

This Week's announcements

February 2-8, 2025

Welcome to Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church! We are ecstatic you are able to worship with us this Sunday.

If you are a visitor or new member to our to MLUMC, please contact Cheryl L. Sorce at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or 412-531-7131, so that she can get your contact information and keep you connected with everything at MLUMC.

If you are a member, Welcome Back!

CHURCH INPUT

As we begin a new year, we are looking for new ideas and input into what you want from MLUMC. For example, what events would like at the church (singles events, dances, etc.), what outreach programs would like the church to get involved with in the church and outside of the church (supporting the homeless, charity fundraisers, etc.), etc. If you have any suggests or ideas please reach out to Cheryl L. Sorce at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or at 412-531-7131.



LET'S GET E-CONNECTED

Are you looking for more ways to get connected with MLUMC? Look no further. Everything you are looking for is on our website, social media (Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube), and in our Weekly E-Connection Newsletter. If you are not already connected with us, you can check us out, follow us, and/or join us any of the following ways:



MLUMC Website: www.mlumc.org

Facebook: [Mt Lebanon United Methodist](https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonUnitedMethodist)

Instagram: [mlumc15216](https://www.instagram.com/mlumc15216)

YouTube: [Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church](https://www.youtube.com/MtLebanonUnitedMethodistChurch)

Weekly E-Connection Newsletter – this is emailed out every Friday: Please send your email address to churchsecretary@mlumc.org or call Cheryl L. Sorce at 412-531-7131

The Window: Please send us your mailing address to churchsecretary@mlumc.org or call Cheryl L. Sorce at 412-531-7131

LOST & FOUND

There are some items in the office in our Lost & Found box. If you have lost anything please stop in the office or contact Cheryl L. Sorce at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or call 412-531-7131 about your lost items.



If you have any questions, comments, additions, corrections to these announcements, please contact Cheryl L. Sorce at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or call 412-531-7131. If you have anything you would like in the Announcement, please have them to my noon on Wednesdays. Thank you.

HELP REQUESTED

Spanish Ministry

Friends,

We have much to celebrate at MLUMC! Many of you have met our church planter, Luis Soto, who has been working with the Hispanic population in Pittsburgh. Luis has the support of Church Council and the Outreach and Missions Committee, and recently began hosting Sunday services in Spanish at 6PM in Asbury Center. Once a month he plans to offer a meal as part of the service.



We would like to make sure the people attending these services feel welcomed as part of our church, and they are a part of our church, much like our other three services every Sunday. To that end, I am inviting various groups within MLUMC to help sponsor the monthly meals. The majority of these will be the first Sunday of the month, unless otherwise indicated. Sponsoring a meal means you would:

1. **Donate** \$200 from your budget or from a donation given by your members. Luis will use the money to plan and cook the meal. You do not need to worry about shopping or cooking.
2. **Attend** the meal and service on the designated Sunday. Don't speak Spanish? That's ok; a smile works in every language! In a pinch, Google Translate is awesome.
3. **Assist** with kitchen cleanup if needed.

Groups that sponsor a monthly meal could be a UWF group, a Sunday School class, a committee, the youth group, or a small group of family/friends who come together for this purpose.

I hope this partnership will help get our new service established, and will foster cross-cultural friendships! Please reach out to Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org) with questions and to sign up for a month in 2025.

¡Gracias!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Do you like video production? Do you like volunteer work?
Want to get more involved with the church?
Do you know someone who likes one or more of these things?**

Then please contact the church office for more information at 412-531-7131 or churchsecretary@mlumc.org.

We are in need of those who know about video production and/or want to learn about video production. We are looking for volunteers to assist at least once a month for our livestream service(s) on Sundays. This would be a great opportunity for a teenager to start their video production career.

Please spread the word throughout your communities. Volunteers do not have to be a member of the church to assist with the livestream.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Continued



Casa San Jose ESL Partnership seeks volunteer assistance

After a brief hiatus, our building is once again being used to host English as a Second Language classes, put on by our mission partners at Casa San Jose. Volunteer assistance is needed to continue this new element of the church's ministries; please contact Kim Rhoton if you would like more information about being involved: KRhoton@mlumc.org

Time for YOU to Meet the Zwickauers!

We have had a partnership with the Friedenskirche (Peace Church) in Zwickau since 1995. We visited them in 2023, and they are coming in October 2025 with the biggest number ever (25!) and the most young people ever (18 people between 10 and 26!) to visit us. We met most of the youth in 2023--What a dynamic group of positive energy they are and will be!

Our Zwickau committee has begun to make plans based on mission work, common church activities, and cultural events. Our next step is to ask for church members to host Zwickauers! What does that involve?

- Hosting from October 5 to departure on October 15 (possibly a few half-time options)
- Breakfast, often sack lunch, occasional suppers
- Ride or carpool to church for activities
- Mostly English required!
- Bedroom(s) shared or single



Several families have already offered to host. We hope new church members can also get involved in this way. Please let us know how many people/kinds of ages you might consider. Questions? Sign-ups? Contact Lori Barr (lbarr@mlumc.org), Kim Palmer (kimberlynnpalmer@gmail.com), or Deanna Baird (fraubaird@aol.com, 412-606-4719). Application forms will be available from them or other people on the Zwickau committee who might contact you!

CHURCH EVENTS

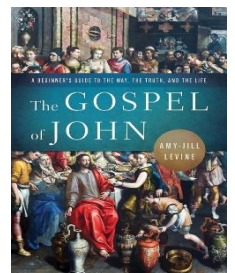


New Member's Orientation

Our first new member orientation session of the New Year is now being organized. All interested persons should contact Pastor Tom at tstrandburg@mlumc.org to be registered to participate.

Women's Bible Study

This Women's Bible Study we are reading Amy-Jill Levine's new book, The Gospel of John. The group meets by zoom on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM. Please contact Kim Rhoton to join and for the zoom link: krhoton@mlumc.org



Sunday School Schedule



The Kerygma Sunday School Class welcomes all to its classes at 9:30 am in the Kerygma Room off the balcony. We meet in-person and on zoom. Come and check us out!

February 2	A Changed Church in a Changing World – Our UMC Stance on Current Topics	Pastor Tom
February 9	Of One Substance: The First Council of Nicaea Celebrates 1,700 Years	Pastor Tom
February 16	Immigrant Issues and Our ESL Classes	Sr. Janice of Casa San Jose
February 23	Ecclesiastes	Group Study

Contact Martha Clarke (mwc@cs.cmu.edu) or Deanna Baird (fraubaird@aol.com) if you have questions or if you need our zoom link.

CHURCH EVENTS Continued

Mission Sub-Committee Requests

Hear Ye Hear Ye! The Mission Sub-Committee requests your suggestions for where to distribute funds generated at the fall Rummage Sale and other contributions. Over the past years MLUMC's Mission Committee has supported initiatives including (but not limited to) the following:



-The Nyadire Connection (TNC)	-MLUMC & Zwickau Friedenskirche Partnership
-Ukraine via UMCOR	-Israel/Gaza via UMCOR
-Lithuania – Kazla Ruda	-Latvia's Home of Hope
-UM Appalachian Ministry Network	-Haiti
-Project Crossroads, Marion, VA	-Washington (PA) Mission
-Ursuline Support Services	-Puerto Rico & US Virgin Islands Hurricane Relief
-Northside Lunch via Pgh's Church Union	-WVa Flood Response
-MLUMC's Food Lift	-Pgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net

Submit your request by February 9, 2025, with organization name, amount requested and organization background/qualifications (such as website links, annual reports, etc.) to the church secretary, Cheryl L. Sorice, churchsecretary@mlumc.org. Proposals will be considered at the February 17, 2025 sub-committee meeting. Questions? Call L. Baily at 412-719-7063.

EXCLUSIVE CHURCH EVENTS

Soup, Salad, and Fellowship

Please join us for soup, salad, and fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 23

The UWF will be dishing up piping hot bowls of soup and crisp salad on **Sunday, Feb 23** in Asbury Center immediately following the 10:45 service. (We'll also offer a kid-friendly food option.)

Everyone is welcome — and encouraged — to attend this time of fellowship with church family members.



WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Terrific Tuesday Resumes

Terrific Tuesday resumes on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 and continue for ten weeks, concluding on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Each night will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Asbury Center, followed by activities for children and youth and an adult study at 6:45 p.m. Our evening concludes each week at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us!



WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS Continued

Yoga, Meditation, and Scripture



Date: Mondays



Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm



Where: Welcome Center

Yoga, Meditation, and Scripture is a time to take a break from the world around us to find peace and relaxation within ourselves and with our community. The class will begin with a beginners/restorative yoga, followed by 10-15 minutes of meditation involving a small scripture reading. During this time you can reflect on the scripture read, reflect on your own thoughts, or take a nap. At the end of class we can discuss our thoughts about the practice or you could take the time to journal your thoughts.

This class is to bond the community in a safe space. The class is open to everyone of all ages (children to adults), all levels of meditation/yoga experiences and backgrounds. This is a safe space for all to join and is a great opportunity for anyone that's wanted to try meditation and/or yoga.

Please bring anything for you to be comfortable during the meditation and for yoga support, such as a mat, towel, blanket, blocks, bolster, pillow, a friend ☺ etc. Don't forget a journal and pen if you choose to participate in the journal portion of the class.

This class is **FREE** to everyone. We do welcome monetary donations (at the class) that will be used at the church's discretion (such as repairs to the church, charity, etc.) or you can bring nonperishable foods and/or paper supplies for our food pantry.

If you have any questions about this class or need to RSVP for class please contact Cheryl L. Sorice at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or at 412-531-7131. Cheryl will be the instructor for the class. She has 200 hours of training and this is her first class outside of yoga teacher training.

EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Concert featuring the works of **Harry T. Burleigh**

Saturday, February 22, 2025

6:00 pm

Sanctuary

"No Second Class aboard this Train":
The music of
HARRY THACKER BURLEIGH

Featured soloists
MR. FRANKLIN MOSLEY & MS. TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

Experience the soul- and spirit-filled brilliance of Western PA-born composer H.T. Burleigh through a program of his music for piano, soloists, and choir.

February 22 & 23, 2025

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:00 PM
ML Lebanon UMC
3319 W. Liberty Ave., PGL, 15216

Sunday, Feb. 23, 3:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church (1793)
100 E. Wheeling St., Wash. PA, 15301

Presented by
MUSIC AT MLUMC & THE WASHINGTON FESTIVAL CHORALE

Join us for a time of music making celebrating the life and music of Western Pennsylvania-born composer Harry T. Burleigh — the man who brought the spiritual to the concert stage. In a program featuring excerpts from his body of piano, solo voice, and choral compositions, singers from the MLUMC choir and the Washington Festival Chorale will be joined by featured soloists Timothy Williams, mezzo-soprano, and Franklin Mosely, baritone. There will be two performances: Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm at MLUMC, and Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church 1793 of Washington (100 E. Wheeling St., Washington, PA, 15301). This concert is open to all, with a suggested donation of \$10 graciously accepted following the performance.

CALENDAR OF ALL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday 2		Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
Traditional Worship Time: 8:30 am Where: Sanner Chapel Sunday School Time: 9:30 am Where: Homebuilders/Mixers – Wesley 107 Young Adults Plus – Room 104 Kerygma – 4 th Floor Balcony The Gathering Time: 9:30 am Where: Asbury Hall Traditional Worship Time: 10:45 am Where: Sanctuary Chapel	PKM Bible Study Time: 10:30 am Where: Library Church Council Meeting Time: 7:00 pm Where: Wesley – 107	Women's Bible Study Time: 1:00 pm Where: Zoom Terrific Tuesdays Time: 6:00 pm Where: Asbury Center	Northside Lunch Prep Time: 8:30 am Where: Asbury Kitchen Staff Meeting Time: 1:00 pm Where: Welcome Center	Hearts and Hands Time 9:00 am Where: Epworth – 102 Northside Lunch Program Time: 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal Time: 7:30 pm			PKMC Morning Prayer Service Time: 6:00 am Where: Sanner Chapel
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