

May 2015



**May
Worship Services**
8:30 & 10:45 am

May 3rd

Weekly Meditations
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Communion
Reverend Kaller Preaching

May 10th

Weekly Meditations
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Reverend Kaller Preaching

May 17th

Weekly Meditations
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

**Coffee Fellowship
after 10:45 Service**

May 24th

Weekly Meditations
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 31st

Weekly Meditations
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"On the first day of the week when Jesus resurrected, the disciples met behind locked door. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" **John 20: 19-23 NRSV**

We live in days when people are busy, their lives are hectic, their children are committed to all kinds of activities, and sometimes God fails to get first place in our priorities. Sometimes God doesn't even rate second or third. God might not even be in the top ten. Thomas, one of the twelve disciples was not able to be at the first assembly, so he missed something that could never be duplicated. Others told him about their encounter with Jesus, but Thomas learned the hard way that there are some things you just have to see for yourself. You never know what you'll miss when you fail to come to church.

According to the above Scripture, when we fail to gather with one another and worship God, we will miss the ***Presence of the Lord, the Peace of the Lord, the Praises of the Lord, the Promotions of the Lord, the Provisions of the Lord and the Power of the Lord.*** This is why being faithful to church is vitally important.

In addition, we will also miss the fellowship of one another. Once a nobleman in Europe wondered what legacy he should leave for the townspeople. Finally, he decided to build them a church. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty. Then someone asked, *"But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"* The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. *"Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted,"* the nobleman said. *"Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."*

Furthermore, Pastor Alan Carr said, *"An absence from church is a vote to close the doors! It is a testimony to the world that your life is more important than God's worship,"* Studies show that the reason democracy works in America is because in the past, Americans attended church every week. They follow the rules because they have come to believe that they were not just accountable to society, but are accountable to God. Harvard Professor Clayton Christensen said, *"If religion lose its influence over the lives of Americans, what will happen to our democracy; where are the institution that are going to teach the next generation of Americans that they too, need to voluntarily chose to obey the law."*

Brothers and Sisters, God has something special for each one of us when we gather in God's name. When we come to church to worship God, we are proclaiming faith in the Risen Lord. We are teaching our children the importance of God's house and to be accountable not only to society, but more importantly to God. We are building a wall of protection around our heart and life. We are strengthening our faith and growing in the Lord. We need the church and what it offers. Let's keep the house of God well lighted and inviting so others would want to come to witness the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please check out the followed "youtube." Harvard Professor: 90 seconds you would not want to miss.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=YjntXYDPw44&sns=em

*Joyfully Your Pastor
Kelly Van*

Celebrations in May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1st- Charlotte Havemann

Peg Pecher

May 5th- Pastor Kelly Van

May 7th- Debbie Belander

May 7th- Don Mueggenborg

May 17th- Sonia Vavra

May 17th- Chloe Vavra

May 18th- Tyler Rainaldi



ANNIVERSARY

May 13th- Jason & Jodi Stood

May 24th- Michael & Deborah
Chappell

Worship Committee Researching Enhancements for the Sanctuary and Services

The Worship Committee is involved in a joint project with the Trustee Committee. This project involves new lighting in the sanctuary and new audio/visual equipment that will allow graphic and textual enhancements during the service. The Trustee Committee is contacting vendors for lighting that will increase what we currently have and also switching the church to LED fixtures that are more energy efficient. The Worship Committee is researching screens and computer programming that will update and enrich the worship experience for our congregation. These upgrades will allow scripture and song lyrics to be displayed where all can see, even when standing and singing, as well as add graphics or video that support the theme of the sermon. Ultimately, this ties in to videotaping the services to reach out to our members and the community who are not in attendance. Though we are small, we are committed to increasing the disciples of Jesus Christ through our ministry.

When all is finished, the Worship Committee will be looking for interested individuals who would be willing to monitor the presentation equipment for each service. Our hope is that we would have enough people that felt they could serve the church in this way so that no one person would be solely responsible. Please think about this for the future. Remember, we would make sure that you would be trained and comfortable with the job.

Jana Stelter

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Naperville MS Walk

Heidi Dupont is going to attempt this year's MS walk in Naperville on May 3 at 8 a.m. along with Rich Lee and Sue Rago (Friedley).

If anyone would like to be a sponsor or join her team, call her at [630-257-5180](tel:630-257-5180) and contributions are tax-deductible.



Thank You to David Gessner for guiding our Praise Band in leading our family worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Thank you to all Praise Band members for your commitment and dedication. We appreciate you sharing your skill and talents to praise God!

This time I want to start with a young reader book, "The Peacemakers." The book was put out by Filipinos. Filipinos wrote it and did all the necessary publishing. But the idea of the book came from a Methodist missionary to the Philippines. In it are several short stories that describe the life and people there. People there communicate with God probably a lot more than we do, because they realize it is He who directs their lives. They have less than we do, but are more grateful, thankful, for what they are allowed.

In one of the stories we learn about the soldiers who took a Dad, a lawyer for the people, away, but marvel at the family who perseveres and finally is reunited with Dad. In another, there is Evan and the remote control truck. Also, Doming works to help his family, but has a dream of going to college. Then a factory is built in his town and lures him away. There are several other stories in which, the people's dependence on God for help for their situations is shown. He is in control, they know.

There are several other stories in which, the people's dependence on God for help for their situation is shown. He is in control, they know. In our Sunday bulletin is a list of people who need special prayers. The book, "Daily Word for Healing" might be a help to you in praying for them. Identify the need and then turn to the article which addresses the need.

For example, I see that in each list is a need for healing from a physical sickness, that could be addressed by the prayer for a positive attitude to help the body ward off the negative bacteria. I know that many sick people are too ill to pray a prayer for positive attitude. They feel too negative. So we must pray for their good. Look around you there are probably people not listed on the prayer list, or maybe they are, for example for being out of a job, having trouble with a family member, losing of finances etc. These people need wisdom and confidence. The articles on "Making Decisions" and "Feeling Confident" will help. God knows who they are.. Of course, don't forget the "Answered Prayer."

In large print, by noted Christian writer, Max Lucado is "God Came Near." These are short stories about God coming as **Jesus**-that's how He came near.

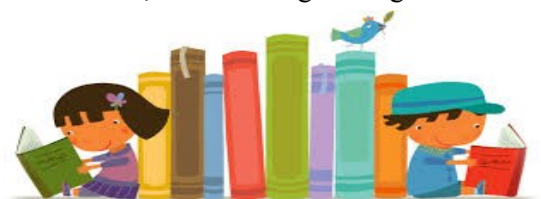
Moments that remind you God is directing the universe and all in it. For example, the moment my granddaughter spending the night at my house complained that she couldn't sleep because the crickets were too loud. I laughed, then thought how special that her mind (she was about 4) thought that. A mind that God had come near and formed. I think I told her to think the crickets were singing to her to go to sleep.

Pastor suggested that each of us take 10 minutes each day to meditate on what God would have us pray about. This book suggests several thoughts, and answers them citing references in the Bible as to what Jesus would do. He had direct power to the Father. He often healed the sick.

We can pray and use our minds to ask God about a situation.

Also in large print is the book "American Heroes" whose stories show their courage, integrity, and compassion. Billy Graham's life is described, his time at Wheaton college, one of his philosophies: the only lasting peace and security is God himself- is shown to be the way he lived. Did you know he was the first foreign-born evangelist to be allowed in North Korea? Over the years he has had evangelism meetings that have been attended by over 100 million people. Graham says he hopes that people learn to love one another-that has been one theme in his constant talks.

There are other stories, for example, Johnny Cash, Colin Powell, Betty Ford, Sammy Lee, the first Asian American to win a gold medal in the Olympics. He had to overcome the obstacle of prejudice, his own and ours. They all lived, probably sinfully, as we have, but showing courage and wis-



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Here's a recap of our Sr. High Youth Group for April...

Fly With Us!

For April, members of the LUMC Sr. High Youth Group had the unique experience of flying! We started with dinner and lesson at the church where we talked about the Holy Spirit. We learned how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples on a great wind and that we each have the Holy Spirit inside of us. We just need to call on it to accomplish God's will...be it big or small. The best way to discover God's will is to build a relationship with God and be open to Him. We are assured that the will of God will never take us where the grace of God will not protect us (Psalm 91) and we can know we

are on the right track when our decisions bring us peace. We were encouraged to let God be the wind beneath our wings and to fly to our full potential, knowing that God will guide and protect us. Then we actually did some indoor skydiving in Naperville, an indoor skydiving venue. After donning flight suits and helmets, we received a briefing and then floated in the air and experienced free-fall without the aid of a parachute. It was a unique and exhilarating experience and the event fulfilled the purpose of Q-Quest.

The Sr. High Youth Group will hold one more event in May before our summer break. Stay tuned for details.



Then we were actually flying at iFly indoor skydiving. We wore flight suits and helmets, and experienced great winds and free-fall. It was just like skydiving without the scary height, jump, or parachute. It was a unique and exhilarating experience and fulfilled the purpose of the "Scripture" quadrant. The Sr. High Youth Group will hold one more event in

Mrs. Peraino and Mrs. Kirkman



MAY 2015

RAINBOW COVENANT

May Loose Change Sunday (5/24/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For May, we are highlighting the **red band charity, Tree of Life Ministry**. This ministry with Lakota Native Americans addresses needs on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota. They provide groceries and meals to the hungry; repairs to sub-standard homes; and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language. Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to help the Tree of Life Ministry provide these services. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Tree of Life" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Peace with Justice Sunday (5/31/15)

The Second Sunday in Pentecost, May 31st, focuses on the United Nations and its peace objectives. This special offering is designated for peace with justice ministries. It will be divided equally between the Annual Conference and the General board of Church and Society.



May God's many blessings
Be yours forever more
And may you know you're valued
And loved by the Lord
Especially on this day
That we have set aside
To show our appreciation
To the Mothers in our lives.

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Worship Committee News

The Worship committee has been brainstorming ways to make our church welcoming to all. One way was to create a coffee nook available to all, complete with K-cups and chairs. Though the table we purchased is on backorder, we did not want to wait. Please feel free to make yourself a cup of coffee.

There are hot cups with lids provided to minimize spills. Gallons of water to refill the reservoir are stored in the basket below. You can use the K-cups provided or bring your own. We do have a donation vessel. Any donations will be used to replenish our supplies.

Please enjoy!

OPEN PANTRY

The Open Pantry is in need of volunteers. An extra person is needed for the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 AM and someone else the third Monday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The Open Pantry is also in need of drivers to pick up the Panera Bread donation and deliver it to the church. The pickup time at Panera is from 5:30 to 6:15 AM on Wednesday. I would like three volunteers so each of us would only need to do it once a month. Pastor Kelly is currently doing this mission and is looking for some help this summer. The Postal Carrier Food Drive for the Open Pantry is happening May 9, 2015. There is a need for volunteers and vehicles, since the food needs to be picked up and delivered to our pantry. Also, the open pantry is currently out of some of the popular food items. If you are able to donate, they are looking for macaroni and cheese and boxed noodle sides.



Please contact Deborah Chappell with questions to volunteer.

Liturgist Schedule

May 03rd

8:30—Sue Gergesch
10:45—Margaret Flynn

May 10th

8:30—Jana Stelter
10:45—Judy Janovyak

May 17th

8:30—Bill Stelter
10:45—Richard Lee

May 24th

8:30—Paulette Fries
10:45—

May 31st

8:30—
10:45—Peg Pecher

The Greatest Suffering

By Richard H. Lee

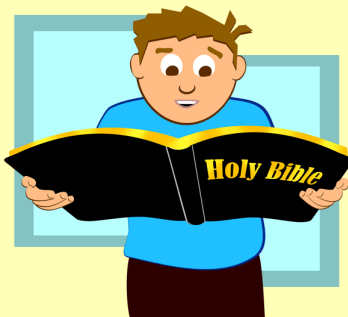
This Easter season brings reminders of new life and the suffering of Christ and I saw in my Email a few verses from the Bible that were surprising to me. It's been a while since I read the Bible account in Isaiah 53 and the suffering of the Messiah is astounding. I like the wording of the new Living Translation for its modern and more understandable language.

All of these predictions were fulfilled exactly, even how he would be buried in verse 9 and how His sacrifice would bear the sins of many and intercede for sinners (v.12). He was predicted to be a common man, not beautiful or majestic (v.2) And then His treatment and rejection in verses 3 to 7; "He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows, acquainted with the bitterest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised and we did not care. Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from god for His own sins. But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped and we were healed!"

Now my favorite verse in verse 7; "He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter." To visualize this suffering, also known as the "Passion" you need to see the video on YouTube, "Everything I Do" with the song sung by and composed by Brian Adams in 1992. You may break down as I do when you see all that Christ suffered and the brutality at the website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaN_eeytTE

And don't forget that he will be given great honor, glorified, and taken up to heaven so His reward will be great. See Isaiah 60 for that great prophecy.



Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott

Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Children's Message
Schedule**

**May 3rd
Pastor Kelly**

**May 10th
Ron Walter**

**May 17th
Pastor Kaller**

May 24th

May 31st



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**Schedule for Sunday
Greeters**

**May 3rd
8:30-Jaunita Fick
10:45-Margaret Flynn**

**May 10th
8:30—Stelter Family
10:45—Phillips Family**

**May 17th
8:30—Ende Family
10:45—Woytek Family**

**May 24th
8:30—Don & Pat Farrer
10:45—Cheehy Family**

**May 31st
8:30-
10:45-Bill & Cris Kerins**

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

“Spring (and Grass) is Here!”

Well, I am sure that all of you are happy that spring is here again. Flowers bulbs are growing and blooming and tree leaves are starting to appear. And, oh yes, grass will soon start to grow and need mowing. A few years ago, church member purchased a riding mower and accepted payments from the church as we used it to mow the church lawns. That riding mower, as well as a walk-behind mower, are now church property maintained by the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this project was to enable church members to mow the church grass instead of paying about \$1,500 a year to have it done commercially. Since this project began, about 7 or 8 members, operating as 2-person teams, have taken turns so that the grass is mowed once a week.

As this new cutting season begins we now have three 2-person teams that take these turns, with some shifts in schedule as one or more team members may be gone on a vacation during the summer. We would like to recruit another 2-person team to ease the burden and scheduling. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me so that I can assign you to watch and learn the process from an existing team.

Just and invitation to donate your effort to help our church.

End of March numbers:

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$18,451
Receipts:	11,135
Disbursements:	13,107
Ending Balance:	16,479
Maintenance Fund Balance:	5,842

NEW MINISTRY—WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

I would like to announce and ask for volunteers to assist in an initiative for the widowed. We have several church members who are widows and may appreciate some help or wish to receive visits or come to church. They would probably need to be picked up and brought or maybe be taken out for breakfast. Please let Pastor Kelly or me know if you'd like to be involved.

Let's not forget to ask these widows or widowers if they would like a Bible" Anyone with lots of free time can enjoy reading the Scriptures. and maybe they would enjoy a gospel music DVD.

Richard Lee

MAY 2015

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES CHILDREN TO EVEREST

At **Everest** VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Each day concludes with Summit Celebration - a celebration that gets everyone involved in celebrating Jesus' love. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:20 A.M.

We will also continue our mission project for needy children in Lemont. Please donate brand new school bags, notebooks, paper, pens and pencils, folders, and glue sticks. They will be accepted every day. Please be generous to others.

Everest begins Monday, June 15 and continues through June 19, 2015. The starting time every day is 8:30 A.M. We will end at 11:30 A.M.

The cost is \$25.00 per child. Cash or check payable to LUMC is accepted. Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Children through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration for church members is Sunday, May 3 and 10. Youth (6th grade and older) and adults are invited to volunteer. Adults or high school students are needed to lead some sessions. Whether you are able to help one day or five your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call:

Amy Cheehy (630-257-5210).

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

*"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*

Immediate Prayers

Family caring for their loved ones

*Julie Phillips, battling cancer
*Alberta Harden - angiogram testing on May 7th.
*Bob Norfleet 's radiation therapy
*Roland Tasker, Colotis
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis, treatments at home
Suzanne, foot surgery (*Carol Sabo's daughter)
Heather Livengood, broken wrists (*The Farrers')
Carole Sigety, serious back surgery (*Cris Kerins)
Margaret, Physical therapy (*Arlene Knott's mother)
E.D. McCormick cancer Deb Zohn (*Sue Hinks)
Bill fighting cancer (*Debbie Hassert)
Doreen Alvarado, cancer (*Donna Leonard-Vazquez)
Brian, healing & strength (*Donna Leonard-Vazquez)
Lori Bartwik , breast cancer (*Tim Peraino)
Bruno Belmont, stage 4 lung cancer (*Tim Peraino)
Karen Livengood, broken arm (*Pat and Don Farrer)
Florian Talos, diagnosed w/parkinson's (*Janovyak's)
Mike, Mayo Clinic (*George Lange's nephew)
Kathy Parcell, spinal surgery (*Arlene Knott)
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's (*Joanne Goszczycki)
Esther Gores, home hospice (*George Lange)
Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate (*The Farrer's)
Lowry Family, (*Kay Norfleet)
Joe, ALS & prayers for his wife Carole (*Cris Kerins)
Jeff Freeman, cancer (*Judy Janovyak)
Sandi Halicky, heart issues (*Halicky Family)

Bob, on dialysis, (*Peraino's friend)
Dan, healing in family (*Ron&Carol Walter's Nephew)
David Mlady, illness (*Alice & George Lange)
Dale Chappell and Shirley Chappell (*Mike Chappell)
Alexandria Stojanov, brain tumor (*Rob Lange)

Answered Prayers: On the Road to Recovering

*Charlotte Havemann, various health issues
*Shelia Farrer, successful surgery
*Ellen Davey
Neil Janssen, therapy/continued healing
Heidi Dupont, MS (*Rich & Barb Lee's daughter)
Brett Sharpe, successful transplant (*Dawn Ferrazzi)
Baby Emmet home and up to 4 lbs(*Gina Walter)
Debbie Angileri tumor was benign (*Peg Pecher)
Mason, brain surgery (*Dottie McAdams)
Julie, breast cancer (*Rosalie Lind's daughter)
Nancy Martin, home (*Kay Norfleet's sister)

Grieving

Family and friends of Joe Starr (*Michelle Starr)

Joys

For a successful surgery for Debbie Hassert
Newborn Savannah Grace (Don and Mellody Hall)
Newborn twins Owen and Joey (* Bill & Juanita Hill)
For celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries.
For those visiting our church
For our troops

**Indicates church member*

Important Dates in May

May 6th-Day Break Shelter

May 12th-Outreach Meeting

May 13th-Trustees Meeting

May 14th-VBS Signup

May 17th-Coffee Fellowship

May 20th—Ad Council Meeting

Coffee Fellowship May 17th

Christine Miller
Sue Hinks
Judy Janovyak
Glee Ann Kehr
Shirley Stout
Kay Norfleet
Christy Brosseau
Denise Miglio



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear Ministry

Pastor Kelly takes communion to the "home bound" and visits those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cooked meal and be with members when they have serious medical concerns-praying and providing support when needed. If you feel called to this ministry but are unable to cook, please donate gift cards from various places like Subway, Celina's or others in town, to distribute to members in need if Carebearers would not be able to provide a meal. Please consider this ministry prayerfully and contact :

Pastor Kelly: 773-428-787

Church: 630-257-5210

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25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

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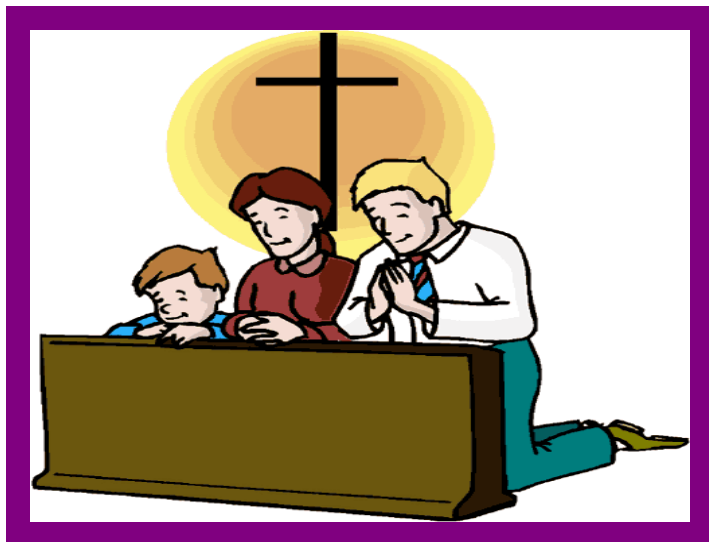
New Wine May 2015

**Youth Group
Breakfast Club
Sunday's May.....**

Around 9:30 am

At the youth lounge

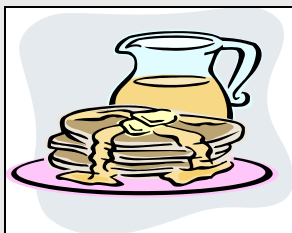
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25 West Custer Street
Contact Pastor Kelly 630-257-5210**



Sermons and Videos on Website

Worship services and other videos have been added to the website. From the home page <http://www.lemontumc.org> click the "Watch" link. For each sermon, there is a "Watch" link and a "Listen" link. The Watch shows the video using a Flash player. The Listen button will play or download an mp3 file. If you have an mp3 player, it can copy it

United Methodist Men



**Saturday,
May 9th
8:00 am**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in **Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am**. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast.

This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.

**Jr. Choir for children ages 6—13
Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Contact the Church office at 630-257-5210
Come sing with us**

**Bread at Lemont UMC
Come, take and Share with your
neighbor every day during
office hours Tuesday—Thursday
9:30 am —12:30 pm**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15th-June 19th, 2015

LEMONT UMC

**Cost is \$25.00 per child, snack is included.
Registration is May 14, 2015 at
6:00 p.m.**

Primetimers



**Saturday,
May 23th
12:00 pm**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church parsonage. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick
630-257-7639