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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:15 AM PRISON MINISTRY TEAM LEADS WORSHIP AT ALLEGHENY JAIL
8:45 AM WORSHIP TEAM REHEARSAL – SANCTUARY
9:00 AM NURSERY CARE – ROOM F115
9:15 AM CONTACT CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – SANCTUARY
10:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM
10:15 AM REFRESHMENTS FELLOWSHIP HALL
CORNERSTONE CLASS - CITY VIEW ROOM
LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS - SHARING CENTER
WELCOME CLASS - FELLOWSHIP HALL
OPEN SMALL GROUP - ROOM F101
COUPLES' SMALL GROUP - LIBRARY
MOM2MOM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP - ROOM 303
WORKING TOWARD WISDOM WOMEN'S GROUP - PARLOR
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL
CHILDREN'S SINGING PRACTICE – MACDONALD ROOM
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – VARIOUS ROOMS AS POSTED
10:30 AM HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM
11:30 AM WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT - VARIOUS ROOMS
4:00 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203
7:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM KINGDOM KIDS AND MOM'S MORNING OUT - VARIOUS ROOMS
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING - CITY VIEW ROOM
7:00 PM KINGDOM KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - SANCTUARY
7:30 PM KINGDOM KIDS PROGRAM RECEPTION - FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY - VARIOUS ROOMS
6:30 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING - ROOM 203
7:00 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH STUDY - THE WELL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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, DECEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & SMALL GROUPS - VARIOUS ROOMS
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE WELL
CHILDREN'S SINGING PRACTICE – MACDONALD ROOM
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – VARIOUS ROOMS AS POSTED
10:30 AM HERITAGE TRADITIONAL SERVICE – SANCTUARY
11:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH – MACDONALD ROOM
11:30 AM CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH - MACDONALD ROOM
12:30 PM SUNDAYS@SEVEN PRAYER GATHERING – ROOM 203
7:00 PM

Welcome and Announcements

Sunday, December 10, 2017

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:8-15 p. 1071
Philippians 2:5-11 p. 1230

SERMON

“Glory to the Newborn King!” Rev. Carolyn Poteet
Lessons in Carols Series

[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 Howard Wylie in loving memory of Evelyn F. Wylie.

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.



ADVENT STUDY ~ LESSONS IN CAROLS

We'll be sharing an Advent series together of "Lessons in Carols," looking at some of the most beloved Christmas carols and studying the scripture and theology behind them. 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 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 10:15 A.M.

Children – MacDonald Room

Youth Classes – The Well

Cornerstone Class – City View Room

December 10 - "Comfort in Christ" taught by Denny Hutchinson

December 17 - Director Bob Meyer of the Off the Floor Pittsburgh ministry

Lamplighters Class – Sharing Center

December 10 and 17 - "An Advent Journey Through the Gospels" taught by Linda Pokrajac

Welcome Class – Fellowship Hall

"Prince Joseph, King David, and the Lord Jesus" taught by Bruce Tenenbaum

"LESSONS IN CAROLS" STUDY GROUPS

Women's Mom2Mom Group – Room 303

Working Toward Wisdom Women's Group - Parlor

Couples Small Group – Library

Open Small Group – Room F101

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelopes for 2018 have arrived and have been set out in the Narthex this morning and will be available in the Main Lobby area next week. Please stop by this week or next to pick up your envelopes.



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 18. 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.



Kingdom Kids

COOKIE DONATIONS FOR KINGDOM KIDS PROGRAM

Our Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool is asking for donations of cookies to bless our guests at the fellowship time after the Kingdom Kids Evening Christmas Program. Donations are requested before December 12, to be brought to the church kitchen. (Please pack your cookies in a disposable container.) We invite everyone to attend our Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, where the children will make a joyous noise in celebration of the birth of Jesus. Questions? Please contact Joyce Hannan-Story, Director, at 412 531-6227 ext. 103 or JHannan-Story@MLEPC.org.



JOB OPENING

MLEPC is seeking to fill the full time position of Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This position combines responsibilities of the receptionist and membership secretary as well as providing administrative assistance to the program staff. The ideal candidate is a mature, confessing Christian with an associate's degree or equivalent education. If you or someone you know may be interested in the position, please contact Business Administrator, Jim Schuchman at 412 531-3387 ext. 206.

KID'S SINGING ON CHRISTMAS EVE

The kids will continue to practice singing on Sunday mornings in the MacDonald Room from 10:15-10:30 a.m. Please drop off children in the MacDonald Room and pick them up from their regular Sunday School classrooms.

On Christmas Eve

Please bring your kids to the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. to warm-up and practice their songs. The service begins at 5 p.m. The kids will not be wearing robes or costumes, so please have them wear their "Sunday best". Kids will sit together at the front of Sanctuary until they sing. Afterwards, they will be asked to find and sit with their families for the remainder of the service.





CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH

Next Sunday, December 17, we'll be spreading Christmas cheer by singing carols and sharing treats in the community. Please consider joining in this merriment and ministry! We'll gather at 12:30 p.m. in the MacDonald Room to enjoy a pizza lunch as we get organized, then head out together. Please RSVP or call with questions: Linda Pokrajac: LPokrajac@mlepc.org / 412-531-3387 ext. 207.



TWEENER THIRD SUNDAY EVENT

Sunday, December 17 ... beginning with lunch at 12:30
We'll be joining with other congregation members, spreading Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols and sharing treats in the community. Please RSVP to Ashley Gardner at agardner@mlepc.org or 412-531-3387 ext. 205.

OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

10:00 AM

SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE

5:00 PM

FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

9:00 PM

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

10:00 AM

SINGLE UNIFIED SERVICE