

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 meets once a month for 3 months from 1—2:30 in Brookline Parlor. The remaining dates are Feb. 13 and Mar. 13. Sign up to join the group at the desk in the vestibule. In addition, Pastor Tom is leading Terrific Tuesday discussions using the same book. *The books are available in the church office.*

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 or Joanne Dempe at 412-980-5046 or 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.



Communion Quiz Answers

1. The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is: all of the above names are used by United Methodists.
2. The word “Eucharist” is derived from the Greek word for: thanksgiving.
3. The term “open communion” means everyone is invited to the communion table if they: all of the above.
4. Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because: all of the above.
5. There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church: false.

February 3, 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 February we are focusing on our vow of presence with and for God through church attendance. For more information on our church: www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131.



Church Council Meeting

Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 pm, Wesley Hall

Brave the cold weather to find out what’s happening at the church. We’ll be discussing our endowment funds and the church’s 2019 emphasis on membership vows.

ALL ARE INVITED.

Blood Pressure Screenings Today

Stop in Brookline Parlor after the 10:45 service for a blood pressure check from the MLUMC Health Ministry (WHOM). The ministry team nurses offer screenings the first Sunday of every month.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

3319 W. Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15216 412-531-7131 mlumc.org

Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor tstrandburg@mlumc.org





February Food Pantry Donation of the Month Program

Please
donate
peanut
butter
& jelly



Drop-off box near
entrance to Food Pantry

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

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**
Mar. 3 Pastor Tom Strandburg: **The Life and Ministry of the Apostle Paul**
All Are Welcome

Food Pantry Donations

It's hunkering down time. As we make our trips to the grocery store for bread and milk before the next Arctic blast sets in, let's not forget our food pantry families.

This month's donation is easy. Choose a jar of peanut butter and a jar of jelly to include with your groceries. Then, the next time you come to the church, place them on the shelves right inside the food pantry entry door, or in a drop-off box near the entry. Help the pantry keep the shelves stocked during these very challenging times for our food pantry members.



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sat. Feb. 9 8-9:30 am

REVEILLE

"What Do You Want?"

Chris Buda, Executive Director

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



Sign-up in church office or contact
Matt Baker, baker9400@yahoo.com

The United Methodist Communion Quiz

On this first Sunday of the month, we are invited to receive God's gift to us, Holy Communion. But how much do we know about this sacrament in the United Methodist Church? Let's take a short quiz to find out!

- The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is:
 - The Lord's Supper
 - Holy Communion
 - Eucharist
 - All of the above names are used by United Methodists.
- The word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word(s) for:
 - Bread
 - Meal
 - Thanksgiving
 - "Let's eat!"
- The term "open communion" means everyone is invited to the communion table if they...
 - Love Jesus
 - Earnestly repent of their sins
 - Seek peace with one another
- Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because:
 - Pastors riding the circuit could not visit every church every Sunday
 - When pastors were not available, laity (who cannot give communion) led worship
 - Methodists got used to the irregular schedule of communion
 - All of the above
- There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church.
 - True
 - False

Answers on the next page!

You can help our church prepare for The Lord's Supper by volunteering to be a Communion Steward:

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 .**