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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

PRISON MINISTRY TEAM LEADS WORSHIP AT ALLEGHENY JAIL  
7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE - ROOM F115  
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM TOWN HALL MEETING - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - VARIOUS ROOMS AS POSTED  
11:15 AM HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING - ROOM 203

### MONDAY, JANUARY 15

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY  
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM 3  
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM 1

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
10:00 AM LAMPLIGHTERS' OFFICERS MEETING - ROOM F101  
6:45 PM TRUSTEE MEETING - CHOIR ROOM  
6:30 PM DEACON MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM  
7:00 PM KINGDOM KIDS BOARD MEETING - LIBRARY  
7:30 PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOMS 1 & 2

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:30 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING - ROOM 203  
7:00 PM TOWN HALL MEETING - FELLOWSHIP HALL

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP - MACDONALD ROOM  
9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
1:00 PM AA MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE - ROOM F115  
9:00 AM SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE - SANCTUARY  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MACDONALD ROOM  
10:15 AM CORPORATION/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SANCTUARY  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - MACDONALD ROOM  
11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - FELLOWSHIP HALL  
2:00 PM TWEENER THIRD SUNDAY ICE SKATING - OFF SITE  
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING - ROOM 203

# Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, January 14, 2018

REACHING UPWARD ❖ REACHING OUTWARD ❖ REACHING INWARD ❖ TO THE GLORY OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-3 p. 11  
Ephesians 1:1-4 p. 1224

### SERMON

"Blessings Without Number" Rev. Dr. Bill Enns

[To access sermons online, please visit [HisWordPreached.blogspot.com](http://HisWordPreached.blogspot.com).]

**WELCOME** ❖ A warm welcome is extended to our visitors. We hope you will find our service uplifting to the Lord, and our church a place of comfort and peace. Our pastors, ushers, greeters and members will be happy to answer any questions you might have.



**FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS** ❖ Please let us know of your attendance by signing the friendship register at the end of the pew. After signing, pass the book along the row and back so you might get to know those around you in worship this morning. If you are visiting, please provide the additional information that would help us get to know and serve you better.



**CELL PHONES** ❖ Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.



**FOR CHILDREN** ❖ During the time of greeting, children age 4 through third grade will be invited forward to attend Children's Church in the MacDonald Room and Children's Library. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to take a children's bulletin at the front and back doors of the sanctuary.



**FOR MOTHERS** ❖ The Parlor is available during the services for mothers who want to continue to hear the service as they feed their little ones or otherwise attend to young children.



**LET US PRAY** ❖ If you desire prayer for yourself or for someone you love, elders will be available, at the front of the Sanctuary, after the service to pray for your concerns.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ❖ The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Dottie and Allan Blacka in loving memory of son Wells.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns ...
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns ...
- For the inmates of the Allegheny County Jail and the members of our Prison Ministry Team, as they worship together at the jail this morning.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:15 a.m.

**Children** – MacDonald Room ... **Youth Classes** – The Well  
**Cornerstone Class** – Attending the Town Hall Meeting  
**Lamplighters Class** – Sharing Center  
 January 14 - Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) Mission - Amy Fahringer  
**Welcome Class** – Attending the Town Hall Meeting

### SMALL STUDY GROUPS

**Men's Small Group** - Room 203  
**Women's Mom2Mom Group** – Room 303  
**Working Toward Wisdom Women's Group** - Parlor

## COMMUNION NEXT WEEK



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Worship next Sunday. Preparation in daily personal worship is encouraged this week, seeking reconciliation before coming to the Lord's Table. *"A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28.*

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**This morning ~ 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday, January 17 ~ 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Got questions? Join us for a town hall discussion to talk about our transition and vision process, our revised bylaws, and any other questions you have leading up to our Congregational Meeting. We have scheduled two different town hall gatherings, so you are able to attend the one which works best for your schedule. Join us either this morning at 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM ~ SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE

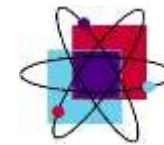
10:15AM ~ ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION AND CONGREGATION

11:30 AM ~ SOUP AND SALAD FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
 Adult Sunday school classes are cancelled due to the meeting.  
 All Active members are encouraged to attend.



## "BUILDING TOGETHER" - THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

At the end of this month we begin our new sermon series on Nehemiah, a fascinating book about the nearly impossible task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls - and rebuilding hope for God's people. You are invited to join a small group to explore the subject further with the "Building Together" study guide we'll make available. To sign-up please use the bulletin insert or visit our website: [www.mlepc.org](http://www.mlepc.org).



## FAMILY FUSION

Wednesday Nights Beginning January 24

6:00 pm ~ Family Dinner  
 \$5 Adults and Teens ... \$3 Kids (ages 3-12)

7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Growth opportunities

**"Building Together"** - Small group studies of the Book of Nehemiah  
**"Discovery"** then **"Explore"** - Four week groups for those considering membership  
**"Gospel Principles for Parents"** - Guidance and encouragement in God's word  
**"Love Does"** - An engaging DVD study focusing on faith in action  
**Youth Group** ~ (Middle/High School) - The Well  
**Children** ~ (Preschool -5<sup>th</sup> Grade) - MacDonald Room  
**Nursery Care** ~ Room F115

## DISCOVER / EXPLORE / GROW



Are you interested in the church family and want to become more involved? Please join the "Discovery" group Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. (after the Family Fusion Dinner) to begin our three step sequence to becoming integrated into the life of MLEPC. Additional information is available at [www.mlepc.org](http://www.mlepc.org) under "Joining MLEPC". You can sign up online, using the bulletin insert, or by emailing Pastor Steve Aguzzi at [saguzzi@mlepc.org](mailto:saguzzi@mlepc.org).



## HALF-DAY WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Ministry Team invites the women of the church to join us on Saturday, January 27 for our annual Half-Day Retreat. This year our speaker is Sandra Joseph, Certified Biblical Life Coach, who will speak on: Questions God asks His People. She will help us discover what God asks of us and what God's purpose is for us. Cost is \$15. Sign-ups will be in the lobby on January 14 and 21. Please invite a friend; this is open to any woman college age and up. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Charron: [jhazcharron@gmail.com](mailto:jhazcharron@gmail.com) or 412-445-6078.



## VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Deacon College Ministry Team invites you to join us in blessing our 30 college students with treats for Valentine's Day. We'll be collecting nonperishable items (no liquids please) to put together boxes to send out to the students the first week of February, reminding them of how they are loved by God and our church family. Please bring donations the church on Sundays January 21 and 28 and leave them at the Deacon table. If you come at another time, there will be a box in the coat room for your donations. We would also welcome financial contributions to defray the cost of mailing the packages. Checks can be made payable to MLEPC with "College Ministry" noted in the memo line and placed in the offering plate. Thank you!



## YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Middle School and High School small groups begin on Wednesday, January 24 in The Well at 7:00 p.m. following the Family Fusion dinner. Our youth small groups are a great opportunity for fellowship, leadership, and discipleship! The groups will be joining in the church-wide study of the book of Nehemiah. If you have any questions or would like to be a youth small group leader, please email Brant Toulouse at [btoulouse@mlepc.org](mailto:btoulouse@mlepc.org).

## YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS

Don't miss out on Youth Group Night! It's a fun-filled night featuring snacks, worship, games, and a devotional. Join us the second Friday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Well. We are always looking for volunteer leaders, so if parents can help out that would be great. Please contact Youth Director Brant Toulouse for more information: [btoulouse@mlepc.org](mailto:btoulouse@mlepc.org) or 412-531-3387 ext. 209.



## TWEENER ICE SKATING

4th - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders ... South Park Ice Rink

Sunday, January 21 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Drop off and pick-up at the rink)  
Grab your winter gear and join us for outdoor ice skating and Bible study! The cost is \$10 per person plus money for snacks at the concession stand. If your Tweener is interested in attending, please RSVP to Ashley Gardner at [agardner@mlepc.org](mailto:agardner@mlepc.org) or 412-531-3387 ext. 205.

## PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR THE NEHEMIAH AND FAMILY FUSION STUDIES

A number of Spiritual Growth opportunities will be offered beginning January 24, with the start of the Family Fusion Dinners and in conjunction with the Nehemiah sermon series.

To help us prepare, please let us know which group/s you'd like to attend. Place the sheet in the offering plate or at the sign-up table in the Lobby, or sign up online at [www.mlepc.org](http://www.mlepc.org)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### NEHEMIAH STUDY: "BUILDING TOGETHER" SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, OR THURSDAYS

A study of the book of Nehemiah telling of the nearly impossible task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls - and rebuilding hope for God's people.

- \_\_\_ Sunday morning Couples' Group (Library)
- \_\_\_ Sunday morning Men's Group (Sharing Center - Room 203)
- \_\_\_ Sunday morning Women's Group (Parlor)
- \_\_\_ Sunday morning Open To All Group (Room 101)
- \_\_\_ Sunday morning Cornerstone Class (City View Room)
- \_\_\_ Tuesday Evening 7:00 p.m. (In Member's Home)
- \_\_\_ Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. (Various Rooms - To be Assigned)
- \_\_\_ Thursday Evening 5:30 p.m. (City View Room)

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOLLOWING FAMILY FUSION DINNERS

#### "DISCOVERY" AND "EXPLORE"

Two Four-week groups for integrating into membership

- \_\_\_ Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. (Parlor)

#### "GOSPEL PRINCIPLES FOR PARENTS"

Exploring the 14 Gospel principles identified in the book by Paul David Tripp to guide and encourage parents.

- \_\_\_ Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. (Sharing Center - Room 203)

#### "LOVE DOES"

An engaging study of faith in Action using the DVD and Study Guide by Bob Goth.

- \_\_\_ Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)