

October 2015

The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



October Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45

October 4

Weekly Meditations
Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 25 & 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

World Communion Sunday

October 11

Weekly Meditations
Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Baptism for the Bushman children

October 18

Weekly Meditations
Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Coffee Fellowship

October 25

Weekly Meditations
Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What's it going to take to show and tell the gospel to resistant people?

As we think of showing and telling the gospel, here are some questions we need to ask: How do we share the gospel in a community in which many seem to be resistant? How can we share the gospel effectively? How can we, ordinary people, live on mission?

We live in a culture where church is not on the radar of most people. I have a friend who moved from Nashville. She told me that in Nashville, one of the first questions you'd hear is, "Have you found a church yet?" When they moved to Chicago, they discovered that you could be asked ten or twenty questions, but that wouldn't be one of them. We're not just dealing with un-churched people who may come back with the right programs or music; we're dealing with resistant people who don't think that Jesus or the church have anything to offer them.

In *Honest Evangelism*, Rico Tice says that people used to generally understand the gospel, so when Billy Graham came to town, they were ready to be invited and to respond. But then things changed. Nowadays, people don't engage with faith; they simply dismiss it. Jesus is not on the agenda or even an option to be considered. People don't think about why they disagree with Christianity; they just think it's fine for you and not for them. As a result, evangelism takes time and effort.

Paul gives three important clues about how we can share the gospel in a gospel-resistant culture: It will take prayer, life, and speech. For this month let's look at prayer. Paul suggests in Colossians 4:2-3 If we're going to share the gospel, it's going to take prayer. We have a role, but if we ever think that we can accomplish what God has given us to do without prayer, then we're delusional. Unless God opens the door and unless God enables us through the Spirit, then we're sunk. Prayer is essential to evangelism.

Friends of mine wanted to see people come to know Christ in their neighborhood and workplaces so they went to Thailand and India to learn what effective missionaries do there. The missionaries said, "We don't understand what you Christians are trying to do back in North America. You are trying to serve God, but you're doing it without prayer." My friends told me that the main thing they learned is that if we are going to get the job done, especially in a resistant setting, it's going to take prayer. Not just general prayer, but tactical prayer. We're going to have to ask God to give us insight into particular situations, as well as to pray that God would open doors and give us clarity.

So how do we show and tell the gospel to resistant people? It begins with prayer. Our whole ministry must be bathed in prayer. Prayer is essential, but it is not everything. It's going to take something else. Stay tuned for next month.

Joyfully Your Pastor,
Pastor Kelly Van

Celebrations in October 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1-Sara Vasquez
October 1-Samantha Vasquez
October 2-George Lange
October 6-Gene Goszczycki
October 8-Steve Walter
October 9-Josh Miller
October 12-Lila O'Neill
October 12-Christine Miller
October 16-Matthew Chappell
October 17-Gina Walter
October 18-Marty Knott
October 20-Michael Havemann
October 23-David Lange
October 26-Paulette Fries
October 27-Dawn Ferrazi
October 28-Kexia Van

ANNIVERSARY

October 5-Cris & Bill Kerins
October 10-Rob & April Lange
October 12-Bev & Howard Svoboda
October 13-Curtis & Carolyn Stelter
October 14-Alice & George Lange
October 14-Bill & Jana Stelter
October 14-Lynn & Gregg Vavra



Candy Fundraiser

Dear Parents and Friends:

We are beginning a See's Candies fundraising sale. We chose See's because of its fine reputation for quality. Proceeds will go towards our trip to Redbird Mission 2016. This is a cause that is near and dear to our hearts as we participate in this mission every 2 years. We help re-build homes, repair roofs, put in new floors and sometimes just have a conversation with those that are lonely...just to name of few!



For more info. about Redbird go to: <http://www.redbirdconference.org/>

Sale Starts: Immediately Sale Ends: October 30th (orders and money must be turned in)

Candy will be shipped Nov. 10th and ready for pick up the 20th

Checks are to be made payable to Lemont United Methodist Church

HAPPY HANDS TASTEFULLY SIMPLE FUNDRAISER

Starts: October 13th

Ends: October 28th

Order forms will be available
in the back of the church.



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Book and CD reviews for October, 2015

Thank
You

When unforeseen things happen we can always count on the support of our loved ones, especially our church family. With grateful hearts we thank you for your prayers. A very special thank you for the delicious meals provided for us, a life saver. Thank you, Thank you!!!

John and Mary
Jane Nelson.

This month I'm including 4 CDs as ways to realize that God is in control. Music provides another way to worship Him. "Spiritbound," a vocal group, two "Symphony of Praise" instrumentals and "I'll Fly Away", a southern gospel recording by different vocal groups." This music is peaceful and directs your thoughts to worship.

"WWJD" is a book of short stories for teens. Hopefully, the stories address real life situations for teens. (I say hopefully because it's been so long since I was a teen. ((Of course when I was a teen....)) The book addresses and answers WWJD if a teen might encounter the problem of drugs, dating, temptation, truth or many others. The answers certainly supply food for thought.

"Help Lord! I'm Having a Senior Moment." Notes to God on Growing Older. And aren't we all? Maybe you won't connect now with the "Dairy Queen" story of not so exact memory or "Tell It Again, Sam" a complete loss of memory. But, believe me, you will. The stories are followed by appropriate Bible verses to remind us how God's truths apply to seniors. We've all heard about Christians in different countries being punished for their faith.

"Hearts of Fire" is a book which tells of eight women who were punished. The consequences of their decisions did put them in peril, yet the Lord sustained them. How often do we pray for the Lord to save them from that punishment? How often do we try to help their situations? There is a song about someone distressed over the world situation, and he asks of the Lord, why? The next line of the song is the Lord's answer "I made you," which means the Lord made us to alleviate some of the world's suffering. If we ask for wisdom, He will give it abundantly. Then we'll know what we can do. This book reminds us how fortunate we are to be where we are and have what we have.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need in our church family.

If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

LADIES RETREAT

Grace Adventures in Southern Michigan, is offering women's retreats for the next four weekends, starting September 25-27. Each weekend offers a different speaker.



There are activities, workshops and, of course, wonderful speakers. There are a couple of housing options: On campus which is one of their housing units or a local hotel in the Silver Lake area. Meals are included for either option.

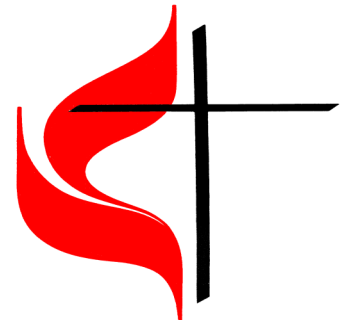
If you are interested, check out their website at graceadventures.org/womensretreat or call church or Peg Pecher (847-2041-1747)

Peg Pecher just attended a similar retreat in Wisconsin and enjoyed it immensely. The speaker was uplifting, humorous and scriptural. Peg participated in zip lining, trap shooting, candy making, took a pontoon boat ride and rode in a hay rack to look at stars. The cost is very reasonable.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference will be held Wednesday October 28th
at 7:00 p.m. SPRC Committee meets at 6:30 pm.

All Are Welcome.



Crushed Red Potatoes...Yummy!

12 whole New Red Potatoes (or Other Small Round Potatoes)
3 Tablespoons Olive Oil
Kosher Salt To Taste
Black Pepper To Taste
Rosemary (or Other Herbs Of Choice) To Taste



INSTRUCTIONS

BRING A POT OF SALTED WATER TO A BOIL. ADD IN AS MANY POTATOES AS YOU WISH TO MAKE AND COOK THEM UNTIL THEY ARE FORK-TENDER. ON A SHEET PAN, GENEROUSLY DRIZZLE OLIVE OIL. PLACE TENDER POTATOES ON THE COOKIE SHEET LEAVING PLENTY OF ROOM BETWEEN EACH POTATO. WITH A POTATO MASHER, GENTLY PRESS DOWN EACH POTATO UNTIL IT SLIGHTLY MASHES, ROTATE THE POTATO MASHER 90 DEGREES AND MASH AGAIN. BRUSH THE TOPS OF EACH CRUSHED POTATO GENEROUSLY WITH MORE OLIVE OIL. I USE A LITTLE BUTTER AS WELL BECAUSE I LIKE THE BUTTERY FLAVOR. SPRINKLE POTATOES WITH KOSHER SALT, FRESH GROUND BLACK PEPPER AND FRESH CHOPPED ROSEMARY (OR CHIVES OR THYME OR WHATEVER HERB YOU HAVE AVAILABLE.)

BAKE IN A 450 DEGREE OVEN FOR 20-25 MINUTES UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN. THIS IS A GREAT ALTERNATIVE TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF POTATO.

RAINBOW COVENANT

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For October, we are highlighting the **indigo band charity, missionaries, Mark & Rebecca Smallwood in Kentucky, USA.**

Mark & Rebecca Smallwood serve in the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. They came to Red Bird in August 1988 to serve as teachers at Red Bird Mission School during its first full year as a private Christian School. Mark directs the vocal and instrumental music programs for the elementary, middle school and high school.

Rebecca now teaches Elementary Christian Education.

Your gifts help Mark & Rebecca Smallwood continue their ministries. So please bring in plenty of change on **October 25th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. 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.

Attention Parents of College Students living away from home



The Cap Program provides letters, cards, snacks and encouragement throughout the school year for students living away from home. Please call Cris Kerins at 257-5660 or Sue Tasker at 257-5664 with your child's school address so they can be included this year. Also, we welcome anyone wishing to donate items to be sent.

Thank You

Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB

- Oct. 12 - Follow the Stars Home
Luanne Rice
- Nov. 09 - Where do I go
Neta Jackson
(yadayada series)

2015 LIST



STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

This is a half-day workshop featuring: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, An Introduction to Stephen Ministry, and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. This will be Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00p.m. at Living Water Community Church in Bolingbrook. Pastor Kelly will be going if anyone is interested please contact her at 630-257-5210.

CROP WALK 2015

Praise God for the cool weather! We walked close to three miles in Dellwood Park on September 27th. Our church alone raised over \$500.00! Thank you for all generous support in prayers and in financial giving.



Liturgist Schedule

October 4
8:30-Jana Stelter
10:45-Charlotte
Havemann

October 11
8:30-Bill Stelter
10:45-Richard Lee

October 18
8:30-
10:45-Peg Pecher

October 25
8:30-
10:45-Vicki Olinger



The Greatest Immunity

By Richard H. Lee

I attended a lecture and lunch with my daughter who has MS and learned a lot about immunity. MS is one of many auto-immune diseases where our immunity system goes wrong and attacks healthy cells of the body. Some drugs suppress the immune system to lessen the symptoms but these drugs can be expensive.

I was surprised to hear that MS patients should not take supplements that boost the immune symptoms because it could increase the disease symptoms. Then I was studying the Bible book of James where James talks about temptations in chapter one and realized that we need more immunity to temptations. This could be one of the greatest kinds of immunity that we need. James has a prescription for this problem and says, "Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires" (1:14 NLT) and the lure of pleasures from the world.

Boredom is one worldly cause of temptation. Here we seek excitement and TV is another where we are flooded with messages or images of immorality, greed, and violence. So should we watch less TV? I think so and most movies being produced today are also bad. One reason people go to live in a monastery is to escape the temptations of the world and focus on the life with God. My Life Application Study Bible says in a footnote, "We can resist the temptation to sin by turning to God for strength and choosing to obey His Word." To believe that we can be saved by good works in spite of our sin is not reality and Paul states this clearly in Ephesians 2:8-9.

Another great help is to listen to good Gospel songs about dealing with this problem, like, "Abide With Me", "Breathe" (I'm desperate for You), and "One Day At A Time" (sweet Jesus).

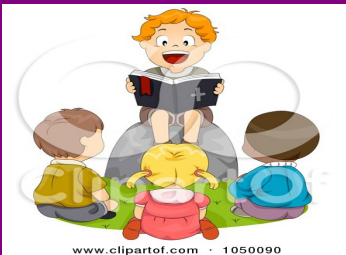
Children's Message
Schedule

October 4
Pastor Kelly

October 11
Marty Knott

October 18
GleeAnn Kehr

October 25
Ron Walter



Schedule for Sunday

Greeters

October 4
8:30-Stelter Family
10:45-Peraino Family

October 11
8:30-
10:45-Woytek Family

October 18
8:30-Sharon Heslop
10:45-Ferrazi Family

October 25
8:30-Tasker Family
10:45- Nelson Family

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.

“Christian Outreach”

I am often surprised by the many Christian outreach activities conducted or sponsored by our church. Oh, I don't mean the Happy Hands Preschool, the Open Pantry, or the Daybreak Homeless Shelter dinner program, since these are obvious and long-standing examples. What I mean are the many smaller activities that pop up from time to time. The recent School Supply fund raiser and the crop walk program just a few weekends ago. On any given week there might be a pizza pie sale or a cheesecake sale to raise funds for the church.

I was reminded personally of an outreach activity when I was treated to a loaf of bread and jar of jelly when I underwent a medical problem. I suspect I was the beneficiary of our expanding Care Bear Ministry. This program is set up to reach out to those in need due to medical or other personal problems or that may be patients in a hospital.

Next year some of our church members will be traveling to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to perform some needed home repair for a needy family there. My wife and I participated in a few of these missions some years ago and found them very rewarding to the families there and to us church members as we conducted a stewardship that raised a sweat instead of just writing a check.

In preparation of the coming Charge Conference where we are visited by an official from the United Methodist Church and present our church's condition and programs, I had to prepare a budget for next year. This budget is divided into several “missions,” this first of which is the “Mission of Outreach.” This includes our Conference Apportionments which is our outreach beyond our area and country, and the many other programs such as the Red Bird Mission, the Open Pantry, special offerings, and the use of our church by other programs. The interesting aspect of this mission category is that the total amount calculated for it amounts to about 20% of our total budget for the year! When this fact was presented in last year's Charge Conference, our apportionment was actually lowered slightly for the following year in recognition of this fact.

So keep up the good work you Christian Outreaching members of our church.

Finance numbers for August

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$13,254
Receipts:	11,283
Disbursements:	11,884
Ending Balance:	12,653
Maintenance Fund Balance:	Minus 9,626

Audio-Visual Sanctuary Update

Changes are in the air. The sound booth is taking shape. It needs a few final touches of paint, stain and carpeting and it will be good to go. In the mean time, the new sound system and flat screens are being installed. A computer will be stationed in the booth and soon we will be displaying enhancements to the services.



We appreciate your patience during the construction phase and in the future as we work to become familiar with the new presentation program and AV equipment. This too will take time to get the most out of the resources that we have added.

HAUNTED CENTRAL 410 MCCARTHY ROAD LEMONT

WHEN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD AND OCTOBER 24TH
TIME: 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M.
COST: PRESALE \$10.00, AT THE DOOR \$15.00
FOR ALL AGES!

FAMILY FRIENDLY THRILLS AND CHILLS

WHEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH
TIME: 2:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M.
COST: ALL AGES ONLY \$5.00

PARKING AND FREE SHUTTLE!

AFTER 6:30 FRIDAY, ALL DAY SATURDAY
101 MAIN STREET (METRA LOT)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SD113A EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION



Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at 630-257-5210 if you are interested.

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Ages pre/k-5/6
JUNIOR HIGH: Grades 6th—8th
BREAKFAST CLUB: High School freshman-senior (10/4 & 10/18)
ADULT CLASSES: Everyone on Sunday morning.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

October 4—Creation and Sin

October 18—Redemption and Holy Spirit



Paddle Partners

To kick-off our new year in September, the Sr. High Youth Group enjoyed a canoeing adventure. We started at the church with a lesson on teamwork, "All Together Now." We discussed the benefits of teamwork and what makes a good team. And we concluded that even though worship is often considered a solitary activity, it can be a richer experience when done together. Jesus has told us, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) Life is meant to be shared!

With this in mind, we headed to the Des Plaines River in Willow Springs to explore the river like travelers of long ago—in large Voyageur canoes. Once the youth got the hang of paddling in synch, they all had a great time and experienced first-hand the benefits and fun of working together for a common goal. We finished off with a taco dinner (heated over the open fire) and some good deeds, helping our hosts pack up, all of which were more enjoyable when done together. Many thanks to Don Mueggenborg and the members of the SW Brigade for making this adventure possible. This event fulfilled the Reason quadrant for LUMC Q-Quest.

Next month, the SHYG will be heading to an Animal Shelter. The event will take place on October 25th, 2-6:30pm, so mark your calendars. We can accommodate up to 12 youth on this outing. More information will follow via email as it gets closer to the date.



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

Dick Arcus, cancer surgery
Joe Lahey, stem cell surgery
Bob Bacigalupo, dialysis
Rudy Vana, rehab
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
DeMarkus Family
Joe Sigety, ALS
Shirley Chappell, health issues
Dick Cesaretti, intestine cancer
Alexandria Stojao, brain tumor
Molly, broken arm
Bob Billings, money problems
Luther Davis, cancer spread
Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer
Marty Rolin, cyst, nerve damage
Terri Janovyak, breast cancer
Melissa Schuster, healing
*Kexia Van to pass Board Exam
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
*Bob Norfleet, cancer treatment
Patti Burk, breast cancer
Shirley Cerniuk, loss of sons
Dave Mlady, illness
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Dale Chappell, health issues
Uncle Bud, rehab
Heather Livengood, therapy
Karen Livengood, therapy
Sandi Halicky, heart issues
Jeff Freeman, cancer
Connor Kratochvil, second surgery

Lowry Family,
Roberta Walbert, chemotherapy
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
Gabrielle Tabor, surgery
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Mary Jane Nelson, broken ankle
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Michelle Croft, lost her husband
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
Bruno Belmont, lung cancer
Mike Bromberek, ALS
Esther Gores, home hospice
Florian Talos, stroke
Brenda Griese complications from surgery
Tom & Paula, radiation & chemo
Hannelin Family
Fred Walker, continued healing
Mikelynn, divorce

EJoys:

Confirmation Class
Anniversaries, Graduations, Newborns, and Birthdays
Summer Combined Worship and Potluck
The Praise Band
*Ellie Woytek, broken wrist

Joys:

Confirmation Class
Anniversaries, Graduations, Newborns, and Birthdays
Summer Combined Worship and Potluck
The Praise Band
*Indicated Church Member

Important Dates in October

October 4-World Communion
Sunday

October 7-Daybreak

October 10-United Methodist
Men

October 14-Trustees Meeting

October 17-Primetimers

October 18-Coffee Fellowship

October 21-Ad Council Meeting

October 25-Senior Hugh Youth
Group

Coffee Fellowship October 18

Peg Pecher
Dawn Ferrazi
Juanita Fick
Sherrill Weary
Virginia Anderson
Bev Svoboda
Mary Ann Slade
Paulette Fries
Pat Farrer
Pat Brown



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

Return Service Requested

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AA MEETINGS

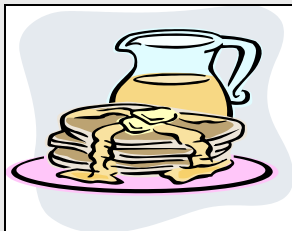
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you would like further information please contact:

*Pat at (815) 274-4244
Tanya at (708) 639-0312*

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,
October 10th
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



CHOIR

Junior Choir will be practicing on Tuesday's at 6:30. Adult Choir will be practicing on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE BAND

If you are interest in joining our praise band please contact Pastor Kelly at 773-428-7877.

Primetimers



**Saturday
October 17th
12:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd 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