

June 2015



**Summer
Worship Service
9:30 a.m.**

June 7th

Weekly Meditations
1 Samuel 8:4-20
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Brunch 10:30 a.m.

June 14th

Weekly Meditations
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20 & 72
2 Corinthians 5:6-10,
14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21st

Weekly Meditations
1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

**Happy Father's
Day!**

June 28th

Weekly Meditations
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

At our Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, we explored the Gospel of John 16. Jesus says, *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7). Jesus continues, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning" (John 15:26-27). Whether we realize it or not, our Christian faith is an attempt to answer the question: "How are we going to live without Jesus? According to Jesus, the answer lies in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I think it's safe to conclude that to live without Jesus by our side, we must wait for the Holy Spirit, be led by the Holy Spirit, and live by the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to meditate on the following poem in the Lectio Divina way with four steps: read, meditate, pray and contemplate.*

- * 1st Reading--Read the poem out loud.
- * 2nd Reading--As you read this time, listen for a word or phrase that touches your heart. Take in the word or phrase, gently recite it and reflect on it. Then record the word or phrase.
- * 3rd Reading--As you read the 3rd time. Ponder the phrase or phrases that touched your heart and ask where and how they touches your life today. Journal what you heard or seen in your reflection.
- * 4th Reading--As you read this last time, ask what is Christ calling you to do or to become though these words? After contemplation, journal about what and where Christ is calling you

Fire

***What makes a fire burn is space between the logs, a breathing space.
Two much of a good thing, too many logs packed in too tight can douse the flames.
So building fires requires attention to the spaces in between, as much as to the wood.
When we are able to build open spaces in the same way we have learned to pile on
the logs, then we can come to see how it is fuel,
and absence of the fuel together, that make fire possible.
We only need to lay a log lightly from time to time.
A fire grows simply because the space is there,
with openings in which the flame that knows
just how it wants to burn can find its way.***

By: Judy Brown

I challenge you to read the Bible the same way. This practice of Scriptural reading, meditation and prayer is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It treats the Bible not as any book, but as the Living Word. Let's live by the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

*Joyfully Your Pastor,
Kelly T. Van*

Celebrations in June

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 6th- April Lange
June 9th-Patrick Woytek
June 10th-Mike Chappell
 Al Janovyak
June 16th-Virginia Andersen
June 18th-Alice Lange
 Theo Nelson
June 19th-Marge Fox
June 21st-Annie Woytek



ANNIVERSARY

June 3rd-Don & Pat Farrer
June 6th-Mark & Vickie Olinger
June 7th-Dave & Virginia Andersen
June 13th-Steve & Gina Walter
June 20th-Eugene&Joanne Goszczycki
June 25th-Christian & Kelly Van

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

Book reviews for June 2015



The Last Supper

A sterling performance of the play "Is It I Lord?" was given on Palm Sunday evening. The messages spoken, the music played, the songs sung, and the portrayal of the Leonardo da Vinci portrait of the Last Supper was all together breathtaking.

I wish to thank all the persons involved. The loving dedication of all of you showed and the audience was moved. Not only did all of the above happen, but \$420 was contributed and donated to the Open Pantry, so praise God!

Happy Summer reading. The relaxing nature of summer lifestyle allows you to pick up a book AND READ. So do!

And one of those books might be Patsy Clairmont's "Under his Wings, and other places of refuge." Patsy acknowledges that a lot of us, in fact, most, are hidiers because of some wound we have received and don't know how to handle. Perhaps, a hurtful word or words, neglect, life stresses have caused you to seek refuge in home, family, friends, our church: the familiar. BUT God wants so much more for you. Patsy encourages us to go and reach out to another and tell him/her what Christ has done for you. Or do the work of Christ: care for others, really care -find out what's going on in their lives and help them solve their problems, if you can. You know there's always fervent prayer- to be combined with fervent listening-that's one way to help . For example, evangelizing is "going out on a limb." I know that whatever idea we plant in another's mind, however we want to tell another why we are Christian, will glorify the Lord. God will take that idea and, use further opportunities to nourish it. So read Patsy's book and stop hiding and go and do the Lord's work.

"Spirit Rising" by Jim Cymbala. The book's title is further explained by the phrase "tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit." The pastor's sermon on May 24 about the Holy Spirit started me thinking, and this book just sort of jumped out at me. God does place things in our way that can't be ignored. I think He was saying "here is a resource that will help you understand more about MY Holy Spirit."

Jim Cymbala, a noted Christian writer and pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle church, says that he's "missed the Spirit more than once in my life because my busyness robbed me of the quiet refreshing times that come from the Lord." Those times come about when we take time to pray, worship, rejoice. WAIT on the Lord's (Holy Spirit's leading.)

For example, one time we can ask the Holy Spirit to lead is each time BEFORE we read the Bible, pray, "God, what do you want to show me." Don't just read depending on your own intellect, ask God to open all your eyes, those in your face AND in those your heart to lead to your understanding of HIS Ways.

Jan Karon's book "Light from Heaven" is another in the Mitford Years series. The words "it's never too late" on the book jacket caught my attention. Too late for what? I wondered. Well, in this case, it's never too late for Father Timothy to live up higher (closer to God's ideas). That is, it's never too late for us to accomplish more for Him. Isn't that heartening? Yes, I know it's fiction, but each day is never too late for us to be or do what the Lord has planned. The book just gives us examples.

Janette Oke's Animal Friends-"Spunky's Diary" is an easy reader for 7+, or, hey, you could read to a younger child. The pictures are pleasing, too.

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SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, 5/17/15, the LUMC youth planted a tree next to the church in memory of Julie Phillips. The tree is a Red Oak. Although it is just a small sapling right now, it will grow to be a strong presence at our church...just like Julie. Thanks to all who helped with the planting! A few pictures are attached. And for those who couldn't be there, here is the prayer that was said upon completion of the planting:



Dear Lord,

We plant this tree in memory of Julie Phillips. She was a role model to so many of us. She taught us to sink our roots at the church so that our faith may grow deep. She taught us that with God as our foundation, we can grow strong, reach far, and climb high. We ask that you please grant her final reward now that she is with you in heaven. Continue to watch over us all and help us to grow as Julie taught us—in faith, in love, and in service to you! Amen

Red Nose Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone in the LUMC JHYG for participating in another successful Bake Sale! We raised over \$200 to contribute to Red Nose Day Fund.

These resources are used by Red Nose Day Fund to contribute to charities that help eliminate Childhood Hunger and Poverty, such as The Children's Health Fund, charity: water and Feeding America - to name a few. Thanks again, everyone. We are very proud to be a part of this special group. Special thanks to Jimbo's Pizza for sponsoring the food on Friday night as well.

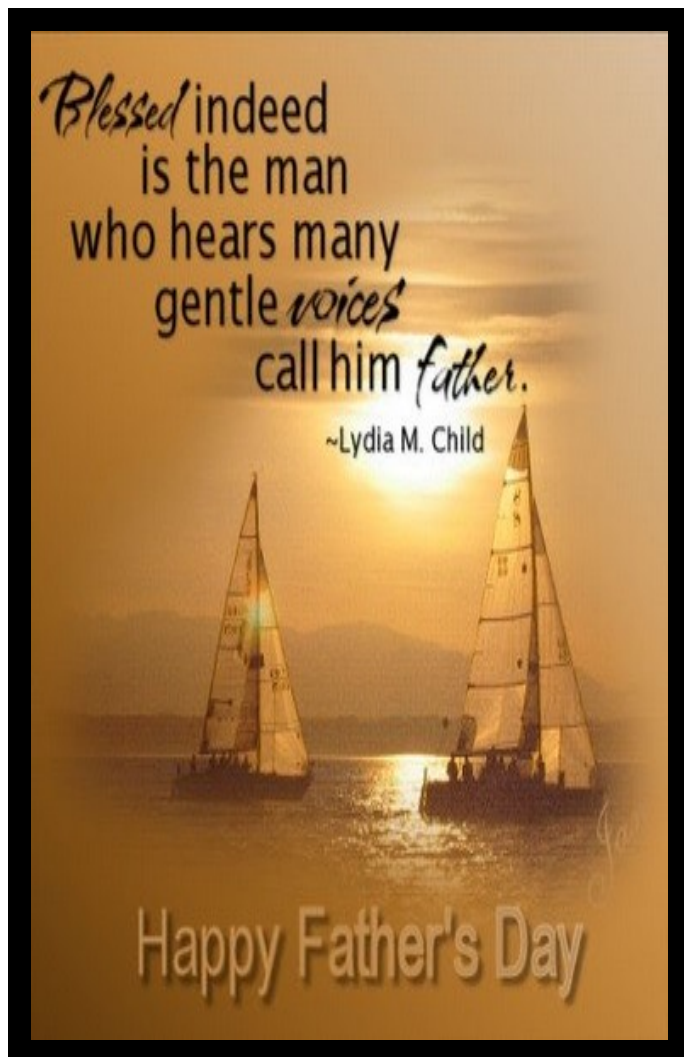


JUNE 2015

RAINBOW COVENANT

June Loose Change Sunday (6/28/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For June, we are highlighting the **indigo band charity, missionaries, Mark & Rebecca Smallwood**. These missionaries serve as teachers at the **Red Bird Mission School** in Kentucky. Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to help with their ministry. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Smallwood" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

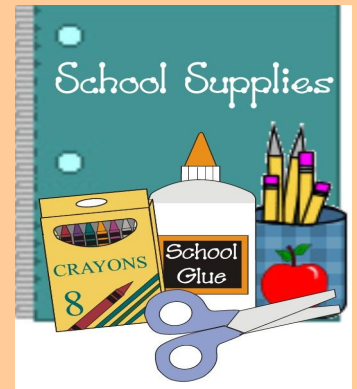


SUMMER WORSHIP

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 7th. We will be having a combined service starting at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This service will begin our summer worship hours continuing through the first week of September. We are hoping for a great turn out. If you are able to attend please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will need to know numbers for food preparation. You can also sign up to bring something if you are able. We are looking for Egg Casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides. Come and break bread with us.

School Supply Drive

In June, we will start collecting school supplies for the children in the Open Pantry. In partnership with Bethany Lutheran Church, we will be putting together grade specific kits for each school age child. A list of commonly needed items is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. The collection will continue until July 19. Contributions may be placed in the Open Pantry box in the vestibule.



Contact Deb Chappell if you have any questions.

Liturgist Schedule

June 7th

9:30—Dave Kennedy

June 14th

9:30—Cris Kerins

June 21st

**9:30—Joanne
Goszczycki**

June 28th

9:30— Deb Chappell

The Greatest Rains

By Richard H. Lee

There are a lot of good songs about rain, like “Singing in the Rain” and “Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain” that are nostalgic. And in the spiritual sense there are some good songs about rain that promise something good is coming in the form of heavenly blessings. Our earth and nation are dry, needing the rain of blessings from heaven and healing.

These heavenly blessings represent the Spirit of God, which comes down sometimes softly and powerfully at other times. Prayer can cause this precious rain or Spirit to fall on us and so can churches who pray fervently for power and healing or change (James 5:16-18). We can also be healed by the Spirit from heaven when we gather, anoint the sick, and place hands on those needing healing in prayer. Then there is a blessing like when Jesus touched the sick or just spoke the word, restoring us (Luke 4:39).

I have assembled a playlist from my computer’s music library with inspirational songs about rain and the Spirit. It includes “Breathe”, “Grace”, “Here Is Love”, “Heaven Came Down”, “Isn’t It Amazing”, “Revive Us Again”, “Showers of Blessing”, and “When the Rains Come.” “Breathe” is a praise song made popular by Michael W. Smith and John Tesh that keeps repeating, “I’m desperate for you” and many of the others I found in Gaither Gospel CDs and videos that can be found on You Tube.

Jesus in John’s Gospel explains what the Spirit will do when He comes; make everything plain to you and give you great peace (14:26-27). The Spirit will also help make sense out of is happening (16:13) and you will have joy like a river running through you (16:24) when you are set free from fear and worry (8:35).



Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott
Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Children's Message
Schedule**

**June 7th
Pastor Kelly**

**June 14th
Marty Knott**

June 21st

**June 28th
Ron Walter**



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**Schedule for Sunday
Greeters**

**June 7th
9:30-Kennedy Family**

**June 14th
9:30—Olinger Family**

**June 21st
9:30—**

**June 28th
9:30—Joanne
Goszczycki and Joyce
Koon**

Lawn Maintenance

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 April Numbers:

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$16,479
Receipts:	10,352
Disbursements:	9,963
Ending Balance:	16,868
Maintenance Fund Balance:	2,531

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

JUNE 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! Sciency-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).

RED BIRD MISSION YARD SALE/TREASURE HUNT

THE RED BIRD MISSION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a Yard Sale/Treasure Hunt at the Lemont United Methodist Church to raise money for the 2016 mission trip on:

Saturday June 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We are asking for slightly used items for the sale.

All items will be welcome except for clothing.

Donation drop off time is **Friday June 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

and **Saturday morning from 7:00- 8:30** at the LUMC.

If you have items you would like picked up or you would like to volunteer for the sale please contact

Steve Walter at 630-853-9514 or email at: swalter@pbaclaims.com



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
For those who are looking for jobs
For those going through divorces
For finding a new Happy Hands Director and book keeper
Mark Ende, broken arm surgery (Bruce & Mary Ende's son)
Terri Janovyak breast cancer (*Al Janovyak's mother)
*Bob Norfleet 's radiation therapy
*Roland Tasker, Colotis
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis, treatments at home
Suzanne, foot surgery (*Carol Sabo's daughter)
Heather Livengood, broke both wrists (*Don & Pat Farrer)
Karen Livengood broken arm therapy (*Don & Pat Farrer)
Roberta Walbert, chemo therapy (*Alberta Harden's niece)
Margaret Nielsen, 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)
Florian Talos, diagnosed w/parkinson's (*Janovyak's)
Mike, Mayo Clinic (*George Lange's nephew)
Kathy Parcell, complications/spinal surgery (*Arlene Knott)
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's (*Joanne Goszczycki)
Esther Gores, home hospice (*George Lange)
Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate (*Farrer's great nephew)
Lowry Family, (*Kay Norfleet)
Joe Sigety for ALS & his wife Carole (*Cris Kerins)
Jeff Freeman, diagnosed with 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, 4 yr old w/brain tumor (*Rob Lange)

Answered Prayers: On the Road to Recovering

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

Joys

The celebration of the life of *Julie Phillips
Red Nose Fundraiser
For Happy Hands Graduation
For our service men and women
For new jobs
For a successful Vacation Bible School
For a good school year
For graduations
For those celebrating newborns, birthdays and anniversaries
For those visiting our church

**Indicates church member*

Important Dates in June

June 3rd-Day Break Shelter
June 7th-Combined Service and
Potluck Brunch
June 10th-Trustees Meeting
June 13th- UMC Men
June 15th-Vacation Bible
School Week
June 17th- Ad Council
June 20th-Primetimers
June 21st-Coffee Fellowship
June 27th-Rummage Sale

Coffee Fellowship June 21st

Linda Kennedy
Cris Kerins
Sue Gergescz
Wendy Myers
Jana Stelter
Mary Jane Sykes
Joan Makinney



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

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
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Return Service Requested

New Wine June 2015



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15th-June 19th, 2015

LEMONT UMC

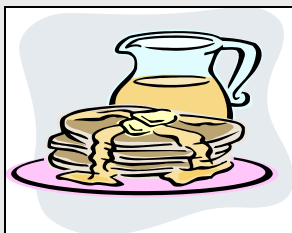
25 W. Custer Street

Cost is \$25.00 per child,
snack is included.

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,
June 13th
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.

Bread at Lemont UMC

Come, take and Share with your neighbor every day during office hours Tuesday–Thursday 9:30 am –12:30 pm



Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB 2015 LIST

No meeting Jan, Feb, March

Apr 15 "The Secret Supper" Javier Sierra
May 11 "Clara and Mr. Tiffany" Susan Vreeland
June 08 "The Kitchen House" Kathleen Grissom
July 13 "Hidden Places" Lynn Austin
Aug.10 "Wildflower Hill" Kimberley Freeman

Primetimers



**Saturday,
June 20th
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