



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
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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: Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm
- Personnel Management Team: Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 pm
- Finance Management Team: Monday, January 9 at 6:00 pm
- Meal Ministry Team: Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm
- Children's Ministry Team: TBA
- Youth Ministry Team: TBA
- Care Ministry Team: TBA



Lebanon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Family Praise Service

December 11, 2016 (11:00 am)



Live with Love

"This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."

(1 John 4:9)

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

1 John

* One: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!

* ALL: This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through him

* Songs of Praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (#145)

* Gathering Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

The Proclamation of God's Word:

Announcements & Invitation to Children

Presentation of Offerings & Special Music

by Marge Burgoon

* Song of Praise

"The Doxology" (#625)

* Prayers of the People

Christmas Cantata

"Sing with the Angels"

"Of the Father's Love"

"The Angel Gabriel"

"The Midnight Clear"

"Run to Bethlehem"

"Angels Watching Over Me"

"Sing with the Angels!"

"The Angels Song"

The Sending of God's People:

Words of Blessing

* Song of Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (#132)

MISSION & MINISTRY AT LEBANON:

New Church Website: 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: Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am This year's musical is entitled, "Follow the Star" and will be featured at the Family Praise Service next Sunday. The musical is open to children and youth of all ages. Practices will be held at the following times:

- Today at 11:00 am during the PTL Kids Ministry
- Tonight (6:00 – 7:30 pm) in the sanctuary.
- Wednesday, December 14 (6:00 - 7:30 pm) in the sanctuary.
- Saturday, December 17 (9:00 – 11:30 am) in the sanctuary.

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 13 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.

Quilting Group: Wednesday, December 14 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.

Encore - Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 18 at 8:30 am: The encore presentation of the Christmas Cantata will be featured at our Early Rise Service next Sunday.

Sauerkraut Sale: The Youth Group will be selling homemade sauerkraut to help raise funds for their summer mission trip. Cost \$5.00 per 1 quart bag and will be available in the front lobby beginning on Sunday, December 18 following the services of worship.

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!

Music Night: Saturday, January 10 at 7:00 pm: Join us for an evening of gospel music here at Lebanon, featuring "Tom Cramer". 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.

Leaderfest: Saturday, January 14 (8:30 am – 1:30 pm) The Presbytery of Shenango will host a training event for all elders and deacons. Pick up a registration form in the front lobby. Registration is free for all who return a registration to the Church Office by Jan. 2

Sailing Solo: Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 pm: A monthly meal and fellowship gathering held here at Lebanon for all widows, widowers, and single adults.

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.

- Don Gilliland, recovering from surgery
- Bonnie Gilkey, recovering from surgery
- 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
- John Rabold, health concerns
- Bill Brocklebank, health concerns
- Mary Lou Cole, health concerns

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

- Tracy Thompson (Dec. 11)
- Adrienne di Georgi (Dec.12)
- Jesse Nych (Dec. 14)
- Kathy Fleckenstien (dec. 14)
- Linda Stevens (Dec. 14)
- Jim & Roberta Dixon (Dec. 15)
- Marge Burgoon (Dec. 16)
- Eric & Barbara Thompson (Dec. 16)
- Ron Thompson (Dec. 16)
- Joel Black (Dec. 17)
- Jess Sowers (Dec. 17)
- Morgan Snyder (Dec. 17)
- Anna Rowe (Dec. 19)
- Alice Brocklebank (Dec. 19)

Birth Announcements: Congratulations to the following families.

- Kelly and Ryan Vatter on the birth of their son, Nolan Vatter (Nov. 18, 2016) 8 lbs. 6 oz.
- Adrienne and Damon di Georgi on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Jean (Dec.1, 2016) 7 lbs 13 oz., 21 in. long.

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 learn more about opportunities & practice times.

Lebanon Choir: Join the Choir as they share special music during our services of worship. Contact Kathy Heim (724-528-1226) to learn more about opportunities and practice times.