenge to participate in an ASP mission trip next summer. Of course, we will need the financial and emotional support of everyone in the church to help us on this journey. For more information, just ask me, pick up materials in fellowship hall, or go to the ASP website, [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org). An informational meeting for anyone interested will be scheduled for later this summer.

*submitted by Abigail Martin*

### **Invitation to support Special Sunday Offerings**

A church wide mailing was sent out mid-May to invite your donations to our denomination's six Special Offerings and our Annual Conference designated offerings for this year – Board of Ordained Ministries, Congo Partnership and Migration Ministries. This collection supports a wide variety of ministries locally, nationally and internationally all of which were detailed in the letter sent to your homes. *Additionally, this summer in worship, we will be featuring weekly Moment for Mission speakers who will speak of the particular impact and significance of many of these ministries throughout June and July.* You won't want to miss out hearing about these amazing God-honoring and fruitful opportunities to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



### Prayers of sympathy and condolence for...

Barbara Videtto and family on the death of her daughter Barbara Johnson on Monday, May 21. A Memorial Service is planned for later this month and notice will be sent to the congregation when the date is set. Cards of care and concern may be sent to Barbara at her home: 400 Foulk Rd, Apt 4A9, Wilmington DE 19803.

Julia Tulloch and family on the death of her beloved grandfather, Charles Tulloch. A Memorial Service will be held here at Mt. Lebanon on Saturday, July 28. Further details still to come. Cards of care and concern may be sent to Julia at her home: 565 Upper Pike Creek Rd, Newark DE 19711.

### Pen-Del Annual Conference May 31-June 2



Once again, the clergy and lay members of our regional United Methodist churches will gather at Princess Anne, Maryland to worship, conduct business in holy conferencing and celebrate the commissioning and ordination of those called to ministry. Please keep all those involved in prayer throughout these days as the church continues to seek and follow God's will in today's world.



### Communications Focus prioritized

The Lead Team has moved into the intensive work of researching and seeking website designers to help us with the development of an updated website. In addition, at the recommendation of the Admin Council, the Lead Team will also create a proposal for a plan of an integrated communications strategy to include equipment and personnel necessary to help us move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and connect with our technologically savvy neighbors. The proposal will address both internal and external communications through print options, social media, audio-visual equipment and outdoor messaging. Any and all suggestions you may have will be gratefully received and considered as we put details to this over-arching task. YOUR PRAYERS ARE absolutely needed and appreciated that all we do with this work will be to the glory of God and for the effective sharing of the Good News in Jesus Christ! We'll be keeping you posted...

### Summer Preaching Series – It's Your Bible "Essentials for Growing in Faith"

Have you ever felt like the Bible is just too hard to read or understand? Have you lost the joy of reading scripture or never had any before?

Rev. H. H. Halley says this: *Everybody should love the Bible. Everybody should read the Bible. Everybody. It is God's Word. It holds the solution of life. It tells about the best Friend humanity ever had, the noblest, kindest, truest Man who ever walked on this earth. It is the most beautiful story ever told. It is the best guide to human conduct ever known. It gives a meaning, a glow, a joy, a victory, a destiny and a glory to life elsewhere unknown.*

WOW! If these words speak to your deepest longings, then don't miss out on this summertime preaching series designed to coordinate with and undergird our new All Church Bible study beginning Sunday July 1 from 9-10am each week.

Sun, June 24 – We Are People of the Book!

Sun, July 1 – How to read and how NOT read the Bible

Sun, July 8 – The heart of scripture: God's revelation of God's self

Sun, July 15 – Troubling texts; troubling times – Interpreting Scripture

Sun, July 22 – The Bible in Song; favorite hymns from scripture

***Please feel free to submit your questions and struggles with reading or understanding the Bible to Pastor Jennifer so that they may be incorporated into the series. By mail to the church office or email: [pastor.mtlebanonumc@verizon.net](mailto:pastor.mtlebanonumc@verizon.net)***

**MAP Raps –  
A Summer Seminar  
Series on faith and  
current events  
sponsored by the NEW  
Methodist Action  
Program (MAP)**

**June 14**

The state of race and policing in America; are we moving forward or backwards? What do we do when stopped by police?

**July 12**

Have churches taken a back seat when it comes to politics and protest? Where are today's church leaders?

**August 9**

What are the effects of the new Jim Crow laws?

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Place: Ezion-Mt. Carmel UMC,  
800 N. Walnut St, Wilm, DE



**CONAM Corner**

If you are headed to the Delaware beaches this summer, you may want to treat yourself and your family to a visit to the Nanticoke Museum on Rt. 24 between Lewes and Millsboro. The Nanticoke are known as the "People of the Tidal Waters" and have worked diligently over the centuries to preserve their native traditions. The Museum is open Tues-Sat 10am-4pm and charges a nominal admission fee to support the building and collection of books, photographs and video materials. You will be welcomed and may just learn something new! Wanishi.

**Mission u 2018**

**WHEN?**

Friday, July 20, 2018 to Sunday, July 22, 2018

**WHERE?**

Pecometh, 136 Bookers Wharf Rd, Centreville, MD 21617

**THIS YEAR'S TOPICS:**

Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living

What About our Money? A Faith Response

Youth Study: Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy

Children's Study: Money Matters

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**Mission u provides the opportunity for United  
Methodist Women and all interested persons in the  
church to:**

- ▶ Increase understanding of God's call to Christian discipleship and expand concepts of mission.
- ▶ Provide experiences to implement the PURPOSE of UMW.
- ▶ Inform participants of mission programs in our conference.
- ▶ Provide resources and models for local mission study and action.

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United Methodist Women

**Who Should Attend?**

Local UMW officers and members,

District and Conference UMW Officers

District Chairpersons of Outreach Ministries and Ministers

All men, women, youth and children of the Church

Anyone who would like to worship God, learn new things, and enjoy the fellowship of Christians

**Contact:** Eunice Roberts at robertseunice52@gmail.com

**Registrations due:** June 23, 2018 available at the Pen-Del website,  
<https://www.pen-del.org>

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**Reception of New Members – Sun, June 24**

We rejoice to welcome those who wish to make a commitment to this particular congregation of Mt. Lebanon as an expression of their faith and desire to follow Jesus. Michelle Blosser and Jerry and Sylvia Eubanks have expressed their readiness for taking these vows. If you or someone you know is ready to make this commitment, please have them speak with Pastor Jennifer at the earliest opportunity so that we might celebrate fully on Sunday, June 24. Thanks be to God for this work of the Holy Spirit among us!

## *Reflections...*

There are days when the tragedies and injustices of the world simply collide with our personal cares and sorrows and we find ourselves overwhelmed and oppressed; sometimes to the point of wanting to give up. These occasions are not limited to Democrats or Republicans, old or young, rich or poor, faithful or faithless. Personally, I have been frequently surprised these last several months by the days of grief and simply missing my mom that seem to spring up like a hidden trap in the woods. For those who live with clinical depression or anxiety, these experiences can become exponentially multiplied and a sense of malaise and hopelessness can all too easily settle in and around one's daily routine. It becomes critical for those who follow Jesus, to know and hold onto the promises of our faith.

Scriptures that remind us that Jesus is with us always (Matthew 28:20) or that God's faithfulness will shield us in times of trouble (Psalm 91:4) are important to keep before us. Commandments to rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4) or to give thanks to God in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18) help us remember and reclaim the solid rock of our life's foundation. The words from hymns like *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* help sustain and lift us when those times of despair roll over us: *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

I am grateful for John Wesley's reminder that those who take the name Christians are called to social holiness; the truth that we can only find and grow in the hope that cannot be shaken as we live in community with one another. Some days, I am stronger in Christ and can support my brothers and sisters on their way. Other days, I am weak and heavy laden and while I can and will run to Jesus who calls us in those times (Matthew 11:28), it's a joy and a blessing to be cared for and lifted up in prayer and support by those who are stronger that day in Jesus. This living together business is not easy. Sometimes we rub each other the wrong way; sometimes we sharpen one another like iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17). But in all things, we are called to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:23-25). So no matter if we are strong or weak in any given day or season, let's keep our eyes on Jesus and keep on serving one another.

*Pastor Jennifer Kerby*

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Sunday School at 9 a.m.