

Kerygma Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am The Library

Jan. 27 Retreat

Feb. 3 Jeff Thayer: Dead Sea Scrolls Pt 2

Feb. 10 Hazel Cope: WWI Peace Makers

Feb. 17 Clark Remington: Practices of Christian Contemplation: Centering Prayer, Meditation, Lectio Divina

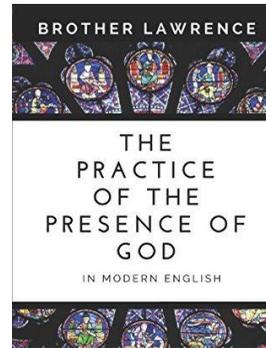
Feb. 24 Pastor Tom Strandburg: The Life and Ministry of the Apostle Paul

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*All Are Welcome*

### 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. *The books are available in the church office.*



### 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.*

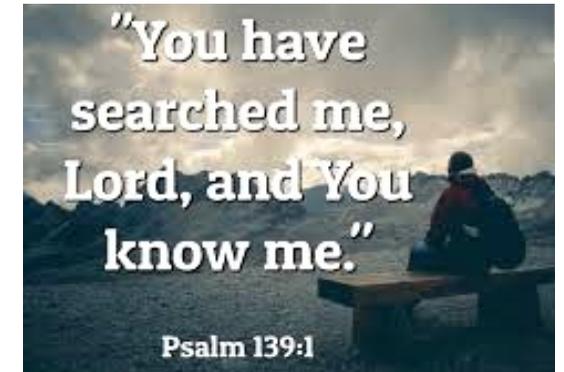
*We lift General Conference 2019 before you and ask that your Spirit would lead the delegates. We pray that the way we respond would not harm anyone, but rather would point them to you. Help us to show the world your love through the ways we work with one another. Amen.*



January 27, 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.

### Prayer Walk Today

Today, 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**

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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## Corner Stories

### Lenten Storytellers and Listeners

We've all heard the stories of strangers on the radio: the doctor rushing off to India; the hurricane survivors; persons faced with a difficult or humorous situation in their lives. Some of us are even guilty of sitting in our cars, with the radio on, just to hear the end of the story. As fascinating as the radio stories are, we all have those stories in our lives. Come join us, as a story teller or a listener, in a new Lenten program "Corner Stories."

For this new program, we are requesting people select a Bible passage that has special meaning to them, and in story form share the events that magnified that verse in their own life; disclosing how the Bible has served as a guide in their life.

We are seeking both story tellers and listeners. For 4 Sunday evenings in March (March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st) we will meet in the Welcome Center, 7-8 pm. Each week we plan to have 2 people share their 15-20 minute story; followed by a social time to informally discuss the experiences and reflection on the highlighted Bible verses.

If you are interested in participating as a story teller, please contact Francie Robb at 412-343-5456 or [fcrobb@comcast.net](mailto:fcrobb@comcast.net) or Joanne Dempe at 412-980-5046 or [jdempe@verizon.net](mailto:jdempe@verizon.net). We will follow up with you to make final arrangements.

We are excited to create a new opportunity to share our lives with each other and God during the upcoming Lenten season. We hope you can join us, once, twice or whatever fits your schedule.



## 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. 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.**

**JANUARY DONATION—PAPER PRODUCTS  
DROP OFF BOX NEAR ENTRANCE TO FOOD PANTRY**

## 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.**



**THIS TUESDAY!**

**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



**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  
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