

February 17, 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

Vow of Presence

To date, over 70 people brought forth their attendance pledges. Each Sunday in February, members will be given the opportunity to bring their pledges of attendance to the communion rail during worship. Pledge forms will be available on the table in the Narthex.

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. If you do not have access to email we will send you copies of correspondence via surface mail.

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS

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



Next Sunday, 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.**

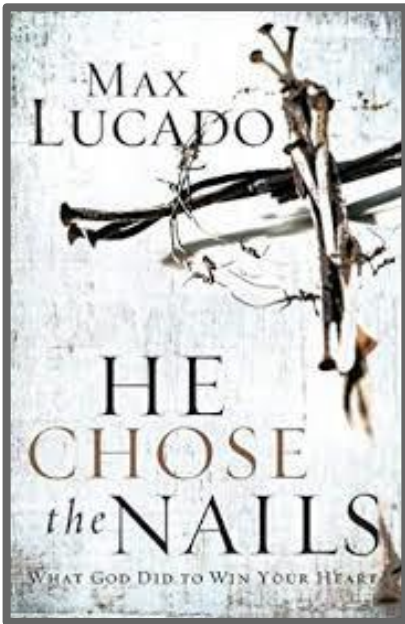
Two kinds of soup will be offered, including a vegetarian option. We'll also serve a crisp salad, drinks and dessert , plus PB&J and chips for the children. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other members of your church family.



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.



Lenten Study for Terrific Tuesday
He Chose the Nails,
What God Did to Win Your Heart

What are the gifts that Christ gave to us at his crucifix? Pastor Tom will lead a study answering this question, based on Max Lucado's book and DVD, *He Chose the Nails, What God Did to Win Your Heart*. In five Terrific Tuesday sessions, the adult discussion will examine not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails and the empty tomb.

Join us for the *He Chose the Nails* Lenten Study on the following Terrific Tuesdays:

March 12, 19, & 26

April 2 & 9

April 9 will be the final Terrific Tuesday until fall. Terrific Tuesdays include dinner and are from 6-7:30 pm in Asbury Center.

Corner Stories

Lenten Storytellers & Listeners

7 pm The Welcome Center

4 Sunday Evenings in March

March 10, 17, 24 and 31

For info contact:

Francie Robb

412-343-5456

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

- Feb. 17 Hazel Cope: **WWI Peacemakers**
- 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**

Become a Greeter: Extend a Welcome Hand

The Sunday morning greeter is often the first person a visitor or member contacts on entering the church. A greeter's smile, handshake and cheerful words may set the tone for not only a church goer's worship experience, but also an entire day. MLUMC is in need of Sunday morning greeters, particularly for the 8:30 am service. Consider serving at one of the two worship services. You'll become a vital part of the church's ministry of hospitality and make new friends. If you can offer this service once or twice a year, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the office.

Greeter Volunteer Name _____

Worship service choice _____ 8:30 _____ 10:45

Phone # _____ **email** _____

Community Events and Outreach Committee 2019 Events

The Community Events and Outreach Committee is organizing a number of 2019 events. Plan to attend, and if you wish, volunteer for as many events as you can. To learn more about the committee or to volunteer for an event, contact Rob Spicher, Chair, at robert.spicher@pnc.com or 412-720-4589.

*EECM = East End Cooperative Ministries

SCHEDULE

January – None

February – *EECM Dinner (2/24)

March – Community Fish Fry (3/8)

April – Lenten Luncheon (4/6)
Community Fish Fry (4/19)
*EECM Dinner (4/28)

May – None

June – *EECM Dinner (6/23)
Community Barbecue (6/29)

July – None

August – *EECM Dinner (8/25)

September – None

October – Community Fall Festival (10/19)
*EECM Dinner (10/27)

November – Thanksgiving Meal (11/28)

December – Christmas Caroling (12/15)
*EECM Dinner (12/22)
Christmas Meal (12/25)

*EECM, East End Cooperative Ministries Dinners, are served on site at their East Liberty location across the street from the Home Depot; the Christmas Meal is served on-site at Castle Shannon Presbyterian Church; all other events originate on-site at MLUMC

Volunteers Needed – Please Reply

Community Events and Outreach Committee Community Fish Fry Dinners Friday, March 8th & Good Friday, April 19th

The Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church Community Events and Outreach Committee will be sponsoring two fish fry dinners this season and invites you to come join us as we serve the surrounding community.

We are in our fourth year of providing a free fish fry to the surrounding community. Our goal is to extend our hospitality to those in the community and feed those who are hungry. The event will have a free will offering and all proceeds go toward our food pantry mission. We are delighted to be working with the MLUMC Food Lift. The Food Lift will once again be providing bread and produce for those in need at the event.

We need help in the following areas. If you can make yourself available for either or both events, **please email** and let us know the date(s) and your work preference.

Food Plating

Fry Cook/Runner

Dessert Station

Bus Tables

Drink Station

Greeters/Hospitality

Clean Up

Event Setup (day prior)

Yours in Service,
Karen Manning
ciscomanning1@gmail.com

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS @ 2 CHURCHES

Free and open to all. Donations gratefully accepted

Menus at both churches include baked and fried fish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, fries and an assortment of desserts

MLUMC Community Fish Fry Dinners

Friday, March 8
& Good Friday
April 19

4 -7 pm
Asbury Ctr.

Dine-in
or Take-out



Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Please join us for our 2019

FISH FRY DINNERS



Fridays – March 15, 22 & 29

4pm to 7pm (Dine in or Take out is available)

3104 West Liberty Ave, Dormont 15216

FREE (although donations are accepted)

Call 412-531-9363 for information

Serving Fried or Baked Fish, Mac and Cheese,
Apple Sauce, Rolls, Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw,
French Fries, Pierogies, and homemade desserts



Thank You, Mission Committee

The Food Lift™ is calling out a big Thank You to the Mission Committee for the warm and fuzzy greenies—winter hats with the words “Food Lift Volunteer” embroidered on them. The attractive hats are not only necessary during this crazy winter weather but also serve to identify the volunteers as they pick up and deliver food to hungry people. Pictured in their hats are Pastor Kim and Jim Lutz who had picked up many loaves of bread from The BreadWorks Bakery on the Northside and delivered them to the Salvation Army on the Southside and then to our church for later distribution.

Three Cheers for Washington City Ministries

A representative from Washington City Ministries is coming to Homebuilders class today, 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. We encourage all to come by to meet Cassie, their spokes person. Washington City Ministries is our best partner in mission.