



# The Lantern

NEWSLETTER OF MT. LEBANON UMC  
EST. 1812

## Dates to Remember

### **AUGUST 26**

H.O.P.P. FOOD MINISTRY  
@ ALDERSGATE UMC  
12:00 PM

### **AUGUST 31**

SPRC MEETING  
7:00 PM

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

RECONCILING MINISTRIES INFO MEETING  
TO MEET DIRECTLY AFTER SERVICE

### **SEPTEMBER 17**

PADDLE FOR PROMISE  
CHRISTINA RIVER

### **SEPTEMBER 18**

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT  
INTEREST MEETING  
LOOKING AHEAD FOR 2023



## FALL FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

Come and join us as we celebrate the  
bounties of fall.

**OCTOBER 1 • 3 PM TO 7 PM**



## FOOD TRUCKS

## NATURE WALK INTRO



## LIVE MUSIC & MORE!



# Missions Team Note

The "Special Sundays Offerings" invitation letters will be mailed during the week of August 22.

This one-time donation from you supports:

- 1) **Human Relations Sunday** that focuses on maintaining, promoting and strengthening minority UMC congregations
- 2) **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief)
- 3) **NAM** (Native American Ministries)
- 4) **Peace with Justice Sunday** that focuses on changing lives where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence
- 5) **World Communion Sunday** that focuses on the universal and inclusive nature of the church through scholarships for young scholars and seminarians around the world
- 6) **United Methodist Student Day** that underwrites scholarships for United Methodist students.



## Special Note

This year's Charge Conference will be held on November 12 at Chester Bethel UMC at 10:00 am. In September, we will begin gathering our materials and contacting committee chairpersons with paperwork. Keep an eye out for this information!

### **Food Ministry Opportunity • August 26**

We will be assisting Aldersgate UMC in the H.O.P.P. (Harvest Outreach People Project) that provides food boxes to families the 4th Friday of each month at 12:00 p.m. You can participate during events or donate to cover the costs of the pre-packed boxes of produce, meat and staples. Online sign-up information was previously sent out from the office. If you didn't receive it and want to help, please call the office at (302) 652-8411 and Chelsea can assist you. If you choose to donate to cover the costs of the boxes, please make your check out to Mt. Lebanon UMC with H.O.P.P. on the memo line.

### **Paddle for Promise • September 17**

Urban Promise School in Wilmington is having their annual fundraiser to support their Street Leader program. We're looking for folks to paddle on the Christina River so that the rest of us can sponsor you. Canoes and kayaks are supplied or you can use your own.

### **Appalachia Service Project Interest Meeting • September 18**

We will be meeting after church to determine the possibility of a group going in 2023. We will also extend the invitation to our brothers and sisters at Chester Bethel UMC.

### **Family Promise of Northern New Castle County Annual Breakfast • October 4**

We are back in person this year at Christ Church just around the corner from Mt. Lebanon. We will sponsor a table so are looking for at least 10 friends to attend to hear updates as well as powerful testimonies from participating families. Carpooling from Mt. Lebanon will be available at 7:40 a.m.



## RMN Meeting

September 11, 2022

- Brief informational meeting after church September 11 (around 12:00)
- We want as many people there as possible so we can all be informed and prepared before we take a vote about becoming a Reconciling Church a few weeks later (date for vote TBD)
- Info from RM Network about what it means: "Becoming a Reconciling Ministry means that, like us, you're committed to achieving LGBTQ+ justice and inclusion in the life and ministry of The United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice."
- Being in the RMN doesn't change our denomination - it helps our church to be visible to others as inclusive, welcoming, and accepting of folks who might not feel accepted elsewhere. We will appear on a registry of churches that are inclusive, and hopefully this will show any potential visitors to our church that we are committed to them and their spiritual growth too!
- It's also a commitment to our theology that God made, loves, and cares for all people, and that our gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other descriptor does not change or hinder our status as God's beloved children.



## ASP Info Meeting

September 18, 2022

We will be holding an interest meeting on September 18th after church (around 12:00) to determine whether we have enough volunteers to form a group that will volunteer with Appalachia Service Project.

### **ASP Mission**

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia.

### **ASP Vision**

Appalachia Service Project envisions the eradication of substandard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with this ministry.

- The adult trip is for ages 19+, and we must have 5 or more volunteers on our team.

### **Types of projects:**

- Roofing - Replacing and repairing roofs can lead to significant improvements, mitigating damage caused by leaks.
- Drywall - Drywall projects can be ceiling repair, wall repair, or part of a room addition.
- Siding - Repairing existing siding or installing new siding weatherizes a home from the elements, making it more efficient and reducing utility costs for homeowners.
- Floors and Foundations - Ensuring floors are sturdy makes homes safer, giving families the ability to make better use of their space.
- Porches and Ramps - Building and restoring porches and ramps make homes accessible for residents for both daily and emergency use.

We could go anytime during the year, setting our own schedule. We also get to choose our top 3 states, and ASP will place us with a project that fits our abilities.

# Fall Bible Study

**Book title:** "Lies My Preacher Told Me" by Brent A. Strawn (\$16 on Amazon)  
5 weeks, 2 chapters discussed per week (chapters are 7-10 pages each)  
Come to the first session having read chapters 1-2

**Dates:** Tuesday nights on ZOOM at 7 PM: October 18 & 25; November 1, 8, & 15  
*\*ZOOM link below*

Thursdays in-person at Chester Bethel at 10 AM: Oct 20 & 27; Nov 3, 10 & 17

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666349331?pwd=RmNuMkppNGtnZlRhSmsvRVJ6MTFIZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 6634 9331

Passcode: Bible

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