



The Window into the heart of *Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church*

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A Year of Education, Contemplation, and Action

Have you ever wondered where the church stands on social issues facing the world today? What does God expect from us in an ever more divisive society? The 2025-2026 program year at MLUMC will be full of learning and action as we consider the [UMC Social Principles](#), the denomination's guidebook for such questions. The Social Principles have been revised and updated, and were officially adopted at the 2024 General Conference.

Our local church has had an active DEI committee for several years, which has recently been rebranded as the Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB) committee. Under the leadership of Louanne Baily, Laura Ward, and Kim Rhoton, this group is sponsoring a year-long exploration of the UMC social principles. Each month from September 2025 through August 2026, we will focus on a different topic. Opportunities for the whole church, such as book groups, discussions, expert lectures, and community activities have been planned. In addition, we hope that for some of these topics you will hear God's call to action and will find new ways to make a difference in the world.

Because there is so much to cover, we cannot address all of the social principles in this year-long study. However, we encourage you to read the entire Social Principles document; you can borrow a paperback version from Kim Rhoton or order your own at Cokesbury. Or you can download a free digital copy at www.umcjustice.org/documents/124.

On the next page is the list of topics we will focus on for the year. Please watch church announcements for specific activities and discussions. If you would like to get more involved in this project, please contact Kim Rhoton (krhoton@mlumc.org).

Visit Miss Kim's Little Library to borrow books for children and youth that go with the social principle focus for each month. Located outside of Kim Rhoton's office on the second floor.



Social Principles Suggested Reading for Adults 2025-2026

The Poisonwood Bible
by Barbara Kingsolver

Rough Sleepers
by Tracy Kidder

The Watsons Go To Birmingham
by Christopher Paul Curtis

While the World Watched
by Carolyn McKinstry

SOLD
by Patricia McCormick

Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Tomorrow Will Be Different
by Sarah McBride

**See the full chart of activities and when each book will be discussed on page 2*



A Year of Monthly Education, Contemplation and Action based on Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2024-2028

<u>Month</u>	<u>Social Principle</u>	<u>MLUMC Activities</u>
September	Migrants, Immigrants and Refugees	Adult Sunday School combined study using materials from General Board of Church and Society (September 14, 21, 28)
October	Indigenous, Native and Aboriginal Communities	Zwickau/MLUMC discussion and survey comparing German and US Social Principles; North Side Lunch with Zwickau team
November	Colonialism, Neocolonialism, and their Consequences, Globalization	Book study on <u>The Poisonwood Bible</u> by Barbara Kingsolver; Guest speaker Grace Killian at Terrific Tuesday November 18; Land Acknowledgment Statement
December	Poverty and Income Inequality	Angel tree & Thought Tree bulletin board; WPAUMC Poverty Team to speak at Terrific Tuesday Dec. 2
January	Health Care, Reproductive Health and Abortion	Speaker on disparities of healthcare in Pittsburgh (date TBD); Book discussion of <u>Rough Sleepers</u> by Tracy Kidder
February	Church and Governments Civil Disobedience Restorative Justice Graft, Bribery & Corruption	What do the Scriptures say about Church and Government? Discussion at Terrific Tuesday; Book groups to discuss <u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis and <u>While the World Watched</u> by Carolyn McKinstry
March	Human Trafficking and Slavery	Book study <u>SOLD</u> by Patricia McCormick; Unity Lunch Speaker from Assure
April	Global Warming and Climate Change, Affirming Science and Traditional Wisdom	Earth day activities at Mt. Lebanon Park; Book discussion of <u>Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World</u> by Robin Wall Kimmerer
May	Media and Communication Technologies	Media validity activity for all ages
June	Human Sexuality	Pride day participation; Book discussion of <u>Tomorrow Will be Different</u> by Rep. Sarah McBride
July	Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities Gender Equality & Diversity	Faith For Today family story time
August	Food Justice	Snack drive for MLUMC's food pantry in coordination with Outreach Committee backpack drive

We Believe

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the authoring of the Nicene Creed. If you're not deeply familiar with Christian history or theology, that might sound like an obscure detail. You might even be wondering: *what does a fourth-century church meeting have to do with me today?* Quite a lot. Let's take a quick journey down history lane.

The Council that changed everything

The First Council of Nicaea took place in 325 A.D., called together by Roman Emperor Constantine the Great in the city of Nicaea (modern-day Iznik, Turkey). His aim? To bring unity to a fragmented empire. While Constantine sought political stability, the bishops who gathered were focused on something deeper: the unity and clarity of Christian belief. At the heart of their discussions was a growing controversy known as Arianism - a teaching that denied the full divinity of Jesus Christ. The result? The Council of Nicaea produced the Nicene Creed, set a lasting precedent for ecumenical councils (global gatherings of Christian leaders to define core beliefs), and even established a unified date for celebrating Easter. Now that we've got the basics of what the Council of Nicaea was all about, you might still be asking: *why does the Nicene Creed matter so much today?*

The birth of the Nicene Creed

As previously mentioned, one of the most enduring outcomes of this council was the creation of the Nicene Creed. In today's churches, you'll hear a wide range of messages - some deeply rooted in Scripture, others perhaps less so. But the Nicene Creed brings us back to the center. It grounds our congregations in the truth of Christ Himself, cutting through the noise and reminding us of what matters most.

The creed didn't just resolve one theological debate; it set the foundation for what most Christians - Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant - believe about God today. It condemned Arianism by asserting the belief in one God - the Father Almighty, Jesus Christ as true God, begotten, not made, and of one substance with the Father (and that He was incarnated, crucified, resurrected and ascended) and the Holy Spirit as Lord and giver of life. It also declared the belief in a united church, set apart for God's purposes, open to all and present worldwide and built on the foundations of the apostles' teachings.

It acknowledged one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and pointed to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. The Creed is still said every week in Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and many Protestant churches around the world.

Why this still matters

Christian churches today can feel divided. Different doctrines, different styles of worship, even disagreements over what's essential to the faith. Sometimes, that lack of unity is exhausting and confusing - not just for believers, but for seekers and sceptics watching from the outside. That's exactly why this anniversary is so powerful! It centers us. It reminds us of our shared foundation. It points us back to Christ and affirms our belief in the God who came down, died, rose, and is still alive and active today. If you've ever said the words of the Nicene Creed, then you've participated in a tradition that stretches back 1,700 years. It has shaped how you think about God's love, salvation, and your purpose in the world even if you didn't realize it. Join us in worship this fall as we explore the foundations of our faith and their implications for our future!

Pastor Tom Strandburg

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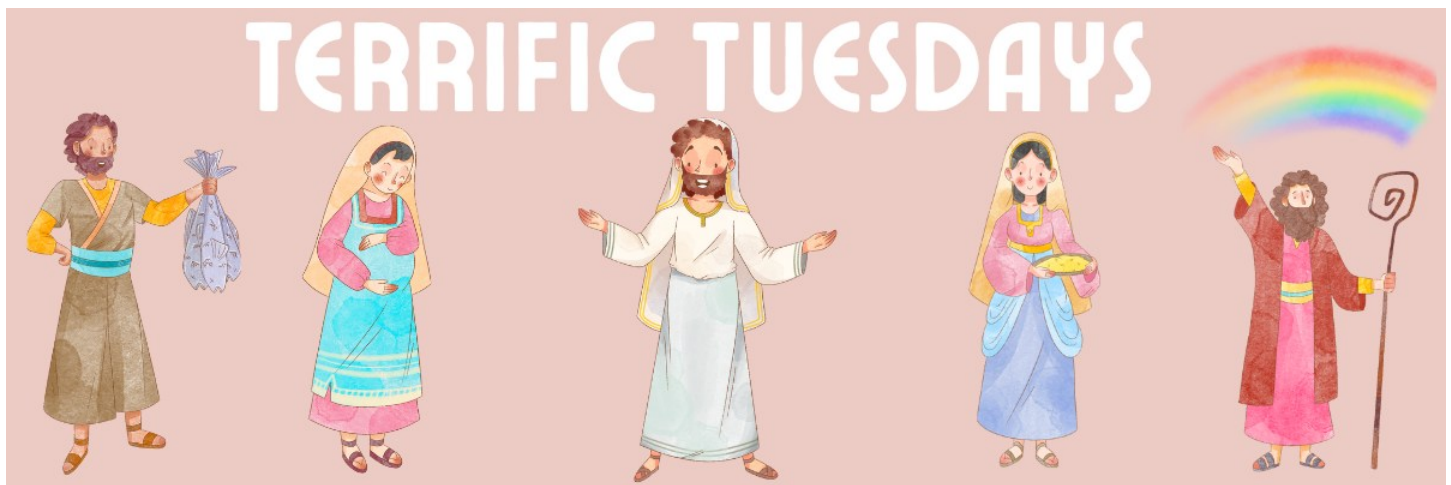
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Terrific Tuesday Resumes on October 7th

Our long-running mid-week gathering, known as Terrific Tuesday, will resume on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Asbury Center. As usual, each week's session will include a shared meal (provided by the church, free-will offering accepted), followed by activities for all ages. Nursery care is available each Tuesday night. See the planned schedule for each night below.

Our adult study this fall will focus on the theme "Partnerships." We'll hear from several different speakers throughout the season, representing several of our denominational and international partnerships.

As usual, dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., with each night's special activity kicking off by 6:45 p.m.

October 7: Celebrate the arrival of the visitors from our sister church in Zwickau, Germany

October 14: Farewell dinner, as our Zwickau partnership visit comes to a close

October 21: Our international emphasis continues as we welcome friends from The Nyadire Connection in Zimbabwe

October 28: "The Big Sort" – preparation for this week's church Rummage Sale for missions

November 4: *Election Day* – NO TERRIFIC TUESDAY

November 11: Bible Study with Pastor Tom

November 18: Guest Speaker: Rev. Grace Killian

November 25: *Community Thanksgiving Dinner Preparation* – NO TERRIFIC TUESDAY

December 2: Guest Speaker: WPAUMC Poverty Team

December 9: Bible Study with Pastor Tom

Church Restoration

Weals-Watson Memorial Library Rededication

This fall, we will joyfully rededicate our church library as the **Weals-Watson Memorial Library**, honoring the memory of two beloved associate pastors, **Rev. Ernest Weals** and **Rev. Dr. David Watson**.

Rev. Weals, for whom the library is currently named, served from 1954 to 1962. His ecumenical theological library became the core of our church collection when his family graciously donated it after his passing. Dr. Watson served faithfully from 1979 until his death in 2022, blessing our congregation with his unprecedented 43 years of continuous service as both associate pastor and pastor emeritus.

Both men were gifted preachers, devoted scholars, and deeply compassionate pastors who touched many lives through their teaching, counseling, and care.

In preparation for this rededication, the library has been reorganized by members of the Kerygma Class - Martha Clarke, Andrea Sherwin, and John Conti - who have also incorporated many new volumes. While the library generally follows the Dewey Decimal System, you will also find a bookcase devoted entirely to Methodism, as well as a new special section featuring recent additions from the libraries of Dr. Watson, the late Dr. H. Pat Albright, and the late Bishop George Bashore.

Located on the fourth floor near the balcony, the library is a warm and inviting space furnished in the Arts & Crafts style, designed to evoke the early 1900s, when our congregation was established.

We invite you to visit, reflect, and be inspired by the legacy of these faithful servants of Christ.



Capital Projects Update

In the chart below, it can be noted that two of our projects have been completed - new sidewalk sections and columbarium transept repairs. Our digital sign is still under construction, and other projects are in the planning or bidding phases. Fortunately, the columbarium transept project came under the estimated cost so this provides more funding for the repairs needed to the sanctuary roof. We sincerely thank all of the donors who have made this such a successful campaign.

MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SANCTUARY CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES	
AMOUNT	ITEM
\$113,407.46	Pledges and Contributions to Date
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES	
\$42,635.00	New Digital Sign (actual)
\$2,485.00	Sign - Electrical Work (actual)
\$1,000.00	Sign - permit/engineer fees, etc. (estimate)
\$23,485.00	Sidewalks (actual)
\$10,000.00	New Landscaping (estimate)
\$2,500.00	Exterior Lighting Upgrades (estimate)
\$1,995.00	Columbarium Alcove Wall Repair (actual)
\$13,950.00	Roof Repairs for Scott Road Side of Sanctuary (bid)
\$7,375.00	Slate Replacement - Various Areas (bid)
\$7,982.46	Partial Pmt-Roof Repairs for Pkg Lot Side of Sanctuary (bid)
\$113,407.46	Total Capital Campaign Expenditures



Wall before repairs



Wall after repairs



Area under stained glass window
in columbarium transept

What We Did This Summer

WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE!

Kim Rhoton, Christian Education Director

Thanks to more than one hundred children, teens, and adults, we spent VBS week this summer learning that God created each of us like a work of art – a masterpiece! We studied a different artist and art medium each day, along with a corresponding Bible story. Some highlights of the week include a visit from a real ballerina, making a big noise with kazoos to knock down the walls of Jericho, playing Sleepy Baby, making and decorating clay pots, and singing together with our music staff. We even created a permanent banner with everyone's handprints to celebrate the end of a special week.

VBS is a huge project that cannot happen without the support of our congregation. I appreciate everyone for praying, volunteering, and making financial contributions. My sincerest thanks to those who went above and beyond working with me to design the curriculum and pull the entire week together. You all are a precious work of art – a MASTERPIECE!



ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE "DELIVERS THE GOODS"

In mid-August, the Missions and Outreach Committee supplied 150 backpacks filled with supplies to children and grandchildren of Food Pantry clients, Spanish ministry participants, and Beulah Baptist Church (Beltzhoover) congregants. This marked the sixth consecutive year of providing these needed items to our less fortunate neighbors in faith. These backpacks had a variety of designs and were also filled with supplies, including glue sticks, markers, and colored pencils. THEY WERE A BIG HIT!

An added feature to this year's Backpack Drive was the August 3rd Faith for Today program, as attendees were able to assemble the backpacks and supplies while hearing testimonials from the recipients. Adding a "hands-on" element helped to personalize the preparation of these much-desired items while ensuring that "many hands made light work."

Most gratifying was the financial support that was provided to ensure that all backpack and supply costs were covered. Thanks to all whose contributions contributed to this effort!

Special thanks to the Missions and Outreach Committee's "Outreach" Subcommittee members Liz DiPietro, Kim Rhoton, and Dave Langenbacher for putting the Backpack Drive and the Faith for Today program together.

Please contact Rob Spicher, Missions and Outreach Committee Chair, at robert.spicher@pnc.com or 412-720-4589 should you have questions on the Backpack Drive or any of the Committee's other activities. He would love to hear from you!



UPCOMING THIS FALL

Fall Mum Fundraiser: Saturday, September 27th

The UWF is holding its annual mum sale on Saturday, September 27th from 10 am to noon in the church parking lot. Mums (in various festive fall colors) are \$15 per pot. Come early for best selection.

Cash or check only, please, made out to the United Women in Faith. Please note, we will not be able to make change at the event.

As always, all proceeds benefit women, children, and youth locally and globally.



Sunday School Begins!

September 7th at 9:30AM

Teachers have their rooms ready and lessons planned for three years to 12th grade.

If your child is not enrolled, please contact Kim Rhoton to register. We are looking forward to seeing your children soon!



Come One, Come All To Our Annual Church Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 11th, the Missions and Outreach Committee will be hosting MLUMC's annual Fall Festival. Join us for free food, family fun, and festive fellowship from 3pm to 7pm.

Food items will include a variety of picnic-style items, beverages, and desserts (including Kona Ice!) – all at no charge (free will donations accepted). Among the family friendly activities, there will be a seasonal photo booth, numerous parking lot friendly games, a bounce house, and plenty of crafts for all ages. There will be so much to do that you may need to be reminded to eat!

Our festival activities will include German food and music as we welcome twenty-five guests from our sister church in Zwickau, Germany.

Please plan to join our community at this annual fall event **rain or shine**.

If you would like more information on the Fall Festival or the Missions and Outreach Committee, please contact Rob Spicher at either robert.spicher@pnc.com or 412-720-4589.

Soup's On

Beginning the first Sunday in October, Missions and Outreach will be sponsoring a monthly soup sale. The Missions and Outreach Committee is responsible for Fish Fries, Thanksgiving Dinner, Fall Festival, Backpack Drive and endeavors to support other missions in our church. All of this is done free of charge to the community. The soup sale will help to ensure that these events continue many years into the future.

Each month, the soup choices will be listed in the bulletin. Pre-orders will be taken and soup will be distributed on Sunday Morning. Any remaining soup will be sold on Sunday morning after service. Soup will be \$7 per quart. Please keep a look out for further information for our first sale on October 5th.

Soup's On!



Christmas Cookie Sale & British Tea Room Saturday December 13th, 9 am to noon

The UWF will hold its annual Christmas cookie sale & British tea room event on Saturday, December 13th from 9 am to noon. Look for more details in upcoming issues of the church bulletin and email!



NOVEMBER 1st RUMMAGE SALE

Shop with Purpose, Support the Community!

On Saturday, November 1st, we will once again have an opportunity to show that rummage can do good. Our Fall Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Missions and Outreach Committee will run from 9am to 2pm. All proceeds will go to mission and outreach projects and organizations locally, nationally, and globally.

MLUMC has conducted rummage sales for decades. This long-standing tradition has always been supported by volunteers. As folks have moved on, others have stepped in to ensure that this vital outreach ministry remains vibrant. One thing that has remained constant, however, is the rummage!

Our June 7th sale raised over \$10,000, benefitting many projects and organizations.

If you have not previously volunteered or shopped at one of our rummage sales, November 1st will be your chance! Donations will be accepted starting October 1st. We will have plenty of items for you to browse and buy. To ensure the sale's success, a full compliment of volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help, please reach out to me (robert.spicher@pnc.com).

Thank you in advance for your support of the Rummage Sale.

Rob Spicher, Missions and Outreach Committee Chair



Rummage sale lunch: Saturday, November 1st

On November 1st, members of the UWF will coordinate and serve the Saturday rummage sale workers' lunch. An important tradition, the lunch gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for everyone's hard work and dedication to this semi-annual fundraiser. More importantly, the sale brings individuals into our church to witness our outreach and love for God's people.

If you'd like to donate food for the event, please email Sandy Waters at bluepen1123@yahoo.com.



GREETINGS FROM ZWICKAU!!

New Information about October Zwickau Visit



Many of you may remember Birgit and Steffen Pflug (far left) and the Leistners from previous visits to MLUMC. It is “wunderbar” to know that these friendships can span the 30 years! My summer visit was a perfect way to check in with Zwickau as the Zwickau Committee planned for this October's visit of the second and third generations of Zwickauers.

The 25 Zwickauers of all ages will be led by Pastor Christian Posdzich along with his wife Pastor Kathrin and their two children. Previous visitors are looking forward to meeting in-person again! As always, this visit will be a chance to make connections with our Zwickau Friedenskirche partners, to worship with them, to show them our mission work and to share our culture.

Finally, a big shout-out of thanks to our host families: Amant, Baily, Barr, Clarke, Hansen, Kappeler, Lutz, Palmer, Slater, Stecker, Strandburg, Ward. 1000x Danke schön!!

Have questions or want to drive? Contact Deanna Baird (fraubaird@aol.com), Lori Barr (lbarr@mlumc.org), and our driving chancellor Dave Langenbacher (d_langenbacher@yahoo.com)

ZWICKAU EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 5
NYC
Arrival in Pgh

Monday, Oct. 6
Welcome to MLUMC:
Mission overview
Scavenger hunt Pgh.
Welcome potluck with
hosts/guests

Tuesday, Oct. 7
9-5:30
Visit conference Barn for work
Grove City outlets
6:00.
**Terrific Tues. welcome
supper**

Wednesday, Oct. 8
9:00-8:00 Trip to
Jumonville, Ohio, and
Uniontown
restaurant

Thursday, Oct. 9
Mission work on
Northside
Discussion of Social
Principles

Friday, Oct. 10
School visit for teens/20's
Others:
8:15 - 5:00
Mission work at Pgh food
bank
& Oakland visit

Saturday, Oct. 11
**3:00-7:00 Harvest Fest:
(Zwickau band & Festival
help)**

Sunday, Oct. 12
**Preaching by both
Posdzichs
(Zwickau band)**
12:00 - 2:00 Youth
group

Monday, Oct. 13
9:30 - 12:00
Providence Pt visits and
performance
Pittsburgh and Warhol
visit

Tuesday, Oct. 14
8:00 - 1:00 Mission work TBD
9:00 - 1:00 UWF Pie Baking
Lesson
6:00 Farewell supper

Wednesday, Oct. 15
9:00-1:00 Family time or
church time
10:30 Possible Strip trip
Germans walk to
Greyhound
2:25 Depart for D.C.

Oct. 16 - 18
See DC and fly
to Zwickau

Bolded events are open to congregation.

Red events still need drivers.*

*Barn and restaurant meals included.

Missions and Outreach Committee –

Continuing to Provide Hospitality, Fellowship, and Service to Others

In late 2023, Charge Conference approved the merger of the former Missions Committee and the former Community Events and Outreach Committee into a “new” committee - the Missions and Outreach Committee. Said merger became effective on January 1, 2024. The “new” committee hit the ground running and continues to go strong!

The Committee, chaired by Rob Spicher, has four subcommittees: 1) Hosted Community Events (Donna Chesleigh - Coordinator); 2) Local Ministry Partnerships (Don Langston - Coordinator); 3) Community Outreach (Liz DiPietro - Coordinator); and 4) Missions (Louanne Baily - Coordinator). So far in 2025, the work of these subcommittees has included three Lenten Fish Fries, daily/bi-monthly/monthly food distributions, a back-to-school backpack drive, a Spring Rummage Sale for missions, and a picnic for the Daily Bread ministry. The Fall Festival, the Fall Rummage Sale, and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner are among the activities still on the Committee’s 2025 docket.

The Committee meets bi-monthly (every other month). Meetings are open to the congregation in person or via ZOOM.

If you would like more information about the Missions and Outreach Committee or would like to join it, please contact Rob Spicher at 412-720-4589 or robert.spicher@pnc.com.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE –

FINANCIAL PARTNERS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

Many of the events (such as large community meals) hosted by the Missions and Outreach Committee are self-sustaining, with free will donations from attendees covering event costs. Activities organized by the Committee, however, are not always covered. Fortunately, several members of our congregation have become regular financial supporters of these activities, allowing us to continue hosting these events at no cost to the community.

As the Missions and Outreach Committee continues its 2025 activities, there is an opportunity to provide it with financial support. By becoming a “financial partner” of this Committee, you will not only help to underwrite the cost of these activities but also have the opportunity to assist with them.

The Lenten Fish Fries, the annual Back-to-School Backpack Drive, and a Sunday afternoon picnic at the Daily Bread mission are some of the Committee’s 2025 activities YTD. Although one-time donations played an important part in covering the costs of them, funds provided by “financial partners” helped guarantee their success. Having “financial partners” in place will ensure that activities such as these continue to flourish in 2025 and beyond.

If you are interested in becoming a “financial partner” of the Missions and Outreach Committee, please contact Rob Spicher (Committee Chair) at either 412-720-4589 or robert.spicher@pnc.com. Thank you for your financial support.

The Nyadire Connection Home of Hope

School Sponsorship Program for Orphans in Zimbabwe

The Nyadire Connection is a group of volunteers that has a passion to support the people of Nyadire, Zimbabwe during these difficult times. Our objective is to maintain an ongoing relationship with the people who live and work at the Mission and to provide needed supplies and equipment to sustain operations primarily of the hospital and the orphanage. During our travels to the United Methodist Mission in the rural area of Nyadire, Zimbabwe, over 500 children have been identified as orphans. This shockingly high rate is not unusual, as ¼ of all children in this country are orphaned. Some are with extended family, some are living on their own in their homesteads and villages, and some are leading their own households and are parenting their younger siblings. Going to school is a source of hope for the children as they try to make sense of their lives. However, school is not free, and uniforms are mandatory. The schools that they attend are community and government schools in the Nyadire catchment area. Political and economic hardships mean that fewer children have the resources to enroll in school. The Home of Hope Outreach School Sponsorship Program allows these children to receive the gift of an education. Sponsors have an opportunity to develop a relationship with their student as they exchange correspondence.

For the modest contribution of \$125/year, **you** can provide education to an orphan or student who would not be able to attend school otherwise. Some of us have supported the same student for several years and been blessed to exchange correspondence at least once, if not twice a year. Go to Nyadire.org and click the Quick Link “Sponsor an Orphan’s Education” OR call Louanne Baily (412 719-7063) and I’ll get a form to you.

Church Financial Information

Rob Spicher, Finance Committee Chair

Summarized below are the Church's 2024 actual, 2025 budgeted, and 2nd quarter 2025 actual financial results.

The 2025 budget projects a deficit of over \$100,000, assuming payment in full of the Connectional Contribution (aka Apportionment). A budget with a \$100,000+ deficit was also approved in 2024. Fortunately, numerous unbudgeted and special gifts resulted in a bottom line positive for the year. Based on YTD results through June, I am hopeful that the same result occurs in 2025!

The Finance Committee would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all whose pledges, non-pledged gifts, and other financial contributions ensure that our staff is paid, our buildings are maintained, and our ministries continue to flourish during 2025. We hope to continue this flourishing into the rest of the year!

Any questions regarding the actual and budget information shown below should be directed to Rob Spicher (Finance Committee Chair). He can be reached by calling the Church office (412-531-7131) or by e-mailing him at robert.spicher@pnc.com.

	2024	% Of	2025	% Of	2 nd Qrt. 2025	% Of
Church Budget	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Revenue:	\$814,416	103.2%	\$766,356	86.7%	\$435,956	100.1%
Expenses:						
Personnel	\$394,214	50.0%	\$422,528	47.4%	\$210,025	48.2%
Programs & Facilities	167,926	21.3%	207,960	23.4%	109,090	25.0%
Utilities & Taxes	101,233	12.8%	106,490	12.0%	59,975	13.8%
Insurance	64,893	8.2%	70,800	8.0%	36,021	8.3%
Connectional Contribution to WPA UM Conference*	49,923	6.3%	70,023	7.9%	15,000	3.4%
Loan Payments	11,251	1.4%	11,251	1.3%	5,626	1.3%
Total Expenses	\$789,440	100.0%	\$889,052	100%	\$435,737	100%
Total Net Income (Loss)	\$24,976		(\$122,696)		\$219	

* Payments in 2024 approximated 72% of the requested amount.

Net losses are covered by cash on hand, special gifts, and reserves.

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New Music Ministry Programs for Fall 2025

Services of Compline

September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

*First Tuesdays,
7:30 pm
(following Terrific Tuesday)*

Sunday Afternoon Organ Recitals

September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

*Third Sundays,
12:15 pm
(following Sunday worship;
Coffee Cafe open in the interval between)*