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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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
WELCOME CLASS – MACDONALD ROOM
WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP – PARLOR
MEN'S SMALL GROUP – ROOM 203
COUPLES' SMALL GROUP – LIBRARY
OPEN TO ALL SMALL GROUP – ROOM F101
20/30-SOMETHING SMALL GROUP – ROOM 103
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – MACDONALD ROOM
HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY
CHILDREN'S CHURCH – NURSERY
CANTATA CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM
SUNDAYS @ SEVEN – ROOM 203

11:15 AM
11:30 AM
1:30 PM
7:00 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 PM AA BEGINNERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM
7:00 PM MEN'S "ALL IN GROUP" – CITY VIEW ROOM
8:00 PM AA SPEAKERS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOMS MORNING OUT – VARIOUS ROOMS
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM
7:30 PM NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY – VARIOUS ROOMS
7:00 PM GOSPEL OF LUKE STUDY GROUP – SHARING CENTER
7:00 PM YOUTH SMALL GROUPS - THE WELL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND WORK GROUP – MACDONALD ROOM
9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOMS MORNING OUT – VARIOUS ROOMS
5:30 PM GOSPEL OF LUKE SMALL GROUP – CITY VIEW ROOM
6:15 PM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL – CHOIR ROOM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOMS MORNING OUT – VARIOUS ROOMS
1:00 PM AA MEETING – MACDONALD ROOM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:00 AM CANTATA CHOIR REHEARSAL - CHOIR ROOM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:15 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY
8:45 AM NURSERY CARE – ROOM F115
9:00 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – SANCTUARY
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WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM
WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT - BEGINS IN FELLOWSHIP HAL
SUNDAYS @ SEVEN – ROOM 203

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12:30 PM
4:00 PM
7:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, November 25, 2018

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 9: 18-62

p. 1084

SERMON

"Bedazzled"

Dr. Steve Aguzzi

Lessons from Luke

[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, held in the MacDonald Room at the early service and in the Nursery at the later service. 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 Roberta and Chris Meinzer and family in loving memory of Frederick C. Meinzer, Jr.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Please pray for those with new health concerns.
- Please pray for those with ongoing health concerns, including Debbie Babuscio, Sandy Barnett, John Buchanan, Jacquie Bukes, Carol Fugitt, Michelle Hitchman, Viola Hughey, Judith LaSpesa, Ruth Miller, Donna Nicholson, Ginny Nimpher, Judy Osthoff, Jim Snyder, Rusty Stasny, Paul Steitz, Diane Tylka, Nancy Whitford, Allan Blacka, Nancy Bucey, Dave Held, and Dottie Bach.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND GROUPS ~ 10:15 A.M.

Children – MacDonald Room for Singing Practice and Sunday School this morning

Youth Classes – The Well (Basement of Education Building)

Lamplighters Class – Sharing Center (Room 202 - 2nd Floor)

“The Truth Project” – taught by Tom Weaver and Liz Mayfield

Welcome Class – Not meeting this morning

Cornerstone Class – City View Room (1st Floor)

Guest Speaker: Scott Boyd of *P.R.I.S.M. (see announcement below)

“GOSPEL OF LUKE” STUDIES

Cornerstone Class – City View Room (3rd Floor)

Women’s Group – Parlor (2nd Floor)

Men’s Group – Room 203 (2nd Floor)

Couples’ Group – Library (1st Floor, off the MacDonald Room)

Open To All Group – Room F101 (1st Floor, off the Lobby)

20/30-Something Group – Room 103 (Kingdom Kids Level)



CORNERSTONE CLASS MISSION SPEAKER



All are invited to join the Cornerstone Sunday School Class this morning to hear from P.R.I.S.M. Director, Scott Boyd. The Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministry seeks to assist visiting students through a variety of ministries and educational opportunities, to get established, connect with churches and Christian mentors, and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. You can also learn more at www.prismphg.org.

Sunday, December 9

9:00 A.M. ~ SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE

10:15 A.M. ~ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Called for a report by the Pastor Search Team and to vote on their motion to call Pastor Carolyn Poteet as Lead Pastor and Head of Staff of MLEPC.

11:30 A.M. ~ FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER THE MEETING

Adult Sunday school classes are cancelled due to the meeting.

Children’s programs through 5th grade will be offered in the MacDonald Room during the meeting.

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.” I Corinthians 11:28.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS



Please consider making a donation to the Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Fund in memory of a loved one. The poinsettias will be arranged into a lovely display for the services, and the names of the memorials and their donors will be printed in the bulletin. Checks payable to MLEPC, along with the names for the memorials and their donors may be sent to Financial Administrator Shannon Hohowski, MLEPC, 255 Washington Rd. 15216, by Monday, December 17. If you prefer, you may email this information to Shannon, and use the new “tithe.ly” mobile giving option by downloading the app on your phone or through the Donate tab on the website. You can contact Shannon at shohowski@mlepc.org or 412-531-3387 ext. 254.

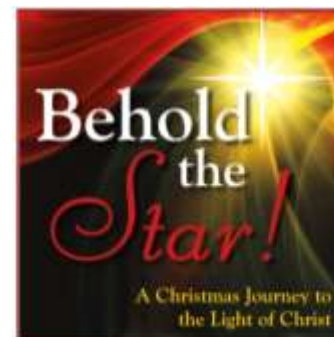


SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Friday, December 7 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the City View room as we enjoy tea and cookies followed by a time of crafting a Christmas wreath. Any questions, please contact Laura Duffy 412-531-3387 x210 or lduffy@mlepc.org.

LESSONS FROM LUKE - THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM STUDY

Our Small Group Studies and Sermon series on the Gospel of Luke have been going well, and we will now be shifting back to the beginning of the Gospel for a 6 week seasonal study of the Scriptures as they relate the Christmas story. Study guides are available in the Lobby and in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick one up to use in your study groups, or as a family devotion during the holiday season. If you’re looking for a study group or have questions, feel free to speak to one of the pastors or contact Adult Ministry Team Leader Kay Atman: kayatman@verizon.net or 412-835-1434.



Please Join Us for our 11th Annual

Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 9
3:30 p.m.

Presented by our Holiday Choir and Orchestra
Followed by a Dessert Reception
No Charge ~ A Free Will Offering will be taken



CHILDREN'S SINGING PRACTICE and SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Kids will be learning Christmas songs to sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. We will gather in the MacDonald Room after the Early Service and walk to the Sanctuary as a group. We will then have a combined Sunday School in the MacDonald Room.

FIRED-UP FRIDAY

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Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade can come and have a blast together as they enjoy laser tag, dodgeball, face-painting, crafts, "Minute to Win It", a movie, snacks, and learning about Jesus. Friends are always welcome! Pre-registration is encouraged, online at www.mlepc.org.

FIRED-UP FRIDAY FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

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CHILI COOK-OFF AND MISSION PROJECT

On Wednesday, December 12, our all-church Family Fellowship Night will feature a chili cook-off. Please sign up in the lobby if you would be interested in bringing a favorite chili or a dessert to share. Attendees will have an opportunity to vote for the best chili and dessert!

After dinner, our mission project will be to stuff Christmas stockings to be delivered during our annual Carol Sing to community seniors, on December 16. The stockings will be stuffed with small, unbreakable items like paper tablets, pens, pencils, devotionals, Kleenex packets, slipper socks, puzzles, large print puzzle books, or playing cards. We welcome your contributions and a box is located in the coat room for these items. Please note that we will not be able to include food items as recipients may be on restricted diets. All items must be small enough to fit into a 12 inch stocking. We'll be making bookmarks and Christmas ornaments to include in the stocking as well.

KINGDOM KIDS FUNDRAISER CANDLES AVAILABLE

Candles purchased from the Kingdom Kids fundraiser can be picked up this morning at the table in the main lobby. Thank you for your support of Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION FOR BROOKLINE

On December 2, kids in Sunday School will be packing stockings to distribute to children at the Brookline Food Pantry. Donations needed include: crayons, coloring books, socks, gloves/mittens, small toys, tooth brushes and tooth paste. We are hoping to pack around 50 stockings. The donation bin will be in the Coat Room through Sunday, December 2.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH

Mark your calendars for the carol sing on Sunday December 16 at 12:30 p.m. We'll enjoy a pizza lunch together, warm up our voices, and head out to various locations to deliver the stockings and spread Christmas joy to senior adults in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Pokrajac (lpokrajac@mlepc.org, 412-531-337 ext. 207) or Ashley Gardner (agardner@mlepc.org, 412-531-3387 ext. 205).

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KENYA MISSION TRIP 2019



The Church will be sending a missionary team to East Kano Kenya in late July 2019! In concert with Pastor Job's youth initiatives, our team will provide support for his mission work, as well as conduct other mission initiatives. These initiatives include:

- Leadership training
- Supporting a medical outreach to the community
- Visiting elementary schools, including supplying water straws and computers
- Extending a successful women's small business ministry
- Conducting a work-day at a nursery school
- Building demonstration units for solar power, bio-gas production, and/or irrigation

If you would like to join us on this Mission Trip and would like to watch the LORD do awesome work through us in East Kano, please contact James Ombiri, Chris Casturo, or Dale Ostergaard in the next week or so. We would like to have our missionary team selected by mid December!

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