



## Lebanon Presbyterian Church

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### STAFF & ELDERS AT LEBANON:

Pastor	Rev. August P. Hurst
Assistant Pastor	Tom Wilson, C.R.E.
Clerk of Session	Tom Mikulin
Interim Financial Admin.	Steve Corlett
Treasurer	Stephanie Gault
Secretary	Linda Stevens
Custodians	Henry & Sandy Troyer
Worship Leaders	Mike & Kat Peterson
Choir Director	Kathy Heim
Pianist	Lydia Chlpka
Organists	Marge Burgoon & Alice Brocklebank

**Session of Elders:** Lynnett Beck, Jackie Marquardt, Sandy Brei, Tom Inman, Patti George, Doug Nashtock, Marshall McConnell, Brad Latimer, Tom Mikulin, Tom Wilson, Augie Hurst.

### LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AT LEBANON:

- Session of Elders: Sunday, December 4 at 12:15 pm
- Care Ministry Team: Monday, December 5 at 5:00 pm
- Personnel Management Team: Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm
- Finance Management Team: Monday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
- Youth Ministry Team: TBA
- Meal Ministry Team: TBA



# Lebanon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Family Praise Service

December 4, 2016 (11:00 am)



### Live with Peace

And he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Isaiah 9:6)

## **MISSION & MINISTRY AT LEBANON:**

**New Church Website:** [www.lebanonpres.org](http://www.lebanonpres.org). New website site features sermon recordings, links to Sunday bulletins, option for secure online giving, along with photos and details about upcoming events.

**Kids Christmas Musical:** Practice Today at 11:00 am & 6:00 pm: This year's musical is entitled, "Follow the Star" and will be featured at the Family Praise Service on Sunday, December 18. The musical is open to children and youth of all ages. A sign-up sheet and practice schedules are located in the front lobby.

**Donations for "Blessing Bags":** Today thru December 18: Sarah's Butterflies, a mission partner of Lebanon, is collecting donation items to fill "Blessing Bags" for children in our local area. A donation box and list of donation items is currently located in the front lobby.

**2016 Memory Tree:** Today through December 18. This year at Lebanon, families may purchase either a Wendell August Forge Bronze ornament or a pine tree seedling to plant in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost of the ornament is \$12 and a seedling is \$6.00. Order forms are located in the front lobby, or call church office.

**Tuesday Prayer Group:** Tuesday, December 6 at 9:00 am: Join us each week to pray for the people and ministry of the Lebanon. All are welcome, come and rejoice in the power of prayer.

**Backpack Program:** Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm: Lebanon Church will once again pack food bags for the West Middlesex Backpack Program. The packing center is located in downtown West Middlesex. Volunteers may sign up in the front lobby or contact Mr. Dave Beros (503-707-2508) for more information.

**Mission Allocation Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 pm: Anyone interested in helping to allocate our mission funds raised at the Fall Sale & Apple Dumpling Sale is welcome to attend. Meeting to be held here at Lebanon.

**Quilting Group:** Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00 am: A friendly group of quilters gather each week for a time of quilting & fellowship. The quilting room is located in the overflow wing of the church.

**Sailing Solo:** Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 pm: A monthly meal and fellowship gathering held here at Lebanon for all widows, widowers, and single adults. December will feature a holiday theme, please bring a non-perishable food item. Reservations not required.

**Music Night:** Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 pm: Join us for an evening of gospel music here at Lebanon, featuring "Sound Witness". A free dinner will be served at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Individual songs or instrumentals from the congregation will also be featured. Contact Henry Troyer (724-528-3127) to schedule a song.

**Annual Christmas Cantata:** This year's Christmas Cantata will be featured at our Family Praise Service on December 11 at 11:00 am, and at our Early Rise Service on December 18 at 8:30 am. Practices are currently being held on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. See "Music Ministry" in today's bulleting for more details.

**EvenSong:** Sunday, December 18 at 5:30 pm: Join our friends at Unity Presbyterian Church for an evening of singing favorite hymns and songs of our faith. A potluck dinner will be served at 5:30 p. and singing will begin in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight:** Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 pm: This is the perfect service for all families, especially the little ones. We will gather to sing our favorite carols, hear the Christmas story and light candles with the traditional singing of Silent Night.

**Christmas Eve Communion:** Saturday, December 24 at 11:00 pm: This service will feature a telling of the Christmas Story, special music, the celebration of communion, along with a traditional candle lighting.

**Christmas Day Celebration:** Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am: Christmas falls on a Sunday this year!! Join us for worship here at Lebanon as we gather for ONE special service. Children (and adults) are welcome to wear Christmas jammies and bring their favorite gift!

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, January 29 at 6:30 pm: All friends and family of Lebanon are invited to attend our annual congregational meeting, featuring a presentation of updated bylaws, election of officers, annual financial reports, along with other reports of missions and ministries. A dinner will be served in the fellowship hall prior to the meeting, beginning at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Monthly Meal Ministry to Joshua's Haven:** Each month our congregation is responsible for preparing and delivering two meals to the men living at Joshua's Haven in Sharon, Pa. If you are interested in helping to prepare a meal, contact Ruth Gilkey (cell: 724-699-2311)

## **PRAYER & CARE AT LEBANON:**

**Tuesday Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday at 9:00 a. Join us each week to pray for the people and ministry of the Lebanon Church. All are welcome, come and rejoice in the power of prayer.

**Weekly Prayer List:** Prayers have been recently requested for the following names. Your continued prayers are always appreciated. To submit a prayer request contact the Church Office.

- Brian McIntyre, health concerns
- Marty Jancso, health concerns
- Martha Geiwitz, health concerns
- Sonia (Sunny) Young, health concerns
- Bob Schwanbeck, health concerns
- Diana Reed & Ed Korab, health concerns
- David Minner, health concerns
- Lou McConnell, health concerns
- John Rabold, health concerns
- Bill Brocklebank, health concerns
- Mary Lou Cole, health concerns

**Condolences:** Your prayers and expressions of sympathy for the following are greatly appreciated.

- James Marshall Campbell, (Nov. 24, 2016) husband of Cherie, father of Brad & Marshall Campbell. Memorial service to be held here at Lebanon on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1:00 p.m.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Please consider sending the following people a card or note of congratulations for their special day.

- Betty Lou Anderson (Dec.7)
- Darlene Allen (Dec. 10)

**Birth Announcement:** Congratulation to Kelly and Ryan Vatter upon the birth of their son, Nolan Vatter (Nov. 18, 2016) 8 lbs. 6 oz..

## **SUNDAYS AT LEBANON:**

**The Early Rise Service:** Every Sunday (8:30 – 9:15 am) This service of worship features all traditional hymns of faith, a quiet time for prayers and offerings, along with the proclamation of God's Word.

**The Sunday Study:** Every Sunday (9:30 – 10:30 am) Adults of all ages are invited to attend this weekly Bible study, including a lesson and open discussion about the scripture reading featured in our services of worship. Class is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Family Praise Service:** Every Sunday (11:00 – Noon) This service of worship features a variety of ministries for children of all ages, along with songs of praise and the proclamation of God's Word.

**Youth Groups:** Sunday Evenings (6 – 8 pm) Lebanon has two youth groups: "the God Squad" for students in grades 4 -6, and "the Group" for students in grades 7-12. A schedule of upcoming meetings and events is located in the front lobby.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY AT LEBANON:**

**Lebanon Worship Team:** Join the Worship Team as they lead songs of praise and special music during our Family Praise services. Contact Kat Peterson (724-734-3974) to discuss opportunities & practice times.

**Lebanon Choir:** Join the Choir as they share special music during our services of worship. Practices are held on Sunday's at 12:15 following the Family Praise Service. Contact Kathy Heim (724-528-1226) to learn more.

**Christmas Cantata:** If you enjoy sing Christmas carols, feel free to join our annual Christmas Cantata. Practices are held in the Choir Room here at Lebanon on the following dates and times.

- Monday, December 5, 2016 (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

## **WORSHIP SERVICE REMINDERS:**

**Welcome to Lebanon:** We trust that you will be encouraged by the fellowship of God's people here at Lebanon. Our weekly bulletin is intended to guide you through our services of worship and help you and your family share in our mission and ministry together.

**Families with Children:** Children of all ages are always invited to attend our services of worship with their parents. During the Family Praise Service, the following ministries for children are also available:

- **Nursery Care (Ages 0-3):** A Nursery is located in the overflow wing of the church, adjacent to the sanctuary. A Nursery Care volunteer will be in the nursery beginning at 10:45 a.m. Parents may place a child in the nursery any time prior to, or during, our service of worship.
- **PTL Kids Ministry (Pre/K – 6th):** During the Family Praise Service, children will be invited to attend our PTL Kids Ministry which takes place downstairs and features a weekly Bible lesson, prayer and a snack.

**Cell Phones & Wifi:** Please silence your cell phone prior to the start of the service. Feel free to use our "Lebanon Wifi" - passcode: 7243474752.

**Songs of Praise:** Please feel free to sing or simply listen to the songs featured in today's services. Lyrics to all songs can be found on the screen in front; hymn selections can be found in the red hymnals located in the pews. Large print hymnals are available in the front lobby.

**Scripture Reading & Sermon:** Here at Lebanon, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and our only authority for life and faith in Jesus Christ. As such, the focus of each service of worship is the reading of scripture, followed by the preaching of a sermon.

**Sacrament of Communion:** Communion is celebrated here at Lebanon on the first Sunday of every month throughout the year. Access to the Lord's Supper is a privilege given to all who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. All who come to the table in faith, repentance and love are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age and understanding.

**Presentation of Offerings:** Each week we collect gifts, tithes and offerings during our services of worship. This is a time for the friends and family of Lebanon to participate in the shared mission and ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Following is a financial report through November, 2016

YTD Offerings: \$156,650

YTD Budget: \$174,277

For your continued support, offering envelopes are located in the front lobby.

## **THE FAMILY PRAISE SERVICE:**

*\* Please Stand*

*A "Welcome Card" is located in the pews. Please use this card to introduce your family to us, submit a prayer request, or to simply let the little ones scribble! Place completed cards in today's offering plates.*

### **The Gathering of God's People:**

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Psalm 66*

- \* One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known among the nations what he has done.
- \* ALL: Proclaim that his name is exalted. Shout to the Lord, for he has done glorious things. Let this be known to all the world.

\* Songs of Praise

*"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

*"You Are So Good Too Me"*

\* Gathering Prayer

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

*At this time, please take a moment to greet those around you; a suggested greeting may include the phrase, "Peace be with you."*

### **The Proclamation of God's Word:**

Announcements & Invitation to Children

Presentation of Offerings & Special Music

*the Lebanon Worship Team*

\* Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Sermon

*Live with Peace*

Sacrament of Communion

### **The Sending of God's People:**

\* Song of Praise

*"Jesus Paid it All"*

\* Words of Blessing