

February 2016



**Worship Services
8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**February 7th
"Words That
Bless"**

**February 10th
Ash Wednesday
Service
At 7:00 pm**

**February 14th
Boy Scout Sunday
"Scouts and
Love"**

February 21st

**"Sunday Can
Surprise You"
Coffee Fellowship**

February 28th

**"Good Sundays
Make Better
Mondays"**

The Lemont United Methodist Church The New Wine

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We began 2016 with a goal to be healthy--physically, spiritually, mentally, and relationally. We wanted to be available to live the life for which Jesus calls us. We wanted to honor God's gifts, not only of our spirit, but our mind, body, and relationships. As we enter into the Lenten season, let's continue to strive after this godly goal. In our personally lives and in our corporate life as a local church, let's press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lent is the 40 days season that prepares Christians for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. It's a season marked by a renewed commitment to spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, Scripture reading, and service. One of the ways our church can embrace the Lenten journey is through small groups. The purpose of our small groups is to gather for corporate study, fellowship, service and prayer. Over the course of 5 weeks, we will be guided through small group study that correspond with our Lenten sermon series, "I Love Sundays."

It used to be that Sundays were set aside for church, rest, and families. But for most people, Sundays have become just another busy day of the week with no time left for church or quality time with family. More and more people are wondering why life isn't working so well for them. Just as God rested on the 7th day after creation, God wired us to also need rest, relational connection, and spiritual renewal once a week. Living Sundays the way God meant them to be will lead to benefits that cascade into just about every area of life. I hope through this series we will discover how our relationships, works, finances and health can all be transformed by the decision to make Sunday the best day of our week.

Lemont UMC had always has small groups and ministries. If you haven't joined a small group, I hope you will do so. It's never too late. Small groups are a great way to build relationships, deepen faith, and bless one another. This is also one of the ways we embrace our core value of Fellowship. I encourage you to take a look at the list of small groups being offered at Lemont UMC and join a group. If you have any questions, you may contact the group leaders or our church office.

Mission is another one of our congregation's core values. We are the physical presence of Jesus Christ to the folks we encounter every day. May our regional ministry make an impact in all of the neighborhoods where we live, work, and play. Our Mission and Outreach Committee has made arrangements for some fantastic service opportunities in our community. I hope you'll make every effort to join us for this All-Church missional work. With God's mercy and love, let's observe a holy lent.

*Joyfully, Your Pastor,
Kelly T. Van*

Dear Church Family,

I want to once again thank you for the generous scholarship that I received. Over the last four years this has helped me immensely. As I enter my final year of college, I've been reflecting a lot on all the people that have influenced me over the years. One thing that has been consistent in my entire life is my faith. You have all helped me grow into the person that I am today and I am very thankful for that. I look forward to seeing you guys the next time that I'm home. Thanks again. Have a great day, Ryan

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: [815 838 6318](tel:8158386318). Looking forward to hear from you. Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

February 7
8:30
10:45

February 14
8:30
10:45

February 21
8:30
10:45

February 28
8:30
10:45

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

A Study of Johns Gospel

By Richard H. Lee

There are many ways of studying a book, looking for a theme or subject that interests you. The same is true for a book of the Bible, which may contain several potential themes or subjects to look for. Not long ago I was reviewing the book of John and looking for mention or inference to the Kingdom of God and after that I searched John for the "I Am" statements of Jesus in a couple translations, with different results.

So when Kay Norfleet suggested studying John and looking for doctrines that was an interesting theme we could consider. I have spent some time researching the Christian disciplines so I know it can be a rewarding and challenging subject. Actually John begins with a doctrine, the divinity of Christ and the Godhead or family. I think I already told the class that John is my favorite book of the Bible and I would like to try and explain why. A discipline is something you do, where a doctrine is something you believe.

Looking for a special topic like that will make it easier to read and other references can be found that are related to a particular discipline. So instead of studying verse by verse we shall study subject by subject in just one book, but references to other books may be useful too. I think using different translations can be very useful to help understand important words or concepts, like the "Word" for example. So I have some other translations with copies I will hand out to help you and become familiar with them, like the New Living Translation, and the Message by Peterson.

I also encourage you to visit the Bible Gateway website to look up words or verses in various translations (41 available). Once you find it bookmark it so you can use it anytime and you can do research on topics also. This study won't need a lead teacher so much, as looking for subjects will be an individual search and discovery process and sharing findings will be the norm.



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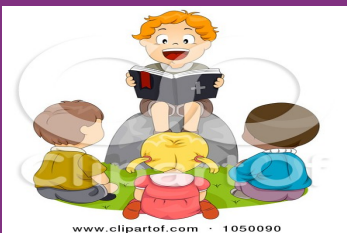
**Children's Message
Schedule**

February 7
Pastor Kelly

February 14
Volunteer Needed

February 21
Volunteer Needed

February 28
Volunteer Needed



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Greeters

February 7
8:30-Sue Hinks
10:45-Cheehy Family

February 14
8:30-Sharon Heslop
10:45-Boy Scout
Sunday

February 21
8:30-Kennedy Family
10:45-Peraino Family

February 28
8:30-George & Alice
Lange
10:45- Woytek Family

**SMALL GROUPS and
MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES**

For More information please contact the church office at
(630)257-5210 or Pastor Kelly at (773)428-7877.

NEW SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study	Tues	9:00 am– 10:00 am	(Contact Pastor Kelly)
Prayer Group	Thurs	9: 00 am—1 0:00 am	(Contact Pastor Kelly)
Couples Group	TBA		(Contact Karin Peraino)
Widow s Group	TBA		(Contact Richard Lee)

Ministries Within Our Church

Care Bear	Contact Alice Lange
Coffee Social	Contact Amy Cheehy
Script Fundraising	Contact Marge Fox
CAPS	Contact Sue Tasker or Cris Kerins
Audio and Visual	Contact Jana Stelter
Handyman	Contact Amy Cheehy
Hospitality Team	Contact Pastor Kelly

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Food Pantry	Mon (Contact Debbie Chappell)
Panera Bread Pick Up	Wed (Contact Debbie Chappell)
Daybreak Shelter	Wed (Contact Vickie Olinger)
Jeans for Teens	Contact Pastor Kelly
Visiting Retirement Center	Contact Paulette Fries

Celebrations in February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 7 - Alberta Harden
February 11 - Jason Stood
February 14 - Logan Hennebry
February 15 - Matthew Hennebry
February 22 - Dave Anderson
February 27 - Judy Janovyak



To Mrs. Kerins, Mrs. Tasker, and the LUMC family,

I hope everything is going well! I know that I missed Scholarship Sunday, so I just wanted to say Thank You! I really appreciate the continuous support from my church family, both financially and spiritually. Just receiving your letters always brightens my day! It was especially important to know there were people praying for me while I was studying abroad. You have given me such a strong foundation and I look forward to visits home so that I can see everyone again. Thanks so much for everything, I am so lucky to have people like you in my life!

Love Always, Rebecca Peraino

SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Scrip can be ordered at any time. It doesn't have to be at the end of each month like I am currently doing. I just have to make sure it's worth the shipping costs, which is \$8.00 no matter how many cards we order. So I wouldn't want to place a small order and have our profits eaten up by the shipping fee. We are currently working on a plan to have the most commonly used cards on hand. Thank you for your patience in this matter, but most importantly....**Don't forget to order** while we are trying to perfect this fundraiser.

Checks to be made payable to Lemont United Methodist Church. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at Margefox2366@gmail.com or call me at [630 207-1151](tel:630207-1151). Thank You for your patience in getting this running smoothly!

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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.

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

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Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

February 2016 book reviews

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.

The book “Radical Prayer” by Manny Mill caught my attention as it was reviewed on the radio. “The principal truth connecting everything in this book: namely that prayer is not selfishly 'willing' or wishing something into being ...but acknowledging-as Jesus Himself said in Luke 11- the one to whom we owe our very allegiance, our very lives. For His HONOR and NAME ALONE, can we boldly, persistently-radically- bring our requests to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, as led by His Spirit, and confidently wait for his response. Prayer is about God, not us. God focus-this hallowing of God's name is not present in so many of our prayers. We are under the direction of Someone who gives good gifts and who answers prayers in ways that glorify Him-not necessarily to satisfy our wants and needs.” If you are desperate to experience revival in your heart, realize, honestly confess and delight in God's ownership, commit yourself to obedience to His Word- HALLOW HIS NAME.

Two fiction books by Christian writer, Ted Dekker, are sure to catch your interest in this time of indoor activity. “Thr3e” and “Blink.” God has given Ted Dekker quite an imagination for us to enjoy. “Thr3e” is more of a suspense book. Can man step beyond evil's reach? (No, but God can.) “Blink” is set in the Middle East, as is so much of our news today. The future can change quickly, we must be able to adapt. How? I think you know.

Also, “The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis.” This tome includes “The Magician's Nephew,” “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,” “The Horse and His Boy,” “Prince Caspian,” “The Voyage of the Dawn Treader,” “The Silver Chair,” and “The Last Battle.” Read one, two or all...whatever, you are sure to enjoy C.S. Lewis.

“Songs of Praise” is a Christian CD of songs for kids. Haven't I heard the junior choir sing some of them: “Praise Him, Praise Him,” “Kum-Ba-Yah”, and “God Is So Good.” Repetition can convince.



OPEN PANTRY NEWS

The Open Pantry is in need of volunteers for the Monday morning workday from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The Open Pantry also is in need of egg noodles and Mac & Cheese.

Thanks, Deb Chappell



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 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.

To Lemont United Methodist Church,

I would just like to send a belated thank you for the College Scholarship I received. It always amazes me how generous our church and congregation can be to a group of young adults that often are away for most of the year. Like we always say in person, it means so much knowing that even though we are that far away from home, for the most part fending for ourselves, there are people back home that genuinely care about us and want to help in our lives despite the fact that the church could probably find numerous ways to use the finances handed out through these College Scholarships.

A special thanks to Mrs. Kerins and Mrs. Tasker for continually putting effort into keeping us a part of the congregation while away at school and helping us grow in our spiritual lives. I look forward to seeing everybody at LUMC when I am back in town. Thanks again!

Very Respectfully, MARK P. KIRKMAN, C/Lt Col

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

Interesting facts about essential oils and what they're good for. If anyone is interested in exploring more let me know, as I am a Young Living Essential Oil representative. In addition, Lavender Essential Oil is a very beneficial calming oil for sleep, but who would have thought it was used for Injuries! Yes, if Lavender is immediately used, the swelling is minimized and very little bruising appears.



Thanks! Marge

To Lemont United Methodist Church,

A special thanks to the LUMC community and especially for Mrs. Tasker and Mrs. Kerin's efforts in coordinating the scholarship program for us students. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation full of caring families. It is both motivating and reassuring to know that there are loving people with well wishes for me throughout the year and during the school year. I am truly grateful for the scholarship and the financial assistance that it provides tone. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Eric Kirkman

Combined Service and Brunch,
Sunday, March 6th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 6th. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 6th we will have only one service starting at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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. The menu will be breakfast casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides.

Come and break bread with us.

Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB

2016 No meeting Jan, Feb, Mar.

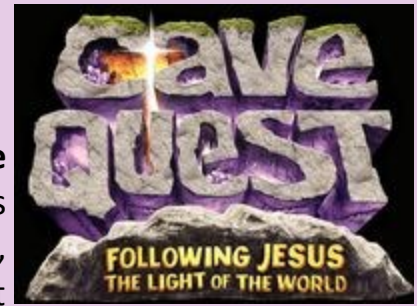
April 11—Unbroken
(possible movie day)
Laura Hillenbrand

May 9 —A Woman's Place
Lynn Austin



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-
JUNE 2016- Date To Be Determined

Lemont United Methodist Church invites children to **Cave Quest**. 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. We hope you will join us.



Super Bowl Pizzas for \$10. Your choices are cheese, sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, or any combination. Pizzas will be delivered at church on Sunday, February 7th. Volunteers are needed to prepare the pizzas on February 7th at 8:30 A.M. Any profit will benefit the **Red Bird Mission**.
Please call the church office to help.

FEBRUARY 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

February 7th and February 21st

ADULT CLASSES: For Everyone

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

February 7th-Living a Holy Life

February 21st-Renounce, Reject, Repent

Please come join us! All are welcome!



Dear Lemont UMC Family,
 Thank you all so much for the very
 generous scholarship award. The
 money will definitely go a long way in
 the upcoming semester!

Sincerely,
 Chris Walter

Dear Lemont UMC Family,
 Thank you so much for the
 scholarship, for it is appreciated so
 much. Also, thank you for all the love,
 care, and support!

Love,
 Kayla Walter

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Monets in the Making

In January, the LUMC Sr. High Youth Group spent an evening at L'Arte e Vita, an art studio in downtown Lemont. A local artist helped the youth explore their creative side...walking them through steps to create their own rendition of a classic painting. Who knew we had so many talented people in our group? Everyone had a great time and each canvas ended up unique and beautiful! As one youth observed, "Painting is so relaxing!" Our lesson for the event was "The Eye of the Beholder." We explored society's definition of beauty vs what God sees and concluded that we are perfect as we are because that's how God made us. The key is to let the Holy Spirit guide us to look at the world through a "pure eye" (Matt. 6:22-23). If we do that, we'll see what God intends us to see. We encourage everyone to



adopt the guiding motto "**WWJS**"... **What Would Jesus See?**

Our next SHYG event is scheduled for 2/21/16. Mark your calendars!

More information will be sent out via email so any high school youth that would like to be added to our email distribution should please contact the church office.

Love

*bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things,
endures all things.*



Dinner and a Movie on February 14th

Come and watch "War Room", the movie that inspired audiences of all ages and be equipped with a powerful weapon. Lemont UMC is hosting a potluck on Sunday, February 14th at 5:00 p.m. for a family night out. Childcare will be provided.

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

Sally, fluid in her lungs
*Joyce Koon, back surgery
Tom Thompson, heart attack
*Pat Farrer, surgery
Carol Remrey, Carroll County Circuit Court job
Don Myers, infection
Bella Beltrame, brain cancer
Roger Pierce, leukemia
Mason Patterson, brain surgery
Mason Walters, 10 yrs old, brain cancer
*Ashtyn Talos, healthy baby
David Izquierdo, injury/surgery on shoulder
Maureen Robinson, serious health issues
*Christine Miller, hearing loss
LeeAnn Rolph, hemorrhage in brain
Rudy Vana, hospice
Elsie Kure, pancreatic cancer
*Sheila Farrer, fractured foot
Melvyn Marshall, pneumonia
Dan Duffee, surgery
Harold Mahler, health issues
Sue H., husband health issues
Eleanor Artesaenko, broken leg
Irene Johnson, heart attack
Inge Goszczycki, dementia
The Griffin Family
The Rodney Family
Mattisen Walter, in Belgium
*John Nelson, heart issues
Jen Milinis, pneumonia

Brett Sharp, kidney failure
*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
Dave Mlady, illness
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Dale Chappell, health issues
Uncle Bud, rehab
*Mike Cheehy, personal struggles
Connor Kratochvil, second surgery
Lowry Family
Roberta Walbert, brain cancer
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's

Important Dates in February

February 3-Daybreak Shelter

February 4-Happy Hands
Open House

February 10-Trustees Meeting

February 13-United Methodist
Men

February 14-Boy Scout Sunday

February 17-Ad Council
Meeting

February 20-Primetimers

February 21-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship February 21

Marge Fox
Sue Tasker
Mary Ende
Lynne Vavra
Dottie McAdams
Juanita Hill
Joanne Goszczycki
Pat Farrer



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
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE FEBRUARY 2016

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.

For more information call Lemont United Methodist Church

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:

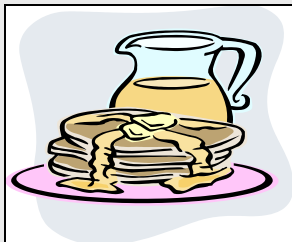
Pat at (815) 274-4244

Tanya at (708) 639-0312

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.

United Methodist Men



**Saturday,
February 13
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.



**The 33rd Annual Performance of
The Last Supper
Palm Sunday Evening
March 20th, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

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



Primetimers



**Saturday
February 20
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