

# A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.

Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.

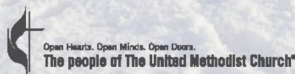
Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.

Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls*



January 13, 2019

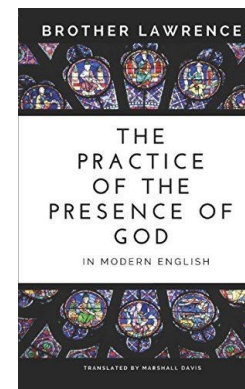
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME !** If you are a visitor or new to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church — we're glad you're here. Please sign the attendance sheet in the pew. Worship at our church is a joyful, prayerful, music-filled, traditional experience. We worship to glorify God and build up the community of believers to live in this world as followers of Jesus Christ.

The **8:30 am** service meets in Sanner Chapel, immediately inside the front entrance of the church, and the **10:45 am** service is in our beautiful sanctuary. Kids Praise, a special worship service for ages 3 - 3rd grade, takes place during our 10:45 Sunday service.



Each month this year, our church will be emphasizing one of our membership vows. In January we are focusing on prayer during our worship services and through a small group study. For more information on our church: [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org) or 412-531-7131.



## Small Group Study Emphasizing Prayer

Cindy Biery is leading a small group study of the book, *"Practicing the Presence of God Using Modern English,"* by Brother Lawrence. The group will meet once a month for 3 months from 1:00—2:30 in Brookline Parlor. The dates are Wednesday, January 30, February 13 and March 13. Sign up to join the group at the desk in the vestibule. In addition, Pastor Tom will lead two Terrific Tuesday discussions using the same book.

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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**TODAY!**



**German Lunch**  
Sunday January 13 @ 12:00  
Tickets \$10 (kids 12 and under \$5)



Applesauce Authentic Pork Schnitzel Spaetzle noodles  
Bratwurst Juice Sauerkraut Bread  
Coffee Apple streudel

Yes, you get **ALL THIS** for just \$10 !!!

\*Proceeds will benefit the ongoing partnership with Zwickau. Since 1996, our two churches have grown in friendship, fellowship, understanding Methodism, prayer, and spreading God's love and grace.

**TICKETS ON SALE TODAY**



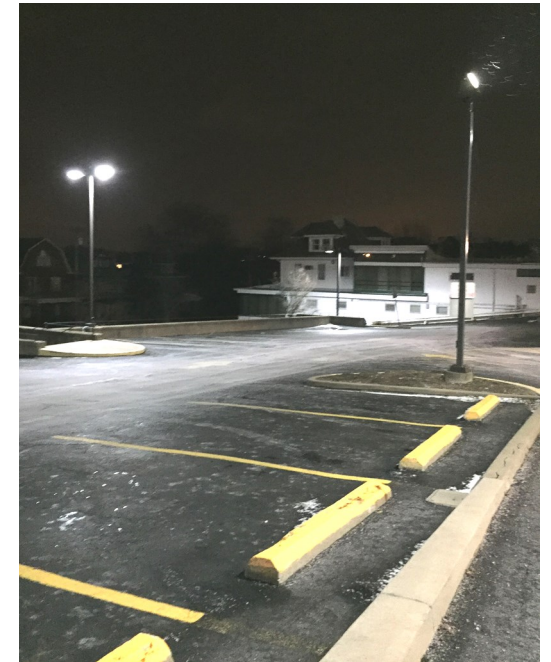
**Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner**

Boy Scout Troop 23 will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 19 from 4 -8 pm in Asbury Center. The cost is \$8, age 12 to adult, and \$5 for youth under age 12. The scouts are selling tickets today after services, or they are available the day of the dinner.

The meal includes homemade spaghetti sauce, salad, bread, beverage and dessert and most importantly, full service, just like a restaurant. The meal is also available for take out.

**The parking lot goes green  
..with LED bulbs.**

The Trustees are in the process of upgrading lighting around the church and parking lot to LED bulbs. This will improve visibility, safety, and operational costs. With all the lights on, our building shows that MLUMC is full of life all day long! By using LEDs we will also save energy and allow for more lighting at less cost. Soon we will be changing the Sanctuary over to LED bulbs. These upgrades were made possible by special end of the year gifts to the building fund. More on the lighting upgrades will be in the next edition of *The Window*, out in early March.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat., February 9 ~ 8 to 9:30 am**

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**  
3319 W. Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15216



**“What Do You Want?”**

**Chris Buda**

**Executive Director of  
The Pittsburgh Experiment**

**God wants to give you the desires of your heart. Are you bold enough to ask?**

Sign-up in church office or contact [Matt Baker, baker9400@yahoo.com](mailto:baker9400@yahoo.com)