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## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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 – ROOFTOP TERRACE  
9:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM REFRESHMENTS – FELLOWSHIP HALL  
10:15 AM WELCOME CLASS – FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SMALL GROUP – LIBRARY  
WORKING TOWARD WISDOM SMALL GROUP – SHARING CNTR  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – MACDONALD ROOM  
SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM  
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM  
11:30 AM SEWING PROJECT FOR KENYA – MACDONALD ROOM  
12:15 PM THE 'I AM' STATEMENTS OF JESUS GROUP – PARLOR  
12:30 PM M:P CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM  
6:30 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM F101  
7:00 PM

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

10:00 AM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY – CITY VIEW ROOM  
1:30 PM OA MEETING – LIBRARY  
5:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING – ROOM F101  
6:00 PM WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING – CHOIR ROOM  
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 3  
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 1

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 AM SUMMERSALTS – ROOM 102  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING – CITY VIEW ROOM

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

6:45 PM ADULT VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP – MACDONALD ROOM  
10:00 AM SUMMERSALTS – ROOM 102  
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

1:00 PM AA MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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 WELCOME CLASS – FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SMALL GROUP – LIBRARY  
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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – MACDONALD ROOM  
SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM  
NEW MEMBERS' INTERVIEWS – CITY VIEW ROOM  
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY  
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# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:5-12

p. 1266

## SERMON

“The Weight of Words”

Doug Kortyna

[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 members, ushers, and greeters 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 in the parlor after the service to pray for your concerns.



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ❖ The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Kordella family in loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, Peg Behling.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



- Please pray for those with new health concerns ...
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns ...
- For families grieving the loss of loved ones.
- 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.

### IN MEMORIAM

G. LEE BREMER, JR.

June 5, 1924 – June 1, 2017

MLEPC member since 1947

ROBERT E. WILLIAMS

October 26, 1926 – June 5, 2017

MLEPC member since 1963

### SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP OPTIONS BEGIN THIS MORNING

10:15 A.M.

Preschool to Elementary School - MacDonald Room

Middle School and High School - The Well

“Welcome Class” - Fellowship Hall

“Connecting the Old Testament with the New through the Book of Luke”

“Fruit of the Spirit” Small Group - Library

“Working Toward Wisdom” Small Group - Sharing Center

12:30 P.M.

“The ‘I Am’ Statements of Jesus” Small Group - Parlor



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### BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 25 ~ 10:00 am

For the election of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

After this short meeting, Sunday School will be held on its regular schedule.

All active members are encouraged to participate. Thank you.

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## REV. CAROLYN POTEET CHOSEN AS THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

The Transitional Pastor Search Team has met and has talked through all of the potential interview candidates. After a time of prayer and discernment, they unanimously agreed to name Rev. Carolyn Poteet as the Candidate for MLEPC’s Transitional Pastor. Session approved Carolyn and she signed an employment contract with MLEPC.

As most of you know, Carolyn worshipped at MLEPC during the years while she served at Waynesburg University; during her time at MLEPC, Carolyn was involved with various aspects of our Church.

We believe that Carolyn will be the perfect Transitional Pastor for MLEPC for some of the following reasons:

- Carolyn has a wonderful pastoral heart to shepherd the Church which will be invaluable during our time of Transition. She has a deep passion for Prayer and we believe that she will help MLEPC make Prayer the foundation of our Church.
- Carolyn has wide experiences by serving at a Church, a University, a Hospice Center, and at an International Ministry (World Vision). These experiences give her the ability to interact and lead people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.
- Carolyn is also involved with the EPC at the national level (Women's Resource Council) and Carolyn is on the board of Theology Matters.

Thank you to The Transitional Pastor Search Team, made up of Bruce Tenenbaum, Chris Hindman, Jim Fondelier, and Kay Atman - for your hard work and many hours meeting, interviewing, and in prayer - to bring us such a deserving candidate.

Praise God for blessing us with Carolyn Poteet! Please keep her in your prayers as she begins to transition to the church in the next month. Continue to lift our church up in prayer as we welcome her. Her start date is Sunday, June 18.

If you have any questions, please contact the Onward Team: [onward@mlepc.org](mailto:onward@mlepc.org).

Blessings in Christ,

The Onward Team, The MLEPC Session, and Pastors Steve Aguzzi and Linda Pokrajac

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## GALACTIC STARVEYORS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 - 30 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kids 4 years old through 5th grade ... Join us as we discover the wonders of God's love, through music, art, gym, science, and Bible stories!  
Register online to attend or to volunteer: [www.mlepc.org](http://www.mlepc.org).

## VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:45 p.m.

All VBS adult volunteers are encouraged to join us in the MacDonald Room for a VBS meeting. We will be doing a Safe Child training and then going over important details for Vacation Bible School.

## SUMMER INTERNS

We would like to welcome our summer interns to the ministry! The Children's Ministry Interns are Emma Dougherty, Ranae McIntyre, and Josh Ombiri, and the Youth Ministry Interns are Olivia Dowd and Ted English. Please pray that God would use them as His hands and feet and speak through them as they minister to the kids and youth.

Ranae will also be assisting as an intern for worship and evangelism ministries. She'll be assisting Pastor Steve in collation of music, music leadership, transposition of keys for the worship team, choosing music, and worship leadership.

We're blessed to have these faithful young people assisting in ministry this summer.

## VOLUNTEER POSITION: CHURCH TREASURER

The Church is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of Church Treasurer. This is an unpaid position responsible for overseeing the work of the Financial Administrator. Duties include reconciling bank statements, reviewing income and expense reports, preparing monthly spreadsheet summaries of Church finances, and preparing year-end financial reports. The time commitment is roughly 5 hours a month and an additional 10 hours at year-end to prepare for audits. The candidate should have an accounting background and have basic computer skills working with spreadsheets. If the Lord is leading you to serve, please consider this critical role at MLEPC. Interested persons can contact Jim Schuchman: [jschuchman@mlpec.org](mailto:jschuchman@mlpec.org) or 412-531-3387 ext.206



## SIGN UP NOW FOR MISSION:POSSIBLE!

JULY 16 - 23

Have you signed up yet for Mission:Possible 10? Do you want to know more about how you can join in this exciting week of local ministry? Everyone is encouraged to stop by the information table off the Main Lobby to pick up a project list and find a way to get involved, or review the list and ministry descriptions online. There are over 20 areas of ministry to choose from, so whether it's for a single event or a week long project, members of all ages and abilities can find a way to serve. The team leaders are listed on the sign-up sheets so if you have any questions they'll be glad to tell you more. You can also contact Event Coordinators Heather Casturo ([hvc@pointmg.com](mailto:hvc@pointmg.com)), Jim Fondelier ([fondelier63@gmail.com](mailto:fondelier63@gmail.com)), Wendy Higham ([whigham@aol.com](mailto:whigham@aol.com)), or Kristen Waugh ([knwaugh86@gmail.com](mailto:knwaugh86@gmail.com)).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

### COLLEGE

Melissa Hasley ... Pennsylvania State University  
Andrew T. Hromoko ... Virginia Military Institute  
Bethany Jamison ... Duquesne University (August 2017)

### HIGH SCHOOL

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Peter John Hamel ... Mt. Lebanon High School ... Grove City College  
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Isaac Kalapos ... Mt. Lebanon High School ... University of Pennsylvania  
Samuel Jayachandran ... Mt. Lebanon High School ... University of Massachusetts  
Valerie Nicole Thurston ... Upper St. Clair High School ... Bethany College  
Joel Wilshire ... Mt. Lebanon High School ... University of Minnesota



## MLEPC IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH!

What does that mean? For over 25 years, MLEPC has trained Stephen Ministers, church members with spiritual gifts of empathy and compassion, to come alongside people going through a crisis in life with confidential, Christian care. If you have gone through a crisis and come through it stronger because of someone who took time to walk with you, build trust, and show you God's love in the midst of challenge, you are a good candidate for Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministry Leaders will be available June 18 and 25 between the worship services, to talk with you if you would like to learn about becoming a Stephen Minister.



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