# January 2016



Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 AM

January 3 Weekly Meditations Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 1:1-14 Matthew 2:1-12

### January 10

Weekly Meditations Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### **January 17**

Weekly Meditations Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11 **Coffee Fellowship** 

#### January 24

Weekly Meditations Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21

#### January 31

Weekly Meditations Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

# The Lemont United Methodist Church The New Wine

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The New Year is a gift. It offers the opportunity to get new wardrobes and hairdos, to remodel our homes both interior and exterior, or to purchase new calendars and daily planners. My favorite is a new daily planner. The new planner invites us to hit the "reset" button and resolve to being the best version of ourselves. As a society, we encourage each other to let go of past regrets and move into the future with renewed vision and hope.

The New Year will mark ongoing developments at Lemont United Methodist Church. Among them are: **H. O. P. E.** Transformational Discipleship. I believe God is actively present in the lives of all members of the body of Christ. Let's encourage one another to engage in the core process of **H. O. P. E** this New Year 2016.

#### Hospitality: Reaching out and receiving new people.

What would happen if our congregation began to pray, "Send us the people no one else wants?" or "Help us receive the people you are sending to us?"May we offer the love of God to those around us and live in such a way that we are faithful witnesses to Christ.

#### Offer Christ: Offering opportunities to make a commitment to Christ. What would happen if we took John Wesley seriously and began to "Offer people Christ" as they became part of the fellowship of our congregation? Let's intentionally take advantage of opportunities to grow in our faith and commitment to Christ.

Purpose: Growing in faith through participation in the means of grace.
What would happen if our congregation began to meet in small groups and developed relationships through the practice of spiritual disciplines?
I encourage you to live out your purpose if you haven't through sharing your faith through various ministries of our church and growing in your connection with God.

**Engagement:** Helping transform the surrounding community.

What would happen if our congregation began to develop relationships in the com munity with local schools, with persons living in poverty, and with health care facilities?

May you continue to engage others inside and outside our church by using your talents, gifts, and skills to share God's love through word and action.

As United Methodists, we are called to change the world by offering H.O.P.E. with the love of God experienced in and through Jesus Christ. May God empower us to live out our mission in the New Year 2016.

Happy New Year Pastor Kelly

# Celebrations in January.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 2-Rylee Rainaldi January 2-Abby Cliff January 2-Teague Cliff January 6-Sue Gergescz January 7-Mary Jane Sykes January 10-Jodi Stood January 12-Joanne Goszczycki January 20-Bill Sykes January 20-Norm Ellison January 21-Don Farrer, Jr. January 28-Kristen Van January 30-Rob Lange January 30-Shelby Fox

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

January 27-Dave & Wendy Myers



## SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Here is an explanation of Scrip. I will be taking orders on a monthly basis, with the LAST Sunday of each month as being the cut off. Once all monies have been collected and a check sent to the company, our cards should arrive by the end of the first week of the following month. I will be leaving a box on the back table to deposit checks and orders, OR, you can leave same with Amy in the office.

Checks to be made payable to Lemont United Methodist Church. You do not have to fill out a formal order form as long as you are specific as to what you want and the monetary increment you are purchasing, as many merchants have a few options. If you have any questions y o u c a n e - m a i l m e at <u>Margefox2366@gmail.com</u> or call me at <u>630</u> <u>207-1151</u>. Thank You for your patience in getting this running smoothly!



Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.



# Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

### Handyman wanted

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



### 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.

#### **January 2016 Book Reviews**

The Pastor was kind enough to send me the transcript to her October message which is worth reading and absorbing again. "There's Only One Thing Left" certainly is thought-provoking and might direct our paths more clearly in 2016. It's on several computer print out pages where the books are.

"Praying Through Life's Problems" is a collection of essays Stormie Omartian put together from people like Joni Eareckson Tada, Joseph and Mary Ann Mayo and others. God never promised us life would be without difficulties. Trusting in Him and Praying (even though He knows your situation) are calming solutions. The book contains suggested prayers. TRUST GOD. Certainly Joni Eareckson Tada knows about difficulties. Her outlook is one she must have attained by prayer and Trust in God. I remember reading, right after her accident, she mused to God "is that all there is, here I am in a wheelchair" and she wondered what? Well, God certainly answered her with an amazing life. And she ALWAYS gives Him the thanks.

"God Came Near" By Max Lucado is a large print book of short essays of how God convinced some doubters. That the King is still on the throne. I especially liked the essay on the blind man seeing again. I've always been concerned about how most of us don't really "see" our situations: How we don't use but a small part of our brains, God-given, to understand (see). But, we should! God has given us brains to use fully. So Do! Then give God the praise.

"Speaking the Truth in Love" is a book about how to evangelize, something we should all be doing to, hopefully, save the lost. That sounded pompous. What I meant is that God wants to add to his kingdom, "Assertive Christians accept their own limitations and the limitations of others." But, Jesus DID SAY to spread the Good News.

In 2016, we can try to align ourselves with Jesus admonitions, and perhaps that will stop some of the killing, lying, stealing etc. that people feel are necessary. Really look at the world, look at your neighborhood, look at the cities, the kids growing up in broken families, the quarrels, if we could only do something about those. This might be the answer: EVANGELIZE (be an assertive Christian.) But FIRST we must check in with God and ask for the power. Oh, and don't forget to praise HIM.

Maybe you want to prepare yourselves with the answers to several questions unbelievers might pose. The book "Know Why You Believe" might help to prepare you. For example, "God is easy for anyone to see; he is not hidden....God expects us to believe in Him based on comprehensible evidence.... He is saying 'Look at the natural world, even the universe and your own body, and you will have ample evidence for belief in a Creator." While creationists attribute that spark of life to the hand of God, scientists are convinced there's a natural explanation. Yet as close as they've come to pinning it down, some admit the particulars may never be fully resolved.

A young kid's book, "What Happens When I Talk to God" emphasizes prayer. The children's message each week ends with a prayer, and here is a book that follows up. Simple text and colorful pictures make it appealing.

I am including another computer print out from a message I heard on the radio. It's about "The Power of Bold Prayer." Claiming a certain need! I don't think God minds if we claim, just so what we claim agrees with His point of view.

A funny book by Dr. Seuss, FOR GROWNUPS, is "You're Only Old Once." Kind of humorous. Dr. Seuss certainly wasn't without imagination. He makes fun of a certain part of old age, but concludes with we have to be happy with whatever. That's true. **Trust and Obey...a mantra.** I think another test is how we act at that age, that leads to our way of thinking. So perhaps it needs some adjustment. **Have a Happy and Thoughtful 2016** 



**OPEN PANTRY NEWS** 

Open Pantry is in need of boxed Macaroni and Cheese.

Thank You



# Sanctuary Volunteers Are Needed!

As you have seen, the video and audio are up and running. What we need now are volunteers! We do not want to have one person stuck in the booth every Sunday. Plus we need to spread the knowledge around so when someone goes on vacation, there will be someone to fill in. Our goal is to have 4-6 people who are comfortable flipping through the computer presentation slides and 4-6 people who are comfortable raising and lower the sound on a mic so we do not have feedback. You do not have to worry. We will walk you through the programs and train you so you feel comfortable with the devices! We just need volunteers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for both sound and presentation volunteers. We need people for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. The more we have the better. That means that everyone will be able to sit with their family most Sundays. So, please put your name on the sign up sheet or stop by the booth and let Jana Stelter or someone on the Worship committee know. We will get you familiar with the program so you can get in the rotation to volunteer for a service.

### THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, thoughts, concerns, many cards and beautiful flowers. A special thanks to Pastor Kelly, John Nelson and George and Alice Lange for coming to our home and praying for me before my surgery. Also, many thanks to George and Alice Lange and Marty and Arlene Knott for the delicious meals that they brought to our home. A special thanks to my very good friend Paulette Fries, who faithfully sent me a card every week. God has indeed blessed us with a warm and caring Church family. We thank God for everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness. With Love and Hugs, Pat and Don Farrer

# **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECT**

I would like to announce my purchase of a new set of DVDs from public TV (WTTW) on: "Ancient Roads From Christ to Constantine" which I would like to share next year maybe as a Sunday school subject. Each lesson is one hour in length and there are 6 total. Rich Lee



Sunday Morning Adult Study

# RAINBOW COVENANT By Karin Peraino

Thanks to our congregation's generous support on Loose Change Sundays, LUMC continues to be a Rainbow Covenant Church. Through the Rainbow Covenant, our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. These charities are divided into nine different categories, designated as different color bands of the rainbow. Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all nine bands of the rainbow is designated as a Rainbow Covenant Church. LUMC has proudly been a Rainbow Covenant Church every year, for over 20 years! This past year, \$1321 was donated to the Rainbow Covenant charities.

Thank you for your support of these important missions.

### Aurora District Leadership Training Event

January 9, 2016 8:30 am- 12:00 pm Grace UMC in Naperville

Schedule: Registration, Gathering, and Worship

Part 1: The WHY of inspired SPRC, inspired COMMUNICATIONS and inspired GENEROSITY. Part 2: The HOW of inspired SPRC, inspired COMMUNICATIONS and inspired GENEROSITY.

Please let Pastor Kelly know if you are interested so we can register our group.

### Handy De-icer tip you may not know!

Use 3 C Vinegar/1 C Water, put in spray bottle and spray on your iced windshield and the ice will melt off. If you park your car outside you can spray this on the night before to prevent Ice from forming. You can do the same with: 2 C Alcohol/1 C water as well.



# Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB

2016 No meeting Jan, Feb, Mar.

April 11—Unbroken (possible movie day) Laura Hillenbrand

May 9 —A Woman's Place Lynn Austin



# WEBSITE Has Sermons

http://lemontumc.org/video has a list of available sermons.

Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Matt and Erik.

If you would like a video of a part of the service, like a baptism or someone playing a song, please contact Paul Froehle. He can copy it to a DVD or flash drive as a computer or phone readable video file. Thank You

### SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: <u>815 838 6318</u>. Looking forward to hear from you. Paulette Fries

#### Liturgist Schedule

January 3 8:30 Bill Stelter 10:45 Richard Lee

January 10 8:30 Paulette Fries 10:45 Cris Kerins

January 17 8:30 Bill Stelter 10:45 Judy Janovyak

January 24 8:30 Debbie Chappell 10:45 Steve Walter

January 31 8:30 Jana Stelter 10:45 Kurt Huegelmann



# The Greatest Refugee

By Richard H. Lee

Refugees are in the news a lot these days with Mexican and central American illegal immigrants coming into our southern states. And in Europe thousands of immigrants are seeking a refuge from war in the Middle East with the actual number in the millions. Most of those fleeing war are living in tents in countries sympathetic to them like Jordan and Turkey but our politicians fear letting Islamic refugees into our country.

But history records some even greater examples of refugees seeking peace and a secure place to live. Let's pick a few, starting with Israel fleeing the slavery in Egypt that is recorded in the Bible's Old Testament books of Exodus through Joshua. Then we could pick the little nation of Armenia, a Christian nation fleeing slaughter from the Islamic Turks about 100 years ago. But in this Christmas season we sometimes hear the story of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus fleeing Israel and the king who feared a rival ruler.

They went down to Egypt and found refuge until that evil king died and they could return, hoping for a peaceful life. It's interesting that Egypt is very proud to have allowed the holy family to stay there and even honored them by building monasteries to honor their residence that still exist today. Egypt remains one of the few countries in that region where Christians call home and are respected. The militant Islamic radicals or terrorists have declared holy war or Jihad on Christians and believe murder is an honorable act but Christians are told to be merciful and compassionate in the New Testament by Jesus. This is part of the new covenant that Jesus preached such as in Matthew's Gospel chapters 5 to 7.

Failing to be compassionate and merciful is going to be judged as wicked and condemned and an example of this is the story of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 where Jesus tells about the final judgment just before he is arrested. This is recorded only by Matthew, like the story of the exile to Egypt in chapter 2 but in other books we see Jesus teaching about mercy and I love the Scriptures that tell us to wait for the mercies of God.

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Children's Message Schedule

> January 3 Pastor Kelly

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31



Greeters

January 3 8:30-Juanita Fick 10:45-Marty & Arlene Knott

January 10 8:30-Myers Family 10:45-Kehr Family

January 17 8:30-Ende Family 10:45-Cliff Family

January 24 8:30-Chappel Family 10:45– Stood Family

January 31 8:30-Stelter Family 10:45-Ferrazzi Family

#### Stewardship Minute Marty Knott

Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

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.

"How did we do in 2015?"

If you think about it, the Lemont United Methodist Church is not just a building that you come to on Sundays to sing and hear a sermon. It operates by reaching out seven days a week, all year long and here are some examples:

Most days our Open Pantry is open to provide food to needy families. This food is donated by church members and is purchased with donations from members and from outside sources. Over \$13,000 is donated, and spent to purchase food and provide vouchers so that families can buy meat and other cold food that is not handled by the Open Pantry.

Another food-provision program is our church's participation at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. Casseroles and other food donated by our members is brought to the shelter, and served to the homeless people by members of our church on the first Wednesday of every month. Many other area churches do this same mission on the other days of each month.

Another outreach program is our participation with other churches at the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Every other year several members of our church spend a week at the mission in Kentucky and are assigned a home-repair project to work on for a poor family nearby. We have to donate funds to pay for food and lodging for our members and for the purchase of building materials.

Of course, national and international outreach is part of the United Methodist Church and we do this by the payments of apportionments to the larger church program. This year \$23,316 was paid to support the United Methodist Church system and to reach out to national and international needs. Another method of reaching out to those in need is accomplished with occasional special offerings and this year over \$4,000 was collected for these programs.

Throughout the year there are smaller outreach programs that occur. The Book Club has collections at their meeting so that a donation can be made to a worthy cause. This year \$150 was donated to support the World War Two Veteran Honor Flight. This year's Lady's Christmas Tea used a collection of \$100 to provide Christmas gifts for the Open Pantry families. And each Christmas, small paper "Wish Ornaments" are taped to the glass in the church foyer and members use one to purchase the indicated gift. These gifts are then donated to the child making the wish via the Lemont Township Giving Tree program.

But all of these examples are about money and personal effort by our members. What about the church itself – does our church act as a beacon to the community by providing space and facilities for that community? The answer is, of course, yes! Scout groups meet in our church weekly and an AA group meet every Saturday evening. And of course there is the Happy Hands Preschool that has been serving the community for many years.

So, I think you will agree that the Lemont United Methodist Church did very well in 2015, and I expect that 2016 will be another great year.

### January 2016

# CHURCH NEWS

Thank-you for all the kind words, thoughtful acts, prayers, and concern for the needs of our family after Paula's death. It was a shock to all of us, but with the help of so many good friends and the Grace of God, we will overcome our grief and remember how much she meant to us and so many others. God Bless You, Dale Janssen and Family



#### Hello!

We sold 12 Snow Globes which raised \$120.00 for Red Nose Day Fund! Thank you to all, it's a blessing to serve with this group. Special thanks to Peg for organizing the Church Decorating Day and allowing us to participate, to Marge for saving the project with her glue guns and to Yoriko for protecting the work from my ham-handedness. God Bless, Erik

### JANUARY 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 January 10th and January 24th ADULT CLASSES: For Everyone CONFIRMATION CLASSES January 10th-Ways of Salvation & Wesleyan Quadrilateral January 24th-Worship and Sacrament Please come join us! All are welcome!





# **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

On Sunday, December 13, 2015, members of the LUMC Sr. High Youth group went to the "House of God" at Mooseheart Children's Home in Aurora for a combined activity with their youth group. Our youth group first visited Mooseheart in 2009 and we have developed a wonderful relationship with them over the years. Although they had a small turnout due to unexpected holiday house parties, we enjoyed the dinner, activities, and lesson with the youth that did attend. We also enjoyed learning more about Mooseheart and touring their holiday light show. Reverend Tom gave us a heartfelt lesson about gifts--

identifying the gifts that God has given us and learning to use them to help others. He left us with this quote from Mother Teresa:

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So spread your love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." What a perfect thought to take into the New Year!



Our next SHYG activity will be held on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

# THANK YOU

The church looked awesome! Thank you to all who helped with the decorations and the children's activities. The cookies were yummy, the ornaments were fun, the cranberries and popcorn add so much to the tree! The stars made by the children hung by our Star of Bethlehem. The greens were fluffed and hung.



It takes many hands for all this to happen. The set up and the clean up must be done by elves because it just happens! A huge THANK YOU to all!! Your help each year is really appreciated.

Peg Pecher

#### 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

\*Christine Miller, hearing loss \*Donna Vasquez, surgery LeeAnn Rolph, hemorrhage in brain Rudy Vana, pneumonia Elsie Kure, pancreatic cancer Sue H., husband health issues Eleanor Artesaenko, broken leg Irene Johnson, heart attack Inge Goszczcki, dementia The Griffin Family The Rodney Family \*Chris Walter, wisdom teeth extracted Mattisen Walter, in Belgium \*John Nelson, heart issues Jen Milinis, pneumonia Brett Sharp, kidney failure \*Rosalie Lind, eye surgery \*Marty Knott, dialysis \*Sue Gergescz, tendonitis Herb Clark, pancreatic cancer Jerry McElwee, cancer Dick Arcus, recovering from surgery Joe Lahey, stem cell surgery Bob Bacigalupo, new kidney Dan Sorensen, healing in family **DeMarkus Family** Joe Sigety, ALS Shirley Chappell, health issues Dick Cesaretti, intestine cancer Alexandria Stojaov, brain tumor

Bob Billings, money problems Luther Davis, cancer spread Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer Marty Rolin, cyst, nerve damage Melissa Schuster, healing 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 Gia Shah, testing for ulcerative colitis Connor Kratochvil, second surgery Lowry Family Roberta Walbert, brain cancer Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's E.D. McCormick, cancer Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's Michelle Croft, lost her husband Lori Bartwick, breast cancer Bruno Belmont, lung cancer Janice Peters, viral infection Esther Gores, home hospice Florian Talos, Parkinson's Tom & Paula, radiation & chemo Hannelin Family Fred Walker, continued healing Dave Judah, broken hip Gerry, health issues

### Important Dates in January

January 6-Daybreak Shelter

January 9– United Methodist Men

January 13-Trustees Meeting

January 16-Primetimers

January 17-Coffee Fellowship

January 20-Ad Council Meeting

### Coffee Fellowship January 17

Karin Peraino Kathy Cliff Jodi Stood Kristen Nelson Amy Cheehy Amie Topete Jane Woytek



### 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 Lemont, Illinois 60439 Phone: 630-257-5210

#### **Return Service Requested**

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# **CEDA** Mission

### **Community Service Block Grant**

Is a case management program that provides a range of services to Cook County residents, which help low-income people attain skills, knowledge and the resources necessary to achieve self sufficiency. Client must sign and comply with a service agreement to be eligible for direct client assistance. This program works in partnership with communities to empower families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

### AA Meetings

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

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

For more information call Lemont United Methodist Church

#### Sermons and Videos on Website

Worship services and other videos have been added to the website. From the home page <u>http://www.lemontumc.org</u> 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, January 9 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 January 16 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 fellowship hall. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call: Juanita Fick 630-257-7639