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## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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 – FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS - FELLOWSHIP HALLWAY  
10:15 AM CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
WELCOME CLASS - MACDONALD ROOM  
OPEN TO ALL SMALL GROUP - ROOM 101  
COUPLES' SMALL GROUP - LIBRARY  
MEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 203  
WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - PARLOR  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – FELLOWSHIP HALL  
11:30 AM WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM  
12:30 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203  
7:00 PM

## MONDAY, APRIL 9

1:30 PM OA MEETING - LIBRARY  
5:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING - ROOM F101  
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 3  
7:15 PM ADULT MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - LIBRARY  
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 1

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM  
7:00 PM YOUTH SMALL GROUPS - THE WELL  
7:30 PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING - MACDONALD ROOMS 1 & 2

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS  
6:30 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING - ROOM 203  
7:00 PM RENEWAL JOURNEY SMALL GROUP - SHARING CENTER

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP – MACDONALD ROOM  
9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
5:30 PM RENEWAL JOURNEY SMALL GROUP - PARLOR  
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL - SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

## FRIDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS  
1:00 PM AA MEETING - MACDONALD ROOM  
4:30 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM MEETING - ROOM F101  
6:30 PM YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - THE WELL

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 AM WOMEN'S MINISTRY UNITY GATHERING - FELLOWSHIP HALL

## SUNDAY, APRIL 15

10:00 AM NURSERY CARE  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS - FELLOWSHIP HALLWAY  
10:15 AM CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM  
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER  
WELCOME CLASS - MACDONALD ROOM  
OPEN TO ALL SMALL GROUP - ROOM 101  
COUPLES' SMALL GROUP - LIBRARY  
MEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 203  
WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - PARLOR  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
11:15 AM SINGLE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203

# Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, April 8, 2018

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 1:1-20

2 Timothy 1:1-7

## SERMON

“Road to Renewal”

Pastor Carolyn Poteet

[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 Greg and Mary Lou Simkins in loving memory of Vern Simkins.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns.
  - Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns ...
- ❖ Also, please feel free to submit prayer requests at any time to [Prayer4MLEPC@verizon.net](mailto:Prayer4MLEPC@verizon.net) and we will pass them on to members who would be honored to pray on your behalf.



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

**Children's Classes** – Various Rooms as posted

**Youth Classes** – The Well

**Cornerstone Class** – City View Room

“Reaching the Unchurched in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” - taught by Pastor Steve Aguzzi

**Lamplighters Class** – Sharing Center

“The Effects of Listening on Relationships” taught by Lee Mayfield

**Welcome Class** – MacDonald Room

“Prince Joseph, King David, and the Lord Jesus” ~ taught by Bruce Tenenbaum

### “RENEWAL JOURNEY” SMALL GROUP STUDIES

**Open To All Group** – Room 101

**Men's Group** – Room 203

**Women's Group** – Parlor

**Couples' Group** – Library

## “RENEWAL JOURNEY” - ROAD TO REVIVAL



We are starting a new Bible study this morning to complement our sermon series on The Road to Revival. You are invited to join a small group to explore the subject with the “Renewal Journey” study guide, or pick up a copy in the Lobby or Narthex for personal study. Please feel free to join one of the groups listed on the calendar, or contact Adult Discipleship Leader Kay Atman for more information: [kayatman@verizon.net](mailto:kayatman@verizon.net) or 412-835-1434.

## COMMUNION THIS MORNING



An Invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who come in faith, repentance, and love, whether a member of this congregation or another Christian Church. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children may receive communion with the instruction and approval of their parents. Some gluten-free bread has been set aside on the communion plate for those with dietary restrictions.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY APRIL 15

SINGLE 11:15 AM. SERVICE



Join us next Sunday for this special celebration. As a part of this service, the children will sing, recite scripture passages, receive Bibles, recite the Apostles Creed, and answer faith questions. We hope you are able to join us as the youngest among us lead us in worshipping our Lord and King. (Sunday School classes will meet as usual for adults and youth at 10:15 a.m.)

## KIDS' SINGING PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Join us this week for singing practice in the Sanctuary. The kids will be learning the songs that they will be singing for the congregation at the April 15 Children's Sunday service.



- Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
- Please drop off children in the MacDonald Room. We will walk together to the Sanctuary for practice. After singing, they will walk with their teachers to their Sunday School classrooms.
- Please pick them up from their regular class at 11:05 a.m.

## ALL-CHURCH HOUR OF PRAYER

The Prayer Promoters Team is organizing a time of corporate prayer for our church during this time of transition. All Sunday School Classes, Small Groups, members, and visitors are encouraged to participate. Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 22 from 10:15 - 11:05 a.m. as we seek God's will for us together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elder Pat Gaudio at [t4tw098@hotmail.com](mailto:t4tw098@hotmail.com).



## SPRING TEA AND FELLOWSHIP

Join us as we welcome spring and share in a time of fellowship while enjoying tea and lots of goodies, Friday, April 20, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the City View Room. RSVP to Laura Duffy: [lduffy@mlepc.org](mailto:lduffy@mlepc.org) or 412-531-3387 ext. 210



## WOMEN'S EVENT

MLEPC's Women's Ministry is hosting a “One Movement” gathering on Saturday, April 14 with worship, speakers, discussion, and fellowship focused on Unity in the Body of Christ. The event is in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. to noon with light refreshments provided. Cost is \$10 at the door. To learn more and to RSVP visit: [OneMovementEvent.com](http://OneMovementEvent.com) or contact Heather Charron: [jha2charron@gmail.com](mailto:jha2charron@gmail.com).





## KINGDOM KIDS FUNDRAISER

Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool will be holding a spring fundraiser of “Mixed Bag Designs” beginning this Sunday through April 19. You can check out the variety of innovative, affordable, eco-chic bags they offer at the table in the Lobby this Sunday or next, and place an order there, or view the online catalog at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=48993](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=48993). If you order online using this fundraiser ID number, Kingdom Kids will still receive 50% of the sale as profit. Questions? Please contact Loren Luft at [Loren.Luft@gmail.com](mailto:Loren.Luft@gmail.com) or the Kingdom Kids office at 412 531-6227 ext. 103. Thanks in advance for supporting Kingdom Kids, a distinctly Christian Preschool.

## SPONSOR A BIBLE

Through outreach events such as Fired-Up Friday, Vacation Bible School, and Trunk or Treat, God is sending us kids from outside our church walls, many of whom are not from a faith background. At each of these events, we offer free Bibles to children that don't have one at home. We are asking you to consider “sponsoring a Bible” for one of these children, by paying the cost of \$10, and praying for the child who would receive it, that God would soften his or her heart and speak His Word into their lives. The Bibles will be available in the Lobby next Sunday, April 15, before and after the 11:15 a.m. Children's Sunday service.

## YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

Don't miss out on Youth Group Night! It's a fun filled night featuring snacks, worship, games, and a devotional. Join us this Friday, April 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Well and Fellowship Hall. We are always looking for volunteer leaders! If you're interested in helping with Youth Group Night please email Youth Ministry Director Brant Toulouse at [btoulouse@mlepc.org](mailto:btoulouse@mlepc.org).

## MCCAFFREY FAMILY FUNDRAISER

You are invited to participate in a fundraiser for Ryen McCaffrey who was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer in July, 2017. Ryen's family has been a part of MLEPC through Kingdom Kids for many years. His mother, Shelly, has been a teacher for 22 years. Ryen's son now attends Kingdom Kids and his daughter goes to Jubilee Christian School. A spaghetti dinner will be held on Sunday, April 29, at Keystone Oaks High School, from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door and will be available in the Drive-Thru Lobby and Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 15 between the two church services.

## EGG DROP WITH DAD EVENT



Dads, bring the kids to a fun-packed day of togetherness! You'll devise a way to drop a raw egg without breaking it and build a bridge out of popsicle sticks that can hold a whole stack of pennies! Materials, lunch, and a short devotional time will be provided. Join us Saturday, May 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No cost to register. There will be a free-will offering opportunity. To register, contact Cliff Luft at [cliff.luft@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.luft@gmail.com).