

This Week's announcements

February 16-22, 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. Sorice 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!

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENT

COMMUNITY FISH FRIES DURING LENT – YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO “GO FISHING”

For a number of years, Fish Fries during Lent have been commonplace at MLUMC. Rest assured that 2025 will be no different. Get those taste buds ready!

The Missions and Outreach Committee will be hosting 3 Fish Fries during this Lenten season:

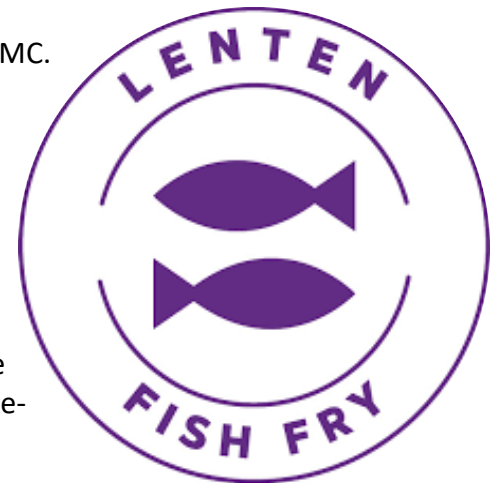
- Friday, March 7th (First Friday of Lent)
- Friday, March 28th (Midway through Lent)
- Friday, April 18th (Good Friday)

As has been our custom, these Fish Fries will be free (although donations will be accepted). Such will ensure that anyone who wishes to eat can do so. Eat-in, take-out, and limited delivery (shut-ins, Food Pantry delivery clients) will be offered.

The menu, which is always robust, will include fried and baked fish (as well as a non-fish entrée option), numerous beverages and sides, and scrumptious desserts. No one will go away hungry!!! Expect some extra items to be on the April 18th (Good Friday) menu, as well as Communion elements offered by Pastor Tom for those wishing to partake.

Past Fish Fries have proven to be enormously successful in terms of the hospitality and fellowship (as well as tasty food) extended to all. Expect more of the same in 2025.

Please look for more information on these Fish Fries in the coming weeks. And, if you would like to help, please contact Rob Spicher (Missions and Outreach Committee Chair) at robert.spicher@pnc.com or 412-720-4589.



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



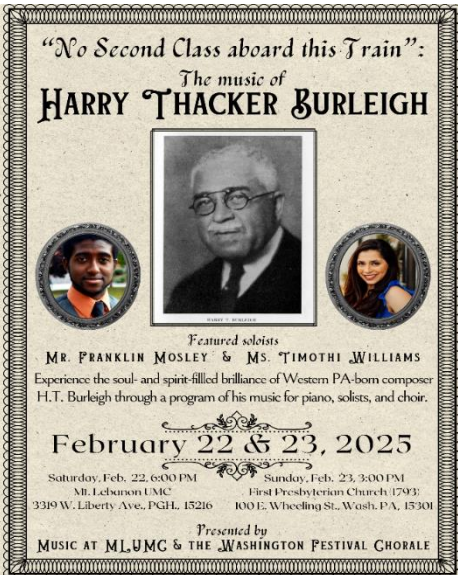
EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Saturday, February 22, 2025

6:00 pm Sanctuary

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.



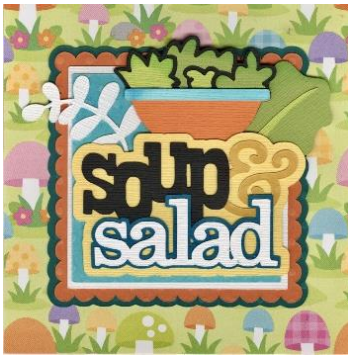
EXCLUSIVE CHURCH EVENTS

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.



New Member's Orientation

Our first new member orientation session of the New Year is Sunday, February 23, 2025 in Wesley Hall after the Church Soup & Salad Luncheon at Noon in Asbury Center. All interested persons should contact Pastor Tom at tstrandburg@mlumc.org to be registered to participate.



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays



Kerygma

Feb. 16 – Immigrant Issues & Our ESL Classes – Sr. Janice of Casa San Jose

Feb. 23 – Ecclesiastes – Group Study

9:30 am

Kerygma Room off the balcony/Zoom

Contact: Martha Clarke

mwc@cs.comu.edu

Deanna Baird fraubaird@aol.com

Mondays



Yoga, Meditation, and Scripture

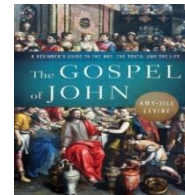
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Wesley Hall

Questions/RSVP: Cheryl L. Sorice
412-531-7131

churchsecretary@mlumc.org

Tuesdays



Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm

Zoom

Contact: Kim Rhoton

krhoton@mlumc.org



Terrific Tuesday

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Asbury Center

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!



Vision Team Resumes Its Work

Over the past few years, a team of MLUMC leaders has been working with consultant Rev. Larry Homitsky to cast a new vision for our church and its ministries in the coming years. That team is about to resume its work on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Network classroom (near Wesley Hall). All interested persons are invited to attend. For meal planning purposes, please RSVP to Pastor Tom (tstrandburg@mlumc.org) by March 1, 2025.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can You Serve by Driving?

Thank you for your responses for hosting the 26 guests from Zwickau, Germany! As you have read, they will be here October 5-15, 2025. Currently the Zwickau committee is planning many missions, church, and cultural activities. Our hope is that many MLUMC members will be able to interact with our guests and meet them.

One way beyond hosting is to drive our guests to and/or from some of these activities.

This could be from church to downtown, church to the conference Barn, church to OhioPlye, etc. Our “driving chancellor” Dave Langenbacher is seeking drivers to match with small groups, whether it is a one-time drive or several drives. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Dave Langenbacher for further information at d_langenbacher@yahoo.com or leave a message at 412-463-7773 or contact Lori Barr lbarr@mlumc.org.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Continued. . .

Help the UWF assemble hygiene bags for food pantry clients

On **Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 10:00 am** in **Wesley Hall**, the UWF will assemble hygiene bags for our food pantry clients.

Please join us for this fun event – and bring a friend!

We also need donations of the following items, which will help us fill the hygiene bags:



- Soap bars (full size)
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush (soft)
- Fluoride toothpaste
- Unisex deodorant
- Dental floss/picks
- Medicated lip balm
- Band aids
- Unscented party liners
- Multipack tampons (light, medium, heavy)

Please put your donations in the collection bin located in the 1st floor education wing hallway outside Wesley kitchen -- or on the 2nd floor outside the office.

If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to United Women in Faith with "hygiene items" on the memo line.

Thank you, in advance, for your support of this worthwhile cause!

CHARITY

UWF donates over \$3,000 to local & global charities – thanks to YOU!

In the past few months, UWF board members voted to distribute more than \$3,000 to charities supporting women, children, and youth. The recipients are as close to home as our food pantry clients and as far away as orphans who live at the Home of Hope in Zimbabwe, Africa. The money is a direct result of your support of our fundraisers — including our most recent Christmas cookie sale and British tea room!

Here are the organizations that have recently benefitted from your kindness and generosity:

- MLUMC Thanksgiving Day Dinner (\$100)
- Beulah Community Pajama Project (\$200)
- UMC Mission Barn (\$200)
- Ruth M. Smith Center (\$500)
- MLUMC Food Pantry clients, hygiene supplies (\$300)
- Pittsburgh District UWF, Pledge for Mission (\$500)
- MLUMC Sunday Services in Spanish (\$200)
- Brother's Brother Foundation for victims of the L.A. fires (\$200)
- The Nyadire Connection Home of Hope Orphanage (\$300)
- The Nyadire Connection — well water testing (\$100)
- Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (\$250)
- United Theological Seminary's George and Carolyn Bashore Scholarship Fund (\$200)



Our next fundraiser is the annual Mother's Day **flower basket sale on Saturday, May 10, 2025** from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot. Look for more information in upcoming church bulletins.

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. Sorice at churchsecretary@mlumc.org or call 412-531-7131 about your lost items.



INFORMATION FROM THE WESTERN PA CONFERENCE



Greensburg District Anti-Racism Team's Annual

RESCHEDULED

MLK WORSHIP SERVICE

Monroeville UMC, 219 Center Road, Monroeville

FEB 16th 2025 | 4:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Joe Smith
 Director of Spiritual Formation at First UMC Pgh
 Adjunct Professor at Duquesne University




BE CONNECTED

Join the Pittsburgh District e-newsletter and the Pittsburgh District Facebook Group to stay up-to-date on events in the district.

FACEBOOK
 FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/WPAUMCPITTSBURGHDISTRICT



E-NEWSLETTER
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SACRAMENTS AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: MEANS OF GRACE

A RETREAT OF COMMUNION, BAPTISM, AND PRACTICE MARCH 21-23, 2025

Instructor: Rev. Josh Demi | Facilitator: Carlen Blackstone

Join us for a one-of-a-kind 2-night retreat at Jumonville Camp and Retreat Center, designed to deepen our understanding of the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism within United Methodist theology. Learn the importance of coming to the table of the Lord seeking to have your spiritual needs met. Throughout the weekend we will worship in different settings while exploring these sacred practices alongside other spiritual disciplines, creating a rich and meaningful experience for all. The sacraments of Communion and Baptism along with other spiritual practices are what John Wesley called "means of grace", ways to more fully experience the grace of God in our individual and corporate life as followers of Christ. Leave with the understanding of the benefits the sacraments can provide you including forgiveness, nourishment, healing, transformation, and eternal life. Renew your appreciation for the divine grace made available through these sacraments. *This retreat counts as an advanced course for Lay Servant Ministries.*

Retreat Details:

The retreat will be held at the Inn at Jumonville, 887 Jumonville Rd, Hopwood, PA. Check-in will be on Friday, March 21, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and the retreat will conclude with lunch on Sunday, March 23. The cost includes five meals in Jumonville's dining hall and two nights of lodging in comfortable, hotel-style rooms, each with 2 full-size beds and a private bath. Rooms can be reserved for 1, 2, 3, or 4 occupants. Rates vary based on occupancy, please coordinate with your roommate(s) before registering. Registration closes on March 1, 2025. Books will be provided to participants in advance to provide time to read the material. **Scholarships are available, please contact the Pittsburgh District office, before registering, for details. 724-461-7178 pittsburgh.office@wpaumc.org**

Please include below form with your payment

Name: Home Church:

Email address: Phone Number: ()

I am participating in this retreat:
 for self-enrichment to become/remain a Certified Lay Servant to become/remain a Certified Lay Speaker

Please list any special dietary or mobility needs: N/A

Lodging at Inn at Jumonville
 Single Room (\$400) *Double Room (\$250) *Triple Room (\$200) *Quad Room (\$175)

*Who will you be rooming with?

Checks can be made payable to "WPAUMC" and mailed with registration form to:
 WPAUMC, PO Box 5002, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066 Include memo: Pgh 2025 Retreat

CAT'S MEOW for Sale



They're BACK! Cat's Meow block figurines are back just in time for Easter! They are **\$5.00 each**. There are **3 choices** to choose from; you can purchase 1, 2, or all 3!

1. Outside/Front of the church showing Sanner Chapel window/front doors
2. Sanner Chapel window stained glass window
3. Sanctuary altar with stained glass window and cross with Easter draping

If you are interested in purchasing your Cat's Meow, please contact Lori Barr lbarr@mlumc.org. Proceeds benefit the Mission Committee.

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. Sorice 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 in any of the following ways:



MLUMC Website: www.mlumc.org

Facebook: [Mt Lebanon United Methodist](#)

Instagram: [mlumc15216](#)

YouTube: [Mt Lebanon United Methodist Church](#)

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

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Online/Website Calendar

If you are looking at our calendar on our website online and it looks strange or hard to understand, we are aware of this issue. Some solutions for this is that you may need to update your operating system or the search engine. If that doesn't fix the issue or you're not sure how to do this, as of now the calendar is working as it should on Microsoft Edge. We apologize for any inconvenience and are working to resolve issue. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF ALL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday 16		Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
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Kids' Corner

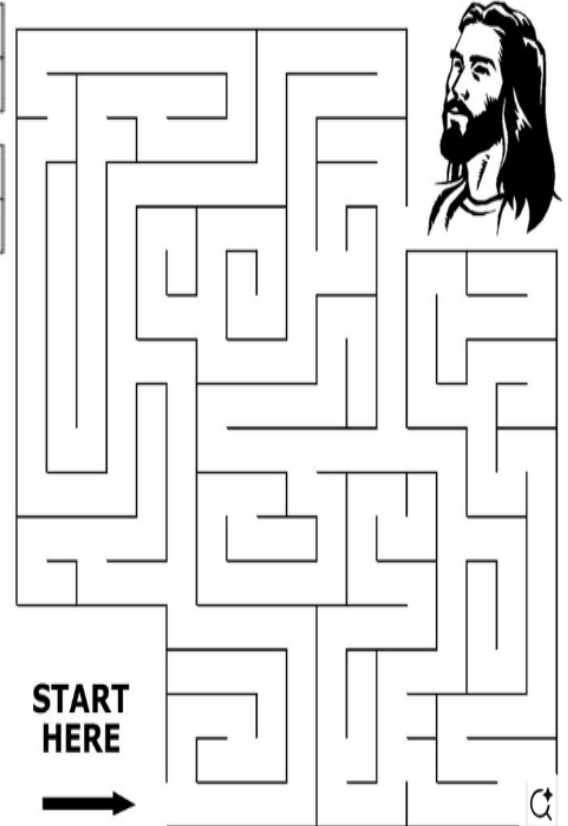


John 3:16

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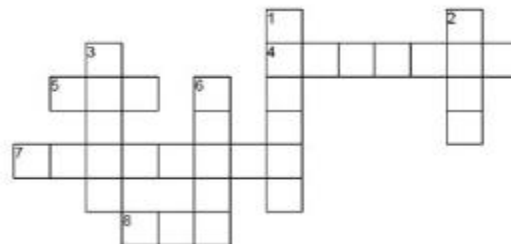
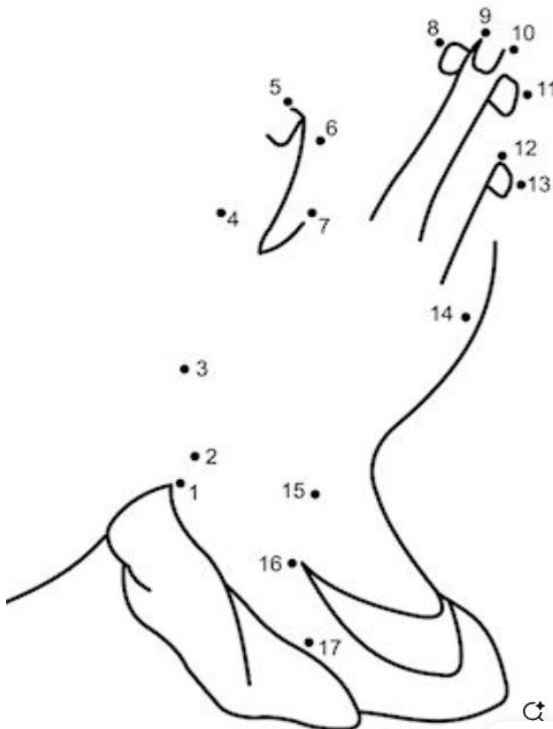
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God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

1. Lasting forever; without end
2. Male offspring
3. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
4. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
4. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON