

July 2015



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

**July 5th**

Weekly Meditations  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

**Communion**

**July 12th**

Weekly Meditations  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

**Bill Price Preaching**

**July 19th**

Weekly Meditations  
2 Samuel 7:1-14  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Coffee Fellowship**

**June 26th**

Weekly Meditations  
2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

# The Lemont United Methodist

## The New Wine

### FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

*"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How do you feel about change and transformation? I've learned that there is a great distinction between change and transformation. Flora Wuellner writes, *"Change refers to adaptation and reaction without necessarily involving any newness of being. Transformation implies new being, a new creative energy flowing from the center which acts with creative power upon surrounding events."* As Christians, we are all works in progress. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul describes us as being "transformed" into the image of Christ. All this comes from the Lord.

During the month of July and August, our sanctuary will go through a transformation that includes audio, video, and lighting. The trustee and worship committee have worked diligently for this transformation to come about. I invite you to be open to change and to accept some pain, messiness, and inconvenience so that in the end we can enjoy a new creation and new being.

Our transformation is like the metamorphosis of the caterpillar into a butterfly. Like a caterpillar, we are born for a greater purpose than what appear on the outside. God creates us with a promise of Christ inside. *"This mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."* (Colossians 1:27) We are created in the image of God to reflect God's love to the world and to fellowship with God. Therefore our lives are not complete until *"Christ is formed in us."* (Galatians 4:19)

Not knowing God's promise, we live for ourselves and consume as much as we can. But God surprises us and calls us to a deeper place. There, the Spirit within reveals that the time for transformation has come. As we experience the emptiness of our pursuit and the isolation of living for ourselves, we encounter Christ who gives us God's vision for our lives and God's grace for our nourishment through Christian fellowship. In the caring and concern of others, we learn to listen to God in prayer, to obey God in his word, and to exercise our new life in the Spirit by reaching out to our neighbor.

Trevor Hudson and Stephen Bryant writes, *"Jesus accepts us as we are but never leaves us as we are. As we open up to him, he begins a transforming work in our lives from the inside out, forming his heart in our heart and his mind in our mind."* As we seek to honor God with our lives, God is transforming us into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's step out in faith to live for Christ rather than for ourselves. Let's surrender to the persuasions of divine love rather than the ambitions of earthly gain.

May we open our hearts to the winds of the Holy Spirit and begin to live by the leading of God's love. Have a safe and happy 4th of July! Enjoy your freedom in Christ.

Joyfully Your Pastor,  
Kelly T. Van

## ***Celebrations in July***

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

July 05th Tony Ferrazzi  
July 07th Maddie Woytek  
July 09th Dottie McAdams  
July 11th Mihash Cheehy  
July 15th Chris Walter  
July 20th Deb Neitzel  
July 22nd Sarah Cliff  
July 23rd Jackson Nelson  
July 24th Evangeline Van  
Marcella Van



### **ANNIVERSARY**

July 10th Matthew & Emily Hennebry  
July 22nd Michael & Cynthia Havemann



### **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

July 2015 book reviews



### Praise God!

The weather was beautiful.

Thank you to Steve & Gina Walter, Paula & Dale Janssen, Dawn & Tony Ferrazzi, Karin Peraino, Craig Baxter, Christine & Josh Miller, Bill Price, Dottie Mc Adams, Ron Walter, Erik Anderson, Marty Huegelmann Peg Pecher, and Pastor Kelly for all their help with setting and cleaning up. Thank you for all your prayers and support. We raised \$ 1128.40 for Red Bird Mission !!!

I'm adding two more books about prayer to the church library. The "Power of a Praying Kid" and "The Power of a Praying Teen." Stormie Omartian is the author of both. She understands that the power of prayer is so important. She points out to each kid, teen that it is a necessary part of their lives, and they should take the time to talk to the Father and tell Him their needs. Each kid or teen needs a relationship with the Father. Kids and teens should realize that He created the universe and all the people in it (even them). He knows their concerns, but He wants to hear about them from them, his creations. That way if the person listens, after he/she prays, he/she will know the decisions he/she should make. Sometimes, kids and teens and adults, when we pray, the answer does not come right away. Then we should develop the habit of persistent prayer. Keep on asking all the time and trust that He hears and will answer you. He knows what is best for you, his creation, accept what comes your way, but keep on praying. Isn't that comforting?

A fiction book, "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers is a paperback novel suited to summer's relaxing times. Francine Rivers writes Christian novels and intersperses her narration with the characters talking to the Lord. In the end, of course, the Lord's way wins out, no matter what the characters do or think. The reviewers say the novel is suitable for men and women. I agree. It talks of traits that both should explore: honor, forgiveness, unconditional love. The novel is set in the west in the last century.

A fun fiction book is "Sisterchicks on the Loose." It's a story about friendships. Real friends stand by you and tell you the truth as they see it. Then you can take that truth and pass it through the Lord's truth test. The result, if you're willing, is that you are more open and careful of your actions.

Next, there are several books for kids-you read to them or maybe you could help them read. The first is a book called "Where Does God Live?" It has colorful and happy pictures that illustrate the answer. "The Lord is My Shepherd" paraphrases the Bible verse, again with lovely pictures that illustrate.

"Growing Up with God's Friends" is a book which adults may read to older tots. It has a page of questions about the story which allow for good interaction between adult and child.

And, finally, a used paperback which declares "God I've Got to Talk to You." Children feel emotion's, too, and they are able to express them simply. In the book those emotions appear and are answered by a child so another child can understand can understand. That child **knows** who he needs to talk to.



## METHODIST ESSENTIALS CLASS

Led by Bill Price



Classes started on June 28, 2015 and will go through August 2, 2015 after Sunday worship from 10:45 to 11:45. The class is for everyone who is new to this church, thinking about joining, wanting to know more about the Methodist

connection to the early church, anyone who has an interest or would like a little review. The curriculum is as follows:

- I. Basics of the Christian Faith- Doctrine and the Origin of the Bible.
- II. Basics of the Christian Faith- How the Early Church Formed.
- III. What's Different about the United Methodist Church?
- IV. How Do Things Work in This Church?
- V. How Can I Get Involved in this Church?
- VI. Question and Answer Session/Discussion.

STILL  
ACCEPTING  
NEW  
STUDENTS



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

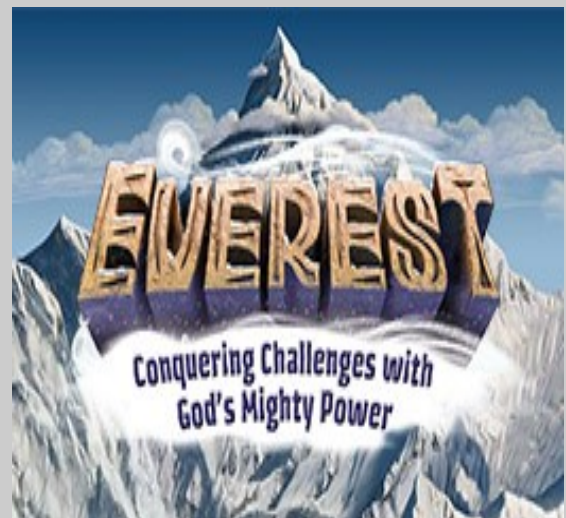
Our next confirmation class will start this fall on September 13, 2015.

The class will run through the whole year.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who helped create another successful VBS with their time, donations, and prayers! Thank you to our opening and closing leaders, kitchen committee, decoration committee, photographer, crew leaders, teachers and everyone who helped behind the scenes and provided materials for snacks and games. Our mission project this year was to collect school supplies. Parents donated many school supplies that will be given to needy children in Lemont. It's always a joy to share this week with so many children from the community.

Come join us next year!



JULY 2015

## RAINBOW COVENANT

### July Loose Change Sunday (7/26/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For July, we are highlighting the **white band charity, Community Partners for the Common Good Fund**. CPCG works in partnership with local churches, interfaith, and other community organizations to identify and secure the necessary resources to fulfill community goals and aspirations. Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to help provide these needed resources. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "CPCG" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.



### Happy Hands News

Congratulations to our new Happy Hands director Karin Peraino and our new book keeper Lisa Bacigalupo! We welcome them to our Happy Hands family. There are openings for our 4's, 3's, and young 3's classes.

**Spread the word!**



## School Supply Drive

In June we started 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

**July 5th**  
**9:30—Paulette**  
**Fries**

**July 12th**  
**9:30—Richard**  
**Lee**

**July 19th**  
**9:30—**

**July 26th**  
**9:30— Bill Stelter**

## **The Greatest Analogy**

By Richard H. Lee

An analogy is a comparison of two things for the purpose of explanation or illustration for better understanding. One of the greatest examples I have ever heard is about popcorn and the Spirit of God. It sure makes sense when you explain how popcorn pops and what a change it makes, possibly even sound.

Popcorn has a hard outer shell and that's about all that is visible to us. Inside, however, is a little water that is invisible that will make that kernel explode if you get it hot enough. The water or moisture changes into steam and expands so much it causes the hard shell to break open. This is much like the Holy Spirit that can transform you into a completely new being with energy.

With the Spirit's power you become a new person and you start thinking and believing like Christ who promised us this Spirit (John's Gospel chapters 14 and 16). Now your new self or identity belongs in heaven and is anxious to express its joy and hope of "Going Home" to be with Jesus. This is also an image of the Church, when the Spirit came like flames of fire and started "popping" Christians at Pentecost. The Bible calls this being "filled with the Spirit" and you see it in the Old Testament books and the New Testament, especially in Luke's Gospel and chapters 1 to 3.

Luke records 7 people filled with the Spirit; John (1:15, 41), Elizabeth (1:41), Mary (1:42-55), Zechariah (1:67), Simeon (2:25), Anna (2:37-38), and Jesus (3:21-22; 4:1, 14). Jesus spoke about being "born again" in John 3:6 and the Message translation says, "born from above or out of this world and this is by the Spirit of God and may not be our own decision (John 3:7-8).



**Stewardship Minute**

Marty Knott

**Children's Message  
Schedule**

**July 5th  
Pastor Kelly**

**July 12th  
Ron Walter**

**July 19th  
Becky Kocur**

**July 26th  
Cris Kerins**



**Schedule for Sunday  
Greeters**

**July 5th  
9:30-Lynne Vavra**

**July 12th  
9:30—Dale & Paula  
Janssen**

**July 19th  
9:30—Sue Hinks**

**July 26th  
9:30—Sharon Heslop**

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.

**“It's Not Just About Money”**

The term Stewardship is about how we use what we are given. Christian Stewardship is about what we use of what we are given to further the cause of Christianity. To be sure money is what we usually think of when you read my articles or listen to my talks during a pledge drive. And, of course, money is important to operating our church and providing outreach beyond our community.

Money pays the salaries of our pastor, organist, and church secretary, and it pays for custodial services to keep the church clean and for snow to be plowed in winter. It pays for insurance and fire alarm monitoring. It pays for light, heat and telephone services for the church and parsonage. All of these uses of our money pay to provide our church not just for us on Sundays but for Scout meetings, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and other community outreach missions.

But, besides money, a lot of effort is given to other Christian outreach efforts. Our participation in the provision of meals at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet once a month is a perfect example. Many in our church bake casseroles and provide other food while a few go to serve the many homeless people and clean up afterwards. Another example is our Open Pantry, a provider of food for many needy people in and near our own community. This program has grown from a simple kitchen pantry in the front lobby of the church to a major food sorting and packaging center that requires the effort of many members each week. About every other year we send a group to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to do repairs to the homes of poor people there.

There are many other efforts put forth that serve our church and Christianity – church maintenance, weed pulling, grass cutting, singing and directing our choirs, and just helping out during church events such as the recent Vacation Bible School.

So you see, that although money is important to the church, there are a great many Christian efforts put forth by all of us from everyday prayers to the hundreds of efforts to serve God's people.

**End of May Numbers:**

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$16,867
Receipts:	9,691
Disbursements:	11,550
Ending Balance:	15,008

Maintenance Fund Balance: minus \$1,537

## Church Projects in the Months of July and August

### AV and Sanctuary Upgrades

The worship Committee has been working on upgrades that include audio, video, and physical changes to the front on the Sanctuary. After visiting several churches in the surrounding area and contacting sound and technical consultants, a plan was developed for the upgrades. An electrical company was selected to complete the work in conjunction with the lighting project. The following upgrades are on track for this summer. In the months of July and August, there will be work done in preparation for improved internet services. There will be two large flat screen monitors mounted in the sanctuary, upgraded sound system, and computer to run AV programs during the service.

One physical change that you will see include a new sound booth built in the back of the sanctuary where the computer, sound board and camera will be located and operated. Additionally, the choir loft will be leveled off allowing for a multipurpose area in the front for performers (choir and praise groups). This should minimize the clutter and wiring in front of the kneeling rails. Please excuse the mess while we move toward the completion of these changes.

### Lighting Upgrades

The board of Trustees obtained technical advice from local churches, lighting specialists, and electrical contractors. After careful consideration, the Trustees received bids and selected an electrical contractor for the project. The lower level of the church has had new LED fixtures installed in all the rooms not included previously in the food pantry / Kitchen project. The emergency exit lights have converted to LED as well.

The sanctuary will receive eight LED fixtures to improve lighting capability. We saved about \$10,000 by purchasing some lights from another church, having them rewired and updated. In addition, some supplemental LED lighting will be installed on the ledges on either side of the sanctuary. With these improvements, our church has been accepted into the ComEd energy savings program. We will be receiving a grant of at least \$1,498.00 to help offset the cost of the project. ComEd has completed an energy survey of our church and has concluded that the energy savings will pay the cost of the total project within 3.9 years.

Jana Stelter





## 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

Alexandria Stojav, brain tumor  
Don Campbell, back surgery  
Bob Bacigalupo, dialysis  
Joe Sigety, ALS  
Dan Sorenson, healing in family  
David Mlady, illness  
Evelyn Johnson, health issues  
Shirley Chappell, health issues  
\*Urban Festin, hospice at home  
\*Mark Ende, surgery for broken arm  
Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer  
Terri Janovyak, breast cancer  
\*Kexia Van, board exam  
\*Bob Norfleet's radiation therapy  
\*Roland Tasker, colitis  
\*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis  
Dale Chappell, health issues  
Suzanne Gallardo, foot surgery  
Heather Livengood, broken wrists  
Karen Livengood, broken arm  
Sandi Halicky, heart issues  
Jeff Freeman, cancer  
Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate  
Lowry Family  
Roberta Walbert, chemotherapy  
Ron Hamelen, alzheimer's  
Margaret Nielsen, physical therapy  
E.D. McCormick, cancer  
Bill B., fighting cancer.  
Doreen Alvarado, cancer  
Brian, healing and strength

Lori Bartwick, breast cancer  
Bruno Belmont, lung cancer  
Florian Talos, parkinson's  
Mike Bromberek, ALS  
Esther Gores, home hospice

### Answered Prayers

For finding a new Happy Hands director and book keeper  
\*Kyleigh Janovyak, tonsillectomy  
\*Paulette Fries, tumor disappeared  
Mikal Kocur, infection healed  
\*Charlotte Havemann, heart issues  
\*Sheila Farrer, health issues  
\*Ellen Davey  
Neil Janssen, MS  
Heidi Dupont, MS  
Julie McFaul, breast cancer  
Debbie Angileri, benign cancer  
Mason, successful brain surgery  
Baby Emmet, recovering at home  
Nancy Martin, recovering at home  
Kathy Parcell, spinal surgery

### Joys

The life of Julie Phillips  
Twins Lily and Carl  
Pastor Kelly's Ordination  
For a successful VBS!  
For a successful red Bird yard sale!!!

### Grieving

Family and friends of Clara Srygley  
Family and friends of Andy Manganiello  
\*Indicates church member

## Important Dates in July

July 1st-Daybreak  
July 4th-Independence  
Day  
July 5th-Communion  
July 11th-UMC Men  
July 15th-Ad Council  
Meeting  
July 18th- Primetimers  
July 19th-Coffee  
Fellowship

## Coffee Fellowship July 19th

Carol Walter  
Paula Janssen  
Alice Lange  
Barbara Lee  
Linda Lubben  
Priscilla Ludwig  
Gina Walter  
Joyce Koon  
Grace Kirkman



## 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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**Return Service Requested**

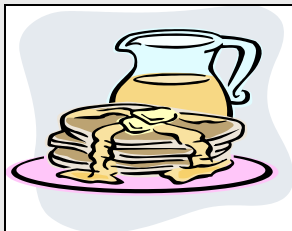
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### Sermons and Videos on Website

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,  
July 11th  
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

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



**Not Meeting in the Month of July**

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