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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – MACDONALD ROOM
SUMMER CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM
11:15 AM HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY
11:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – CITY VIEW ROOM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
7:00 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 3
8:30 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL - VARIOUS ROOMS
9:45 AM KINGDOM KIDS PARENT ORIENTATION - CHOIR ROOM
7:00 PM YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - THE WELL
7:00 PM SPERRY CAMERON HORNE MEETING - PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL- VARIOUS ROOMS
1:00 PM AA MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM
6:30 PM YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - THE WELL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 AM REVELLE MEN'S BREAKFAST - FELLOWSHIP HALL
10:00 AM ADULT MINISTRY TRAINING - CITY VIEW ROOM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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 CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER
EPHESIANS SMALL GROUP KICK-OFF – FELLOWSHIP HALL
WORKING TOWARD WISDOM GROUP - PARLOR
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
1:00 PM STEELERS FOOTBALL PARTY - AT THE GALLEY'S
7:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – CITY VIEW ROOM



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

p.1026

SERMON

“Really? Not Really!”

Pastor Linda Pokrajac

[To access sermons online, please visit 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 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 Roy Behling in loving memory of his beloved wife, Peg Behling.





PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns ...
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns ...



SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 Testament through the Book of Luke”

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME SEPTEMBER 10

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry Team invite women to our Sunday School classes, Small Groups, CBS and other events throughout the year. The “Working Towards Wisdom” Sunday School class will be meeting in the Parlor to continue their study “When the Enemy Strikes” by Charles Stanley - all are invited - contact Debbie English for information: english1234@verizon.net. The Mom2Mom group is meeting to study Ephesians along with the other small groups that correspond to Pastor Carolyn's sermon series - room TBD, contact Natalie Wagner: nataliewags@hotmail.com or Amy Hrivnak: aandtriv@yahoo.com for more information. And if you are interested in a weekly Bible study, join Community Bible Study (CBS). They meet at our church every Wednesday from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. beginning Wednesday, September 6. Contact Yi Wright: wrightusc@comcast.net or 412-854-3883. For any questions about the Women's Ministry, contact Heather Charron: jha2charron@gmail.com or 412-532-5050 or Lori Galley: galleylori@verizon.net or 412-279-5005.

MEET MLEPC SEMINAR

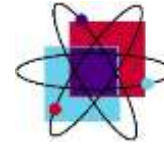
Are you interested in learning more about our faith community or joining MLEPC as a member? Are you a visitor to the church but want to get more involved? Please join us Sunday, September 24 for the “Meet MLEPC” seminar in the City View Room from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Pastor Steve Aguzzi at saguzzi@mlepc.org to RSVP. Childcare is available with advance registration to ngeitgey@mlepc.org.



ALL- CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Wednesday, September 13 ... 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Start the Fall with our annual “Welcome Back” picnic on the roof, with a Barbeque Dinner followed by Family Worship Time and an introduction to the “Spiritual Riches” in the book of Ephesians. No Reservations Needed. Cost is \$5 for Adults and Teens, \$3 for Kids ages 3-12.



FALL FAMILY FUSION ... Begins Wednesday, September 20

6:00 pm ~ Family Dinner

\$5 Adults and Teens ... \$3 Kids (ages 3-12)

7:00 pm ~ Growing in Faith

Adult Options

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians - Small Group Study

Prayer Focused Small Group

Youth Group - (Middle/High School) - The Well

Children (Preschool -5th Grade) - MacDonald Room

Nursery Care - Room F115



REVEILLE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 9 ... 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. ... Fellowship Hall

Our speaker will be Steve Finn, Executive Director of Chestnut Mountain Ranch. As always there will be a delicious breakfast and a time of rich praise through song.

Plan to come for fellowship with your brothers in Christ and to hear this moving testimony. Register at www.adamsquest.org or by confirming your attendance with your table host.

FOURTH ANNUAL STEELERS PARTY

Sunday, September 10 ... 1:00 p.m.



The Galley's invite you to join the men of Adam's Quest as the Steelers take on the rival Cleveland Browns. We'll enjoy plenty of food, some inspiring testimony and a brief devotional. There is no cost. Bring a buddy or two ... 1316 Lakemont Drive, Pittsburgh, 15243. Please let us know you are coming by sending a quick email to bob@adamsquest.org.

JOIN THE CHOIR



If you've ever considered singing with the Chancel Choir, this is a great time to try it out. Please join us as we lead our traditional worship service in song, and enjoy fellowship with others who love music. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday morning warmup before the service. For information contact Choir Director Cindy Pratt at 412-531-3387 ext. 253 or cpratt@mlepc.org.

"SPIRITUAL RICHES" THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS



As Pastor Carolyn begins preaching on Paul's letter to the Ephesians this Fall, the congregation will have an opportunity to dig deeper into the subject through a study guide and small group discussions, held in Sunday School Classes, following the Family Fusion dinners, and at several other times and locations. Plan to join a class or group to further explore the "Spiritual Riches" in the book of Ephesians.

Sign up for a group either by using the clipboards in the Lobby,
or the online form on the website, www.mlepc.org.

STUDY GROUP OPTIONS

SUNDAY MORNINGS ~ 10:15 A.M. ~ beginning September 10

- Cornerstone Class City View Room
 - Lamplighters Class Sharing Center
 - Men's Small Group Kick-off in Fellowship Hall, then room 203
 - Women's Mom2Mom Group Kick-off in Fellowship Hall, then room TBD
 - Couples' Small Group Kick-off in Fellowship Hall, then the Library
 - Open Small Group Kick-off in Fellowship Hall, then Room 101
- (The Welcome class will also be having their Fall Kick-off meeting in Fellowship Hall.)

- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ~ 7:00 P.M. following Family Fusion Dinner
An introduction to the study will be presented following the Church Picnic September 13. Small groups will then be formed for those interested in participating, and the group locations will be communicated prior to the first group meetings on September 20.
(There will also be another small group option for Family Fusion, with a focus on prayer.)

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ~ beginning the week of September 10

- Sundays ~ 2:00 p.m. at the Schuchman's home led by Claire Schuchman
- Tuesdays ~ 7:00 p.m. at the Galley's home led by Lori Galley/LeaAnn Ostergaard
- Thursdays ~ 5:30 p.m. in the church Parlor led by Liz Mayfield/Kay Atman

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Ephesians 1:3