

We are exploring beginning our own chapter of **Messy Church** here at the Leechburg First UMC. Here is an overview of Messy Church for you to understand what we are hoping to accomplish.

Messy Church Is...

- a way of being church for families involving fun
- a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Savior
- found across the world
- values are about being Christ-centered, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality, and celebration
- a way to engage families for whom traditional Sunday morning church may not fit their life situations

Messy Church Is Not...

- just for families - All are welcome: single, widowed, childless, divorced. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- a quick fix - Growing disciples takes time. Messy Church has only been going a few years anywhere. It usually only meets once a month. Growth will probably be slow.
- an easy option - It takes money, time, prayer, commitment and energy from the church and leadership team.
- a drain on church resources - Yes, it will take money and time, effort and gifted people to run it, but it will give back in return a group of people who are fired up for mission, empowered by using their God-given gifts. It will spark off ideas and inspiration about what church is all about and will renew vision. It will grow goodwill in the neighborhood towards the church and, most importantly, provide the opportunity to do effective mission in your own community.

What We Do...

A welcome; a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games, and other activities; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are, and should include people of all ages, adults, and children.

If you think you might be interested in participating, please call or email the church office or Pastor Sara.

We would need help with crafts, celebration time (Bible story), hospitality, and meal preparation.

We are now **LIVESTREAMING** our Sunday worship services. You can find the link for joining YouTube to view the service in your weekly emails or you can go to our website at www.lfumc.org and click on the link there. You will also find a link to download a copy of the bulletin if you want. **Please note:**

1. If you want to view the announcements for the week as they scroll, you will want to join at 9:50 a.m.
2. If you only want to view the morning service, join us at 10:00 a.m.

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The Choir will meet tomorrow evening (Monday, September 13th) at 7:00 p.m. for a final and very important rehearsal for the memorial service Saturday at Delmont: Faith UMC.

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Outreach Committee will meet Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. after they make and distribute sandwiches in throughout the community.

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Our **Bible Study** entitled "Your Spiritual I.Q." continues Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. It's not too late to join.

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Nurture Committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 in the upstairs classroom. One of the items on the agenda is the discussion and planning for our Advent Dinner. Your ideas and input are vital to our planning. Please consider attending the meeting and sharing with us.

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The Caring Crock Pot Ministry will start this coming Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated as we venture out into a new area of ministry with the students from our local school. The funds for this ministry are being provided through our 213 Study Program.

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Helen Weaver celebrated her 93rd birthday this past Tuesday, September 7th. Is it too late to shower her with cards...NEVER!

Her address is:

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