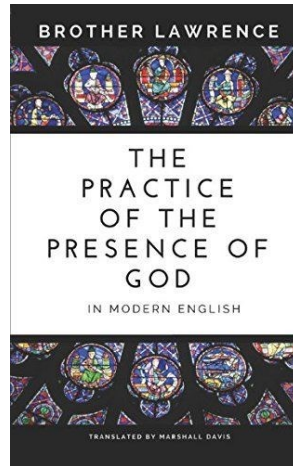


### Small Group Study Emphasizing Prayer

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.



### A Prayer for The United Methodist Church

The special called session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be meeting soon to decide *the way forward*. Local church members throughout Western Pennsylvania are invited to join in praying a special prayer each day until the Feb. 23-26 gathering in St. Louis. The following prayer was prepared by the Rev. Chris Kindle, WPAUMC Director of Discipleship.

Lord, we need you. Our church needs you. Our world needs you.

We acknowledge that we often feel that we are right and others are wrong. Forgive us for treating those we disagree with poorly.

We ask that you would protect us from ourselves. Help us to see only you, help us to seek only you. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We lift General Conference 2019 before you and ask that your Spirit would lead the delegates. We pray that the way we respond would not harm anyone, but rather would point them to you. Help us to show the world your love through the ways we work with one another. Amen.



January 20, 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.



There is no fear in love.  
*Perfect love casts out fear.*  
1 John 4:18

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.

### January 27 Prayer Walk

On Sunday January 27, after both services, interested people may join a group that will walk throughout the church and pray at various places, lifting up the people and ministries that meet in our facility. This should last for 20 minutes, but you are free to leave earlier if you need to do so. Judi Phelps will lead the group following the 8:30 service while Pastor Tom and John Esaias will lead the group after the 10:45 service. Please meet at the communion rail in Sanner Chapel at 9:30 or the sanctuary communion rail after the 10:45 service. Certainly the Lord will bless our efforts as we lift up our ministries and our building to fulfill His mission.

(more prayer emphasis on the back page)

**Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church**

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Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor [tstrandburg@mlumc.org](mailto:tstrandburg@mlumc.org)





## HELP WANTED:



### Communion Steward Volunteers

Volunteers are  
needed monthly  
to set up

worship service locations for communion. Tasks include gathering supplies, assembling trays with plastic cups and bread, filling cups, and positioning trays on the communion rails. **Please call the church office if you are interested in helping: 412-531-7131 .**

## Lifting Up Hungry People

The Food Lift is looking for a few volunteers—sturdy lads and lasses to pick up donated food from groceries and bakeries and deliver the food to hungry people. The Food Lift works 365 days a year, so whatever your schedule—we can use you. **For more info, call Don Langston— 412-894-5559.**



## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

MLUMC's Food Pantry is a very active ministry serving over 180 individuals within 75 families. The need is great and requires an abundance of dedicated volunteers to shop, pack, distribute and deliver food to our growing number of clients. Additional volunteers are needed, especially to shop, deliver and distribute food. Join our volunteer group to help those who depend on our services to feed their families. The time commitment is minimal but the joy of helping others is a blessing! **Please call Liz DiPietro at 412-279-4592 for information on how you can become involved.**

## Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program January

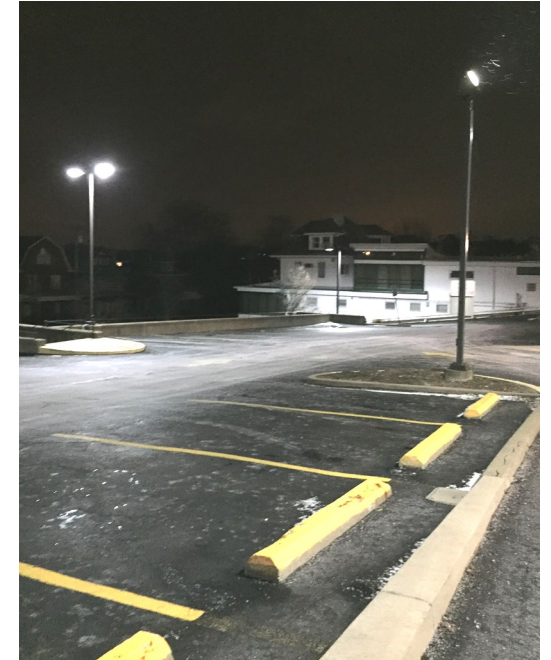
Please  
donate  
paper  
products



Drop-off box near  
entrance to Food Pantry

## 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. Feb. 9 8-9:30 am  
Mt. Lebanon UMC

**"What Do You Want?"**  
Chris Buda, Executive Director  
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)

## Resuming January 29

# TERRIFIC TUESDAY

6 pm—Dinner in Asbury Center  
6:30-7:30 pm—Activity for all ages:  
Children's Choir, youth discussion  
groups, adult study and discussion