

March 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. **For more information on our church:** www.mlumc.org or 412-531-7131.



Each month this year, our church will emphasize one of our membership vows. In March we are focusing on our vow of giving.

Vow of Giving

In March, we will emphasize the membership vow of giving to the church. While there are many types of gifts we can offer to our church, we will emphasize financial gifts at this time. The Church Council and Finance Committee have approved an emphasis on growing our endowment, supporting building maintenance through the project of two Eagle Scouts and supporting missions through contributions to UMCOR, our United Methodist organization that supports emergency needs due to disasters. On March 31, we will receive a fifth Sunday offering in designated envelopes that will support the Boy Scout building project and/or UMCOR.

On the next page are the current endowment funds that specifically support various church groups and missions as well as the church's general fund. Over the years, we have built the endowment to \$1.2 million dollars. While this is a large sum, our consultant, Dr. Scott McKenzie, has recommended that we grow our endowment above \$2 million to ensure that a church of our size can sustain itself for many years to come.

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Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

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(Vow of Giving continued)

You are encouraged to give prayerful consideration to begin an endowment fund as others have done in previous years. In the near future, more information will be provided regarding tax advantages for establishing an endowment fund.

Endowment Funds and Their Purposes

Harold and Murl Heard - Missions

Larson - Community Outreach Activities

Mary K. Gibson - Worship and other ministries

Arthur and Marian Belton - Scholarship

Brookline - Various Ministries as well as supports general fund

Pat and Betty Lou Albright - Missions

Elizabeth Stevenson - Youth Activities

Kathryn Wasser - Scholarship

Second Mile - Missions

Shoff Youth Director - salary support for youth director

Rumberger - Supplements General Fund

Connections Apportionment - helps fund payment of Apportionment to Western PA

Ella Ion - Supports Food Pantry

Music Ministry - Music Program

John and Mary Taylor - supplements general fund

Anne E. Worthy - Scholarship

Shumaker Trust - supports families and individuals in need as well as the music program

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church - many contributors to this fund over the years. Interest provides direct support to the general fund.

Wickline - Music Ministry

March 6, Ash Wednesday Services

- 6:30—9 am Sanctuary at your convenience, silent Communion, ashes available
- 7 pm Sanner Chapel, service with communion, imposition of ashes



Blood Pressure Screenings Today

Stop in to 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.

Church Council Meeting

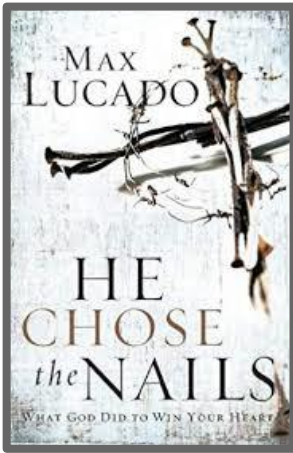
Monday, March 4 at 7 pm, Wesley Hall

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.**

March 12th:

A Special Terrific Tuesday

Come to an evening of fun and food in Asbury Center on Tuesday, March 12th at 6 pm. It's a special youth Terrific Tuesday fundraiser! Members of the youth group will prepare the dinner and a program, all to raise money for their summer mission trip to Marian, Virginia. Help the youth meet their fundraising goal of \$1,500, and enjoy dinner and entertainment with your friends.



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 19, & 26 and 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**

**Joanne Dempe
412-980-5046**





Asbury Bake Sale Asbury Heights Friday, March 8

It's time for the annual Asbury

Bake Sale and we need your delicious contributions. Asbury's residents look forward to these sweet treats, so please consider donating homemade cake slices, cookies, cupcakes, sweet rolls, tarts, fudge and other baked goods.

Donations should be packaged in small amounts (for 1 or 2 people) and labeled, paying special attention to ingredients causing allergies, such as eggs, nuts, peanut butter and chocolate, or specially made, such as "gluten-free" or "diabetic-friendly."

Baked goods can be dropped off in our church's Asbury kitchen on Thursday, March 7 or on Friday morning, March 8, directly at Asbury Heights .

Flower Prices

Due to the price increase in the flower arrangements for our church services, several volunteers diligently worked to bring the price back down so that our members can enjoy the beautiful flowers at a more affordable price point.

Therefore, we have changed suppliers, and the new pricing beginning in March will be \$33 per arrangement. Altar flowers will be \$33 and chancel will be \$66. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



March UMW Meeting Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial Thursday, March 14 11 am Wesley Hall

Join the UMW on Thurs., March 14 at 11 am. in Wesley Hall for our monthly meeting and annual call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

This year, our theme is "Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide." At the meeting, we'll reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together and make an offering to mission with women, children and youth in response to God's love and grace.

After the program, plan to stay for a light lunch. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 412.531.7131. Drop-ins are welcome, too





East End Cooperative Ministries' Dinner

Through last Sunday's stormy, windy weather, 11 friends and members of MLUMC drove to East End Cooperative Ministries in East Liberty. They carried in a feast of mostly prepared foods to serve dinner for 49 residents in the Ministries' IMPACTS transitional program.

The food was either purchased or donated through The Food Lift and included telapia, pulled pork, tuna melts, hot dogs, baked beans, chicken and mac & cheese, as well as an array of desserts. Neither the storm nor the

intermittent power outage could keep the grateful and hungry residents from enjoying the delicious spread.

The Community Events and Outreach Committee is coordinating the EECM dinners, scheduled for the fourth Sunday of even months. To volunteer for the next dinner in April, contact Don Langston, 412-894-5559.



The MLUMC serving crew, including three generations of family

Kerygma Adult Sunday School — *All Are Welcome*

9:30-10:30 am The Library

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. 17 Monica Kao: **Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi**

Mar. 24 Rob Bellamy: **The Creation of the Canon**

Mar. 31 Rob Bellamy: **The Creation of the Canon**

It's a Guy Thing Men's Group Sat. March 9 8 am Asbury Ctr.

Upcoming *It's a Guy Thing* Gatherings:

3/9/19

4/13/19

5/11/19 (Reveille)

6/8/19

7/13/19

8/10/19 (Reveille)

9/14/19

10/12/19

11/9/19 (Reveille)

12/14/19



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 _____

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 7 pm (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