

February 10, 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

Scout Sunday at MLUMC

Today is Scout Sunday. This is the day our church, which charters Boy Scout Troop #23 and Cub Scout Pack #870 celebrates and recognizes scouting. You will see members of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts serving as greeters, an acolyte and readers of Scripture. Last week the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 109th anniversary. There will be light refreshments after the service in Asbury.

Vow of Presence

Last Sunday 50 people brought forth their attendance pledges with just a few minutes advanced notice! How inspiring to know members are willing to pledge their vow of presence so quickly. Each Sunday in February, members will be given the opportunity to bring their pledges of attendance to the communion rail during worship. *(continued on next page)*

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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(Vow of Presence continued)

We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you are willing to pledge during Lent, and we hope many members make a major effort to honor this vow as often as possible during the Lenten season. Those who desire to do so will become part of an “online class” where we will exchange emails that comment about practicing our vow of presence during the Lenten season. In addition, participants will receive short Lenten devotionals throughout the Lenten season.

Each Sunday, the pledge forms will be available in your bulletin or on the table in the vestibule.

Vow of Prayer

This Wednesday— 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. It is not too late to sign up to participate. The remaining dates are this Wednesday, Feb. 13 and next month, 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.

February 24:

All-Church Soup & Salad Luncheon

All are invited to join the UMW for a relaxing and fun soup & salad lunch after the 10:45 service on **Sunday, February 24 in Asbury Center.**

Two kinds of soup will be offered, including a vegetarian option. We’ll also serve a crisp salad, drinks and dessert , plus PB&J and chips for the children. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other members of your church family.



February 24 thru March 3

Our next Family Promise week will be from Sunday, February 24 until Sunday, March 3. Many volunteers will be needed to make our guest families welcome. We'll need people to cook and serve dinners, drive the families between our church and the Family Promise center in Crafton, serve as hosts either evenings or overnights at the church. We don't expect anyone to do ALL of these jobs of course, but if you have a couple of spare hours during that week, please contact Michael Naragon at NaragonM@winchesterthurston.org

This frigid weather makes us even more conscious of how awful it must be to be on the cusp of homelessness, and we are grateful to the Family Promise organization who make it possible for us to help alleviate the problem for some very worthwhile families.

Kerygma Adult Sunday School

9:30-10:30 am The Library

- 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 & Ministry of the Apostle Paul**
- Mar. 3 Pastor Tom Strandburg: **The Life & Ministry of the Apostle Paul**
- Mar. 10 Monica Kao: **What is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters & Stories Can Transform the Way You Think & Feel About Everything.**
- Mar. 13: Monica Kao: **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi**

All Are Welcome



**Food Pantry
Donation
of the Month
Program**

**Please
donate
peanut
butter
& jelly**



**Drop-off box near
entrance to Food Pantry**

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.



Three Cheers for Washington City Ministries

A representative from Washington City Ministries is coming to Homebuilders class next Sunday, Feb. 17, to give us an update on their ministries. We also want to thank them for continuing to pick up our left-overs from our rummage sales. Anyone who has worked on the rummage sales is encouraged to come by to meet Cassie, their spokes person. Washington City Ministries is our best partner in mission.